

Convention Coordinator Report August 14, 2021

The 2021 New York North Virtual Fall Assembly which is being hosted by Districts 10 and 18 will be held on Zoom September 17, 18, and 19, 2021. The year 2021 is Al-Anon's 70th Anniversary.

The 2021 NYN Fall Assembly AWSC Meeting will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom. Just prior to the AWSC, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, District 10 will be hosting a Virtual Icebreaker event also on Zoom. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend both the Icebreaker and the AWSC meeting.

The Virtual Assembly meeting will be streaming on Zoom Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

On Sunday Morning September 19, 2021, Alateen Coordinator Mary S. will have a Virtual Alateen Interest Meeting (AIM) on Zoom from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Immediately following that meeting there will be a Virtual Spirituality Panel with AA, Al-Anon and Alateen speakers from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, also on Zoom.

As of right now, no District or Districts have volunteered to host the 2022 NYN Spring Convention and Assembly or the 2022 NYN Fall Assembly. We will also need hosts for the 2023 Spring Convention and Assembly and the 2023 NYN Fall Election Assembly. Would your District, along with other Districts, be willing to volunteer to host one of these conventions?

At the most recent 2021 Fall Assembly Committee meeting, there was a discussion on how we as an Area can start returning to having our AWSC and Assembly meetings in person while at the same time having the ability for members to participate virtually if they wanted to. Based on the proposals that our committee has received from local hotels for the 2022 Fall Assembly and the 2023 Fall Assembly, the hotel costs and other expenses would be prohibitive at this time due to an expected decrease in in-person attendance at our conventions and assembly meetings. We would need at least 100 paid registrations to cover our costs.

Until such a time as in person attendance at conventions and assemblies return to our pre-COVID levels, the members of the 2021 NYN Fall Assembly Committee, in consultation with the NYN Chairperson, would like to present the following motion for discussion for the New York North Area AWSC Meeting on August 14, 2021:

“The AWSC recommends that for the foreseeable future, that the New York North Area hold the Area Spring Assembly meeting and the Fall Assembly meeting in a hybrid format as both an in person event as well as in virtual format on Zoom. We recommend that there be a one day event in a central location, such as a church hall in Syracuse, with a virtual Assembly Meeting being held for all participants, in person and virtually attending, at the same time.” Motion by Cerise H., District 10, seconded by Jim M., District 18

The idea would be to get different districts to volunteer to host the non business programming events such as panels, workshops, and speakers on Zoom for Friday night and Sunday Morning of the Assembly. The in person portion of the event could also include such things as a Hospitality Area, tables for Raffle Items, and tables for selling Al-Anon and Alateen Literature.

If this motion by the Fall Assembly Committee is not considered, or if it does not pass, then our other options would be to either: 1) Return to holding completely in person Assemblies only, or 2) Continue to hold our Assemblies virtually on Zoom.

I am still hoping that someday we can return to our in person conventions and share our fellowship with each other in person.

Love in Al-Anon Service,