

Since the 2013 Fall Assembly I have kept busy writing my articles for the newsletter. I hope your groups are using the newsletter in your meetings and on a personal level. A lot of time and energy goes into writing and publishing the newsletter.

I'm in contact with all the Officers & Coordinators and committees that ask for my assistance. I have worked with two committees that were formed last fall; The Assembly & Voting Process Committee and The Finance Committee.

The Assembly & Voting Process committee has defined Assembly & AWSC procedures associated with the:

- Agenda
- Development and presentation of motions
- Voting process & procedure
- Conducting area business in a Knowledge-Based Decision Making Environment

One of today's agenda items is the presentation of the documented process for your review.

The Finance Committee has been communicating via email and met after the April AWSC meeting. The committee's objective is to:

- Support the Treasurer
- Review Financial Reporting
- Offer aid in the development of the yearly budget
- Assist with defining requirements & updating the job description for the Treasurer position

We have a candidate for the Public Outreach position and will be voting today to approve the recommendation of Marie N. to fill the position. As reported in the Northern Hi-Lights, Emily has resigned as the Website Coordinator. The position remains open. Diane C - Alternate Delegate has agreed on a temporary basis to respond to web inquiries. The Web committee hasn't met and no progress has been made in moving forward with the redesign of the website. Filling the Website Coordinator position is on the agenda today. In the event the position is not filled today the job description can be found on our website. If you are interested please contact me. My contact info can be found in the members version of the newsletter or send me an email at chairperson@nynafg.com.

Part of the Chairman expense goes to making copies for the AWSC & Assembly meetings. In an effort to cutback on some of those expenses you will notice that each table has copies of the "Guideline for Two Minute Limit/Once at the Microphone" and the "Voting Procedures" in plastic sheet protectors with a note: "Table Copy". Please feel free to review during the proceedings today, however I ask that you refrain from taking these with you. If you would like to have your own copies of this information, they will be added to the website for you to download.

NYN policy states: **"An Area Inventory will be done once every 3 years at the 2nd Spring Convention/Assembly after elections (middle of term) to look at the Area's character defects, what needs to be improved and to take action."** I have copies of the inventory form for distribution. Once completed please place in the designated box. Results will be compiled and reported on for the Fall Assembly.

I haven't forgotten about the challenge I wrote about in my Northern Hi-Lights articles. I hope you haven't. I'll let you know the outcome at the end of the Assembly.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve NYN.
Pam A.