

Discussion Topic – Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date Supporting Document - Comments from 2024 Assembly

**From the Minutes of the:
Western Washington Area 72
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Hotel Murano & Zoom
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DT#2: Assembly Schedule Background by Eddy M-M, Area 72 Alt. Chair

Summary:

We started by gathering all the ideas and solutions proposed by different sources, including past ad hoc committees, research findings, and input from past and present delegates. In our research, we reviewed past ad hoc committees' data going back to 1992 including having a 2nd Assembly. Due to that research, this committee did not feel it was a direction Area 72 wanted to go. We explored what other areas in the Pacific Region are doing in relation to the issues or challenges being addressed. This provided valuable benchmarking information and helped identify innovative approaches. We summarized information from the 73rd Annual Conference Final Report and data gathered from other regional Delegate Areas about their Assembly schedule. We engaged with past and current Delegates to gather their perspectives, insights, and experiences. Their input provided us with valuable context and helped ensure that our recommendation was informed by a diverse range of experiences and viewpoints.

Committee's Recommendation:

Through the committee's research, we reached a consensus about the following recommendation,

- Shift Dates of Area Committee Meetings and Assembly.
 - January Quarterly: No change.
 - April Quarterly: Shifted to March (consideration to avoid conflict with PRAASA)
 - July Quarterly: Shifted to June (consideration to avoid conflict with PNC)
 - October Area Assembly: Shifted to September (consideration to avoid Labor Day Weekend)

Jacob, A72 Webservant: The best plan is to do nothing and stick with our existing schedule. Our current schedule works very well. The inability to meet PAI deadline is mitigated by (1) No emergency in AA; (2) If there is an emergency, we can join other Area's PAI or (3) can bring PAIs.

Tom, Alt DCM42: This idea solves both Discussion Topic 1 and 2: Keep the first three quarters and our Assembly the same. Form a PAI committee who can watch for upcoming issues. If there is a PAI

that the DCMs believe need action have an online vote for that/those issue(s).

Eddie, Panel 53 Past Delegate A72: If we change our schedule, we have to change all our standing Committee quarterly schedules too. We should try a Mid September Assembly and see how that works out.

Doug W. GSR, Cyberbaggers Online D37: Does the new Proposed Agenda Item deadline impact negatively our Area's ability to present legislation to the GSC? If we believe the answer is "yes", then we need to adjust our schedule or lobby for the deadline to be moved back.

Lupita Chair, A72: Our Area does not have the ability to change the deadline that proposed agenda items are due by. There is a Conference Agenda action that states the Proposed Agenda Item deadline is to be no earlier than September 30. Conference Advisory Action can only be changed at a future Conference, with an Advisory Action.

Greg, GSR, Circle of Hope, D4: We think it is OK. Nothing is done quickly in A.A. The PAIs take years to work through the system. There is no emergency in A.A.

Debbie, Alt DCM, D8: Is September 30, set in stone? I know it says no earlier than September 30 but doesn't that mean it could be later?

Deanne: Her group wants to make sure that if we change our schedule, we do not have an Assembly in early September which is when families are working to send their children back to school.

Chet, GSR, Shelton Newcomers, D8: Leave the schedule as is. The deadline could change again.

Robin M., There are so many conflicts if we start changing our schedules. If we change our schedule, please remember to protect Burien Little Assembly.

Laura, GSR, Auburn Alkies, D32: Her group thinks the only change should be to move the Assembly to September instead of October. Although, they realize September venues will be more expensive than October.

Kelly, GSR Olympia Foglifters, D8: Her group wants to follow the Ad Hoc recommendations.

Denis F., Past Delegate, Panel 37, A72: Our Assembly was originally established to coordinate with the General Service Conference. The General Service Conference has said that they need to change the way they operate. Therefore, we need to change the way we operate in such a way that information can come from the Conference to us, and we can send it to the conference and any "inconvenience" this creates just seems to me to be small minded and self-centered.

Hilda, GSR, Fogcutters, D10: We believe our schedule needs to change as soon as possible.

Mckenzie, GSR, Daily Reprieve, D17: We believe we need to change our schedule as proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Andrew, Corrections Chair, A72: We can either think of it as being behind the conference schedule or early for the next conference schedule.

Houston L., DCM40: All we need to do is have an online Assembly in July and then our regular Assembly in October.

Crystal, Delegate, A72: I did not finish report backs until September. Agenda items take several years from submission to become an agenda item for consideration at the Conference. September 30th deadline is probably not going to change.

Derek, Treasurer, A72: I think we need another Ad Hoc committee to get more understanding of the proposed agenda item process and our propensity to submit proposed agenda items. I've heard several proposals today that are worthy of more research and discussion.

Jason, I have heard a lot of proposals today for online only events. That is very exclusionary. I do not have a smart phone and I am not alone. Exclusively only is exclusionary.

Linda, GSR, Campus Group, D7: We are concerned about Concept 4 and our right of participation. Unless we change, we would be chasing information instead of participating fully in the conference.

Bud W., DCM9: Floor motions are usually not heard at the Conference. Just like our body usually does not hear floor motions because we want them to go through the quarterly process. Sending our delegates to the conference with a floor motion is not a solution. Trust the Ad Hoc Committee.

Pete, GSR, Early Morning Zoomers, D22 and Alt DCM D22: The General Service Conference itself won't be moved up. If we move up our schedule, there's gonna be less time for our delegate when they get back from the General Service Conference to report back to our GSRs.

Ethan, GSR, Stilly Valley Group, D2: Just because you make a PAI does not mean it will be heard. Even if it is heard it is usually after a long time and many Areas making similar PAIs. No hurry in AA.

Lupita A72 Chair: I got a very clear picture that we are undecided. Maybe individuals are decided. But I didn't hear an overwhelming conscience of "let's shift our schedule" or "let's not shift our schedule". At this Assembly, no action is being taken. If someone wants to continue this conversation next January at the January Quarterly reach out to myself (current Chair) or Derek (incoming Chair).