

## Convention Coordinator Report for the AWSC Meeting March 19, 2022

The New York North Area 2022 Spring Convention and Assembly is scheduled to be held virtually over Zoom on May 20, 21, and 22, 2022. District 14, from Rochester, has agreed to host the virtual 2022 Spring Convention and Assembly. Their theme is "Hope For Today". Thank You Cindy R. and District 14! As recently posted on [www.nynafg.com](http://www.nynafg.com), the New GR meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm will be the Assembly Icebreaker, followed at 7:30 pm by the AWSC Meeting, both of which will be held over Zoom. On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:15 am will be the Spring Assembly Meeting, which will run until about 4:00 pm with a break for lunch. On Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an Alateen Interest Meeting at 9:00 am on Zoom followed by Spiritual Speakers at 10:00 am also on Zoom. Members are able to register online at [www.nynafg.com](http://www.nynafg.com) in advance for the Spring Assembly.

The 2022 New York North Area Fall Assembly is scheduled for September, 16, 17, and 18, 2022. If the 2022 Fall Assembly is held in person or in hybrid form at a hotel or another such venue, there would be additional work needed to contract with a hotel or other large meeting location such as a church hall, and begin planning for the logistics of putting on an in-person convention. Either way we hold it, a Host District or Districts are still needed for the 2022 New York North Area Fall Assembly whether it will be held virtually, in person or in Hybrid form. What is needed from the host districts is to come up with virtual or in person or hybrid non-business-related programming such as a panel, workshop, or ice breaker event for Friday evening of the convention as well as to put together a Spiritual Panel of speakers from AA, AI-Anon, and Alateen for Sunday Morning. On Sunday Mornings, the Area Alateen Coordinator always hosts an Alateen Interest Meeting prior to the Spiritual Panel. **Would your District please consider hosting the 2022 Fall Assembly?**

If the 2022 NYN Fall Assembly is held in a Hybrid form as an in person event at a physical location as well as being held on Zoom, then NYN would need the services of an additional computer and projection device and an additional screen to project the Zoom component of the meeting into the Assembly Room. NYN already has one laptop that the web page coordinator uses during the Assembly meeting to display the Delegates and Officer and Coordinator reports onto a large screen so those attending in person can see their reports and any accompanying power point presentations. The second laptop and projector and screen would be needed for those members attending the Assembly in person to be able to interact with the members attending the Assembly over Zoom, and vice versa. Normally, projector screens can be rented from the in person hotel or other venue or they can be rented through local rental and AV supply stores.

We will also need a host District or Districts for the 2023 NYN Spring Convention and Assembly and the 2023 Fall Election Assembly. At this time it is unknown if these events will be held in person at a hotel, or if they will be held virtually on Zoom. **Would your District please consider hosting the 2023 Spring Convention or the 2023 Fall Assembly?**

I believe that this might be a good time for New York North to consider whether we can start holding in person events such as the AWSC Meeting and the Spring Convention and the Fall Assembly again. This past February 11, 12 & 13, 2022 the Salt City Mid-Winter Roundup, an Annual AA, AI-Anon and Alateen Convention in Syracuse, NY, was held in person for the first time since 2020, just prior to the start of the pandemic. The event this year was somewhat scaled down from past Roundups, but over 800 members of AA and AI-Anon attended successfully and so far, it appears to have been COVID-19 free. It was held at the Ramada Inn and Suites in Liverpool. There were in-person speakers as well as virtual speakers and the weekend also featured in person AA and AI-Anon panels and workshops. There was no Alateen program or participation at the Roundup this year. The Saturday Night Banquet and AA Main Speaker were attended by a little over 500 members. These figures are more than we normally have at our Area AI-Anon Conventions and Assemblies. I have posted the attendance figures and details of the last 10 years of our NYN Assemblies and Conventions in my last couple of Northern Hi Lights Articles.

I would like to request that a discussion regarding the issue of returning to in-person, or HYBRID, NYN Conventions, Assemblies and AWSC meetings be added to the Agenda for our March 19, 2022 Virtual AWSC Meeting on Zoom. While meeting virtually has certain advantages such as the convenience of attending meetings from our homes, what we have lost by not having in person fellowship and the larger attendance numbers and in person participation in an educated group conscience process is important too. It may be too late to consider holding an in person 2022 NYN Fall Assembly at least at a hotel, but I would like NYN to consider the option for our 2023 events.

Love in AI-Anon Service,  
Jim M.  
Convention Coordinator