

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT      AWSC      AUGUST 22, 2009      FAYETTEVILLE

Since the Spring Convention, I have been trying to keep in touch with AWSC members, AdHoc Committee members and Action Committee members. We are trying to focus on better communication at all levels. With summer finally here, it is a challenge for me to find a balance between family, program, and other outside interests.

As part of the Membership Outreach Action Committee, I did contact everyone in the committee with a brief message. It is not easy to keep in touch. Hopefully, we can all work to improve our skills.

I have met with the AdHoc Committee on Action Committees and the plan is to do a workshop at AWSC to help with leadership skills for Committee Chairpersons and to help the committees adapt to the changes.

I also met with the AdHoc Committee on Spending Guidelines. We hope to have some discussion about our recommendations.

The third AdHoc is for Policy Review and updating policy changes. As a committee, we have not as yet had a meeting. Ruth has been reviewing past Fall Assembly minutes. We have been trying to clarify who is supposed to do the Election Assembly. The best we can come up with is from October 8, 1978: "LOCATION OF THE NEXT WORKSHOP: SYRACUSE WOULD LIKE OTHER AREAS TO SHARE IN TAKING THIS WORKSHOP. SYRACUSE HAS HAD IT EVERY YEAR. VOTED AND APPROVED THAT SYRACUSE WOULD HAVE IT IN ELECTION YEAR, AS IT IS CENTRAL." It does not state Syracuse AIS, which may not even have been started yet. This would appear to have become a traditional choice given to the AIS. We still need a host District (or Districts) to do the Fall 2011 Election Assembly.

I have been writing my Northern HiLights articles and responding to phone calls about the Fall Assembly. Please encourage those not familiar with service to attend. They are free to attend any meetings.

Thanks for all who have reports up already on the web.

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