

## South East Region Assembly - Burgess Hill 19th November 2017

### Report to MSIG

#### Appointments:

New ECLO - Lou F (West Sussex); New Conference Delegate - Mark F (East Kent);  
New Alternate Conference Delegate - Malcolm (West Sussex)

Carol (SNCC Committee) has had to step down for personal reasons. She gave her written report on the successful 2017 SNC (attendance up from 690 to 770) and will stay in post for next SNCC meeting.

Vacancies now: 1 Conference Delegate, 2 Alternates, TLO, YPLO, SNCC Committee Member

#### Officer Reports:

Trustee: Budget for 75th Anniversary agreed, venue to be announced.

Treasurer: Insurance needs to be paid by all IGs as soon as possible. Mid Surrey contribution is £721.01.

Secretary: The workshop reports from the September Assembly have been printed and placed in the filestore, copies available on request.

Chair: Online Responder training is excellent - encourage people to try it.

#### Discussions

Content of January workshops: several in favour of setting aside some of the time to discuss the conference questions. Region Reps should help to pass on or draw attention to Conference Question information published in the December AA Service News. GSR's are welcome to attend Region to hear about them. Some IG's (including MidSurrey) have a workshop hosted by Conference Delegates. Many in favour of keeping current workshop format unaltered. Vote taken, no clear majority so the status quo maintained.

Conscience discussion: Northdown Region Rep proposed discussion and possible formation of a working party to consider a region split to form a new South Central Region. Not all Northdown members in agreement with this suggestion. It was noted that Northdown IG has 6 officers in the SE Region. No support for a working party at this stage.

#### Conventions:

Southern National Convention next year is 31 August to 2nd September 2018.

Isle of Wight Convention - change of date from 16-19 March 2018 to 2nd - 5th March 2018. Amended flyers available or please alter dates on those you have as all other information is unchanged.

#### Forthcoming SE Region Assemblies:

These will be held on 14 January, 18 March, 24 June, 23 September and 25 November with workshops in January and September. It is important that all Intergroup LO's attend the January Region workshops. GSR's would benefit from doing so also. Flyers available on Mid Surrey website.

## Report from 24th September 2017 Region Assembly

Workshops: mostly well attended, best attendance for some time.

Archives: (8 present) John M advised this would be his last Workshop as he is stepping down after 10 years, before handing over to Nick H.

Armed Services: (7 attendees, best ever). Discussed recruitment of ASLO's in empty IG's.

Electronic Communications: An ECLO User Guide is being developed to sponsor people into ECLO service

Finance: (4)

Intergroup Chairs and Secretaries: (8 present) Much constructive discussion and very detailed and interesting report in filestore (copies available on request) on many aspects of group service. It needs to be remembered that service guidelines are not rules.

Region Reps: Setting up of a new inter connected email system between RR's to discuss issues between assemblies.

Telephones: (6 present) Good discussion on problem callers and whether they can be barred. 12th Step lists etc. Detailed account in filestore.

Traditions and Concepts: (6) Concentrated on Concept 1 and Tradition 1, follow with 2 at next workshop etc. Indepth discussion including why 'GSR's' are not on workshop list, their inclusion would help to get more people into region service.

Young People: (2) List of young people in IG's helpful.

### Assembly:

#### Nominations

Claire elected as SNCC Committee member

#### Officer Reports

Treasurer: We are one of the biggest contributors to national funds. July-Sept sending £131,000 to GSO

Chair: Alan reported that a child died at a NA event and stressed that parents must be responsible for any child they bring to a meeting.

#### Discussion topic: How to attract more members into service.

Points covered included: Hosting informal discussion groups; Travel distance a problem, possibly split region to reduce travelling time for some; Step sponsors and service sponsors can be separate things; Could reduce service terms (6 months?) or share a post; Get sponsors to persuade their sponsees into service; Note peoples sobriety dates so you know when they are eligible; GSR's need to constantly remind people of vacancies, not just mention them once.; Once people are in service they tend to continue; When finishing service make it your responsibility to find a successor and explain the job to them; No substitute for asking people personally if someone will take on a position; One member wished he had made a list of all the things he wanted to know when he took on a position so he could pass it on to a new or potential volunteer; Bring people with you to region; Make roles more attractive, explain how interesting they are; Identify what people are good at and approach them; Try reverse psychology, tell somebody they are not ready for something then they want to do it; Don't wait to ask group permission to do something, just organise it informally.

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