

NYN Area Fall Assembly 2023

Task Force for Conventions and Assemblies Proposal

Introduction

- This is an Assembly; we have two per year.
- I'm saying this for the new GR's. It took me a long time to understand our structure, and I am still learning
- The assemblies are designed to make sure that there is, "adequate interchange of information and ideas about service activities, not only in the immediate Area, but where worldwide AI-Anon is concerned." (Service Manual)
- Assemblies are important to keeping us connected to the Worldwide fellowship of AI-Anon.
- Conventions are bigger than meetings, they include program breakout sessions with great learning and fellowship.
- A Convention is like a conference. We have not had a Convention since COVIC.
- A convention is program heavy, and light on business.
- Over the past 3 years, through and after COVID, every time an Assembly comes around there is a lot of discussion about whether it should be electronic, in-person, or hybrid.
- A Panel is what our three-year cycle is called.
- Carol, our Chair has been committed to passing on a plan for the next chair so that they don't have to try and figure it out every time.
- In AI-Anon the decision-makers are GR's – the decisions are made by people representing our groups.
- Decisions that take a lot of thinking and discussions are sent to a task force or a thought force.
- Trying to figure out how we move forward is a more complicated discussion than a one-day Assembly can absorb, and so our taskforce was formed.
- Again, none of us as officers or coordinators make decisions, we make recommendations and GR's decide at our Assemblies
- I'm going to share our proposal and then we will have a discussion. The proposal may change through our discussion – it gives us a starting point.

Proposal

- First, what I am sharing looks different than what you received. We were rushing to get information out, because this is an important decision. I hope this makes it a little clearer.
- We also got into sharing all of our thinking so that people understood we went through the Knowledge Based Decision-Making model that AI-Anon supports.
- I invite you to also think of some of the notes you read that included;
 - Benefits of Conventions

- How long it takes to plan a convention
- Barriers that may make it difficult for people to attend
- Considerations we thought about as we discussed making a plan
- We propose 2 out of 6 Assemblies that are normally held be in-person, and we propose that they also be Conventions
- 2 hybrid Assemblies because it is important for Officers and Coordinators who are working for our area have more opportunity to come together,
 - And, it is an opportunity for GR's who can make the trip to be able to come.
- **Convention: Program heavy, business light**
 - **Panels and workshops including the following two**
 - GR Orientation/Workshop
 - DR Orientation/Workshop
 - **Delegates Report**
 - No other workshops at that time, because the Delegates report connects us to the World Service Office and AI-Anon around the world
 - **Banquet and Speaker** (a dynamic speaker - possibly someone from speaker circuit or WSO)
 - **Business Meeting** (small meeting 2 hours max – possibly have tables displays for coordinators)
- **For the Election/Convention**
 - **Convention program in the morning**
 - **Election Sat afternoon**
- **Based upon our historic practice:**
 - Convention Location – anywhere in NYN (2025 we might want to be more centrally located to attract most members to gather momentum).
 - Election/Convention Location – Syracuse Area
 - Hybrid – One day event in Syracuse Area *consider another task force to consider how best to offer hybrid meetings

Suggested Motion:

That we (NYN), on a trial basis, follow the schedule for Assemblies and Conventions below for all of Panel 64 and reflect on how it is going in 2028, the second year of Panel 67.

	Year	Spring	Fall
Panel 64	2024	Electronic Assembly	Hybrid Assembly
	2025	Assembly/Convention	Electronic Assembly
	2026	Electronic Assembly	Election Assembly Convention
Panel 67	2027	Electronic Assembly	Hybrid Assembly
	2028	Assembly/Convention	Electronic Assembly
	2029	Electronic Assembly	Election Assembly Convention

Reflecting on how it is working after a full panel will allow us to go through the full cycle. Waiting until the 2nd year of Panel 67 will allow new Officers and Coordinators to learn their jobs before thinking about how it is all working.

Second Possible Motion

Consider forming a thought force or task force to determine how to conduct hybrid Assemblies with the possibility of creating a technology coordinator position to facilitate hybrid meetings.