

Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly Development and FUN-raising

The inaugural meeting of this Committee was attended by 23 people and was very interactive! Our purpose was reviewed: to identify ways that assemblies can be made more productive, informative and enjoyable. Three topics were discussed in depth

(1) Should the Friday night AA meeting and any related activities be incorporated into the Assembly agenda? While it was generally recognized that not everyone can make it to the Assembly on Friday evening and therefore no official business should be conducted, a substantial majority of those present favored including Friday activities in the official Assembly agenda. It was felt that notice of the Friday activities would then be more consistent and more people would attend.

(2) Should the Introductions included in the Business meeting be shortened or eliminated? While there was little agreement on this issue, what emerged from the discussion was the almost unanimous belief that more needs to be done to recognize the newcomer and make him or her feel a part of the Assembly. Good ideas included: put a colored dot on the newcomer nametags, assign an assembly “sponsor”, or organize a “mingle and meet” activity.

(3) Should all or part of the March assembly be devoted to consideration of General Service Conference issues? On this question, a majority of attendees thought pre-conference issues should not be relegated to the evening sharing session when everyone is tired. Rather, they should be included in the Saturday committee sessions, or discussed on Sunday morning, or the entire assembly agenda in March should be dedicated to pre-conference issues.

We also had a “brainstorming” session, where lots of great ideas on many subjects were offered. Happily, 7 attendees expressed a desire to join the committee. I am grateful for everyone’s participation and I am looking forward to seeing you all again in Farmington!

In grateful service,

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