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2022 Spring Assembly Chair Report

Hybrid meeting Lord of Life and via Zoom

To the Area Assembly,

They say you learn your service position by the time you rotate out to your next position. I suspect that will be the case for your Panel 72 Chair! So far this has been a great learning experience and I look forward to each task and challenge as they arrive. I am so humbled to be able to serve this area in this capacity.

Good things come to those who wait, and finally, we are able to meet in person and provide Zoom access for those that still need to stay at home and quarantine to be safe. At the last assembly it was voted to allocate \$5000.00 for use in the hybrid, and to date there has been no expenditure, we were able to do the PGSCW with current equipment and equipment supplied by Lord of Life. Lord of Life has the needed technology to handle the main room needs for the assembly, but there is still a gap on how we will handle the break rooms. I will ask the technology committee to pick up where the ad-hoc committee left off last year. It is expected that some form of tablet or Chromebook will be purchased for the upcoming assembly.

One thing that has been discussed is moving the committee breakouts from the assembly to a committee chair hosted event that happens at least once per quarter, and could be done as often as monthly. With the use of Zoom for these breakout sessions there is a opportunity for a robust avenue for Area committee chairs to interact with their district counterparts. I have added an open discussion to hear ideas from the Area Committee to discuss on ways we can move forward with this.

We are still looking for a new Concepts Editor. Robert S. has been gracious to complete the spring issue, but has to step down. The Concepts Newsletter is the quarterly NIA newsletter that is published electronically. The full details of the position are listed in the Area Service Manual. Please see me or Robert S. if interested.

I had no additional expenses since the Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In Loving Service,

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