

Motion for the Spring Assembly – Robert S.

Motion:

I move to have the Procedures for Planning the Spring Assembly Conference amended as follows:

Bullet point 7 under heading “N.I.A. has agreed upon the following guidelines for the Conference:” (page 105 of Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook, version 3/28/2015 to be changed from:

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Saturday should include Area Officers’ reports, Assembly business meeting, Area Service Committee reports and breakout sessions (if time and space permit). This meeting generally lasts 3-4 hours. Breakout sessions could follow the close of the regular business meeting, space permitting.

History:

Since combining the Spring Conference and Spring Assembly there has been talk of separating the two events due to the lack of newly appointment district service committee chairs having the opportunity to meet with Area Service Committee Chairs for the purpose of learning about how the Area can help in their district role and for information about how to do the work of their committee.

Due to the other meetings that take place between January and March it seems impractical to separate them but we (DCMs Panel 66) feel that having the opportunity for district members to meet with area members is crucial and should happen prior to the Summer Assembly which takes place 6 months after new district members start their rotation.

The change in the bullet point does not mandate that the breakout sessions happen but will be a guide for future planning committees to try and make it happen.