

New York North 2020 AWSC Convention Coordinator Report

Well certainly has been an unprecedented year. Spring was canceled due the COVID-19 pandemic and Fall Assembly is moving to an all virtual assembly. I believe this may change the way NYN host events in the future. I could foresee a possible mix of virtual and in person. With no cost for traveling, this may allow more GRs to attend. Certainly, something to think about if this virtual assembly goes well.

Here are the upcoming conventions and host Districts we will be voting on in the Fall (make it official):

- Spring 2021: District 22 – May 14 – 16, 2021, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
- Fall 2021: District 18 – Sept 17 – 19, 2021, Comfort Inn and Suites, North Syracuse

Still looking for hosts for 2022 and beyond. This is my last pitch to the DRs, without you there can be no conventions/assembly. Please discuss within your district. Hosting is vital to the health of AI-Anon in our area. It helps to carry the message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

That also goes for doing service NYN. I have found doing service a great way to actively work Step 12 and give back to a program that has given me a new life in Albany (2800 miles from way I spent my old non-recovery life). Through this service position I greater understanding of NYN and the Districts and also increased my fellowship with people from all across the state. I now have a support system that reaches from Albany to Buffalo.

Conventions Coordinator was not a time-consuming position. A few hours a month, writing articles/reports and answering any questions. As with any service position, I didn't do it alone and I did it the best I could. Here are some things the Convention Coordinator does

- Attract Districts to host the Spring and Fall Assembly – I did it through email and talking with DRs at ASWC and Assembly
- Answer or direct to who may have the answer (cause I certainly didn't have them all 😊) any questions the Chair of the Convention has
- Work with the Chair of the Convention to provide any info they may need, such as the registration or hotel room numbers from previous conventions – I have collected the info on past conventions through a one-page summary
- Give report at each AWSC and Assembly
- Write monthly article for the Northern Hi Lights

If looking to do service at NYN, hope you consider Convention Coordinator. You can contact me with any questions you have about the position.

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Yours in Service
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