

VA Area Coordinator's Report

(for Coordinators, Liaisons and Committee Chairs)

Date of VAWSC Meeting: October 13, 2024

Area Coordinator: Assembly

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2024 Fall Assembly Updates

- **Registration Info**
 - Total Number of Registrants:
 - **2024 Fall Assembly - 150 Registered Attendees**
 - **123 in person**
 - **27 Virtual Attendees**
 - Number of voting GRs Registered: 104 (up from 94 Spring Assembly 2024)
 - Number of Area Districts Representatives Registered: 24 out of 25
 - Triangle (last participation Fall 2019)
 - 2024 Spring Assembly – 142 total
 - 2023 Fall Assembly - 103 total
 - 2023 Spring assembly – 146
 - 2022 Fall Assembly – 129
 - 2022 Spring Assembly – 150
- **What's New**
 - As we prepare for the final fall assembly for panel 62, the tech team has done a wonderful job organizing, acquiring and building the sound and video presentation system you will see at this assembly. But as with all great things, the tech team will be moving on with other forms of service and are eagerly awaiting volunteers to train the next group of leaders to take on this role.
 - Registration for the Fall Assembly has gone very smoothly this year, in addition to running our own sound for Assembly, we have extended the “in -person, no hotel room needed” beyond the normal 30 days prior cut off. Because of this, we have increased our registration to the largest number of attendees since Spring Assembly 2022. Great job to all who

made this effort possible. We still have one more week for virtual registration which ends 19 October.

- With The savings from not using Encore, we will have an increase for hotel access to the network but overall the cost savings is worth the charge. Hotel connection fee is \$500.00 for dedicated bandwidth and an additional \$500.00 for not using Encore.
 - We continue to tweak our registration process and ask for patience as we tweak the final pieces of registration in order to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.
 - As always, our newly updated FAQ sheet is available with all the answers to all your questions.
 - And as usual, all Alateen registrations are covered by the Area.
 - **Registration updates with regfox**
 - Continuing to use Regfox as our registration provider. Minimal cost of \$.99 per transaction + Credit card fee of (3.99%) compared to higher credit card transaction fees
 - Weekly Tech team meeting starting up after this VAWSC meeting. What a great team of professional volunteers, the success of this Assembly would not happen without the time and dedication every member of this team has contributed to this effort. Many of the tech team will be moving into different roles of service so we have a great need for volunteers as we begin panel 65 in January.
 - **Encore Updates**
 - Encore is on emergency call-in only for this assembly and hope this will be first of many building blocks to total independence on running future assemblies.
 - **Hotel registration Updates and challenges**
 - Ed and I have put a lot of effort in ensuring you have the right accommodations for your room but as always, I will be available for any issues or concerns you may have.
 - **Overall Rating and Feedback**
 - Feedback from Spring Assembly was overall positive with most participants very happy with the hybrid option and the flow of information and speakers. As always there are some behind the scene technical issues the technical team worked to resolve without disrupting the flow of the assembly. Looking forward to another wonderful event in October.
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