

Convention 2024 Meeting - 11/12/2023 (6th meeting)

Attendees: Paul, Saadi, Veronica Littles, Charlie, Justin, Tom, Malini, Derrick, Melissa, Ronnie, Raj, Moses, Maria, Michelle E, Dan, Brad

Tom: (in regard to Registration committee's request from the last meeting) I have a debit card that can be used. "Please arrange the purchase online that needs to be done and forward it to me to use the debit card to complete the purchase." Would prefer to not have to keep track of a committee's expenses.

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Saadi:

- Tech questions from the last meeting were answered and sent to Jane.
- Still waiting on the kosher question to be answered by the hotel.
- Spoke to Ray and Justin- "can we keep the same link and convention landing page until 2024 convention is over and then they can change it for 2025".
- GSO and Delegate have not gotten back in reference to speakers. Welcome letters will be sent out to speakers once confirmed, and the registration is up and running.
- No program report - nothing new at this time
- No Banquet report - nothing new at this time

Tech:

- Our goal this year is to assure that next year's convention Committee will be able to have *anyone* who's able to host an online or hybrid AA meeting take the role of Convention Tech Chair, one need not be a techpert to serve. I, for example, am no tech wizard.
- Documentation of the Convention tech process has started in the Google Drive.
- It is essential to minimize moving the equipment during the Convention.
- We trust that our trusted servants, our Program Chair and Accessibility Chair will be able to assign the rooms and make that happen, making for increased accessibility to our Convention.

Tech (Justin):

- Added language to have a banquet only option for guests.
- Letters have been updated for registrations and guests. These are from the registration chair and generated from Air Table.
- We need to prepare a banquet only letter- Should participants reach out to registration chair?
- When a registrant registers, when payment occurs, the convention treasurer will get a letter with details and payment amount.

- Kosher dining option will not pose an issue with registration letter. If a request for kosher comes in- this kosher meal is not accounted for in the registration/ registration costs. Will brainstorm a way around this. Would not suggest for registrant to put in all meal requests on behalf of guests.
- Who wants to get copies of which letters? Right now only registration chair's will receive these letters? This is ONLY for the letter. Appropriate chairs will still get registrant info.
- Will need testers once everything is setup. (Charlie has volunteered to test)

Saadi: How long does testing take?

Justin: 5-10 minutes to register. If we can get everything done with treasury, the letters, and kosher cost - we can launch in early December.

Ronnie: Please speak to Gina about who receives letters

Ronnie: Thank you Tom for the answer on funds. We will get back to you when placing the order. Registration is good.

Justin: Will speak to Gina about letters to registrants.

Malini:

Able to secure a DJ - DJ Hans at \$1,750. He would like half in January and the other half after the event. Tom agreed that this is possible.

Has a contract in hand and will send it to Jo Ann. (Saadi asked for Tom and himself to be CC'd)

Able to build out a trivia night with extra funds. @Cathy - Is there a way to set up teams for trivia night?

Saadi: Create a flyer and reach out to Raj (Greater chair)

Justin: This is a great opportunity to mix people up - suggested to speak to registration and have them create teams by randomly numbering it.

Cathy:

Nothing new to report. Still waiting on QR code to finish up.

How will I be able to get this flyer to other counties?

Saadi: Previously I had hand delivered it or you can mail it. There is also a mailing coordinator for SENY. I'm sure other chairs will be willing to help distribute. We can also take to Share-A-Ton.

Dan: No official meeting, but there are about a dozen volunteers. Does not need a meeting at this time. If anyone would like to volunteer please reach out to him. Will have our first meeting in the beginning of December.

Raj: Still trying to figure out what to do with his \$25 budget. Does not have a report, but has a bunch of volunteers to help. Telephone #: (347) 608-0976

Saadi: The only position open is Alk-aton Chair. If you know someone interested please let him know.

Moses:

Tel #: (929) 366- 0323

Working with Jodi to see which meetings need ASL. Suggests we get volunteers to help those in-person.

We should have spacing for seats for those with accessibility issues. This is in regard to the big meeting and the banquet.

How are reaching the hispanic community?

Saadi:

We have not had accessibility seating for prior conventions but this should not be an issue. We can work with program chair to have seating placement for ASL.

In regard to the hispanic community. Saadi has been emailing the DCMC, and will continue to reach out.

Justin: When doing registration, we ask questions about accessibility needs. We generate lists for needed accessibility and can provide this to relevant chairs.

Malini: We should have assigned seating for ASL. Possibility of blocking off the front row. The best way to reach Nelson is to call him. Also try reaching out to Eddie DeLeon, and going to Asemblia.

Moses: We can ask local Hispanic groups to participate on Saturdays as they meet the most on Saturday.

Veronica L: Agreed about seating assignment and that we should put signs on seats to reserve for ASL. Will let Eddie know in regard to the hispanic district.

Michelle: Was Banquet chair for convention 2023. Accessibility will need to be indicated for the banquet. Also, this info should be provided ASAP so that the hotel can be notified.

John: (volunteer coordinator): provided his email Volenteer@convention.aaseny.org.
Has started responding to email as he received access. Tel # (203) 482-2595

Charlie: (Al-anon): Topics have been selected for Convention.

Friday	645pm	So You Love an Alcoholic	P-14	Así que amas a un alcohólico	SP-14
Friday	10pm	What do YOU do about the alcoholic's drinking?	P-19	¿Qué hace USTED con respecto a la bebida del alcohólico?	SP-19
Saturday	845am	Understanding Ourselves & Alcoholisim	P-48	El alcoholismo y cómo nos afecta	SP-48
Saturday	1015am	Al-Anon Spoken Here	P-53	Aquí se habla Al-Anon	SP-53
Saturday	230pm	Detachment	S-19	Desprendimiento emocional	SS-19
Saturday	10pm	Just for Tonight	M-81	Solo por esta noche	SM-81
Sunday	8am	Just for Today	M-12	Sólo por hoy	

Has literature ready. Finding a speaker for the big meeting. Can registration be open a few days after Al-anon assembly on Feb. 25th?

Saadi: Please send Gina and himself a reminder on this.

Moses: Jodi has volunteered him to be YPAA Liaison.

John: Is there a flyer available?

Saadi: Flyer needs QR code before distribution.

Raj: Needs email to be reset.

Saadi: You will need to reach out to James.

Next meeting is December 10th 2pm

Malini closed out meeting with Responsibility Statement

MEETING CLOSED 😊