

New York North AFG Officer or Committee Report

Summer AWSC 8/24/24

Office or Committee Name: **Technology Thought Force Report**

Report:

Following the NY North 2024 Spring Assembly, a Technology Thought Force was formed. Given the Assembly format of two in-person, two hybrid, and two electronic meetings, the Thought Force was charged with discussing if there is a need to create a new Area-level service position, "Technology Coordinator." Our discussion focused on the key elements needed for a successful Assembly, as follows:

1. Seamless integration of in-person and online participants - ensuring that all voices are heard and that all votes can be counted efficiently and accurately.
2. Equipment - specifically, an inventory of what we have, what we need, where everything is located/stored, maintenance, and people who know how to use it.
3. Inclusion - using technology to allow access to more members Area-wide.
4. Culture & Environment - working with members to simplify online participation and increase comfort level with online meetings, while remaining committed to effective meetings that start and end on time.

The members of the Thought Force agree that the Area would benefit from having a Technology Coordinator to focus on the above elements and help provide a positive Assembly experience for all participants, in person and online. We recommend moving this discussion to a Task Force for further development.

Respectfully submitted by the trusted servants of the Technology Thought Force
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