April 24, 2020

RE: CT-AFG Convention Chair Report to Area WSC

Normally, this report is the Convention Chair’s Report to Area WSC, post-convention. It is a positive report of the greatest convention I have had in my head, and there it will remain until completed sometime in the future. No doubt, I would love to say when, but I am reluctant to give a timeline considering the current state of affairs.

It has been a year in which I have had to rely on the *Tools* of the Al-Anon program remain serene and report what is. Step 1, Tradition 1, Concept 4, and Let Go and Let God came to mind as the situation developed. As a former 1st responder, remaining calm is a necessity. The main points I need to address with the AWSC are the following:

* On March 11-12, 2020 in discussions with the Farmington Marriott Hotel, the convention dates were rescheduled to June 5-7, 2020, due to Governor Lamont’s pending orders.
* On April 13, 2020, Martha and I asked for a vote of confidence to cancel the 2020 CT-AFG Convention this year. The Convention committee all supported the decision to cancel the Convention re-scheduled for March 2021.
* After discussing the current events with the Convention Co-Chair, we are requesting to stay on as Chair and Co-Chair. I am confident that most of the committee members will return as well.
* Marriott Hotel we were contracted with has given us the last two weekends of March 2021. My recommendation to the AWSC is to continue with the location. Those dates are March 19-21, 2021 or March 26-28, 2021.
* As the convention committee is finalizing its 2020 budget and will at best give the AWSC updates on an “Open” budget if that’s an accounting term. Outstanding budget items include costs associated with printing, mileage and other minor expenses. We are going to offer refunds to those members that have pre-registered as some may need the money. I will let my Co-Chair describe the method for reimbursement. The 2020 committee is most likely going to accrue a loss for this year from expenses. However, based on the recent Convention budget averages, it will be minimal.

I truly believe, we will return to the meeting rooms and conventions, full of Love, Laughter and Hugs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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