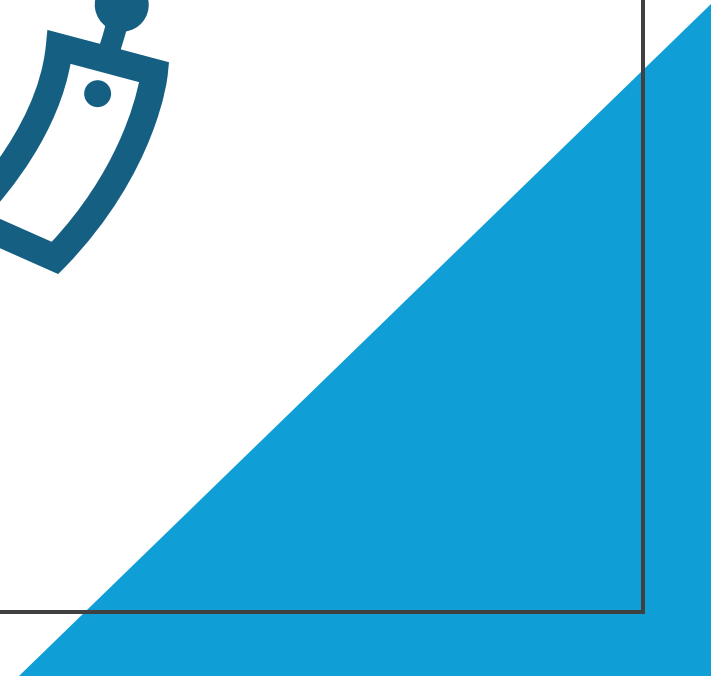


August 2024 NCWSC

Area Inventory



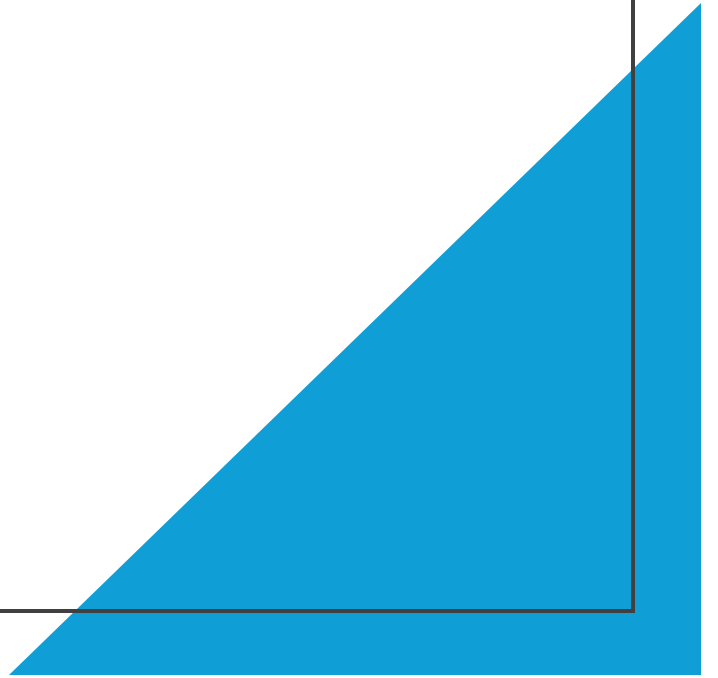
Area World Service Committee Meetings

The primary function of the Area World Service Committee (AWSC) is to plan for the general improvement of both the Assembly and the groups. Voting members of this committee are usually the officers of the Assembly, the DRs, Coordinators of services (such as Alateen, Archives, Public Outreach [Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community, and Institutions], Literature, Group Records, *The Forum*, or Newsletter) and liaison members from any Information Services (Intergroups). The chairman of Al-Anon activities at an A.A. area convention or chairman of Area Al-Anon and Alateen conventions should also participate in AWSC meetings.

These meetings, called and chaired by the Area Chairman, may be held at stated intervals to hear and discuss the Delegate's report, to consider Area matters, to suggest items of interest for the Area newsletter, all with the purpose of informing and unifying the groups in the Area. To equalize expenses, successive meetings may be held in various localities within the Area.

What are the current realities and evolving dynamics that are relevant to this discussion?

- Here is what we know



Service Participation at NCWSA

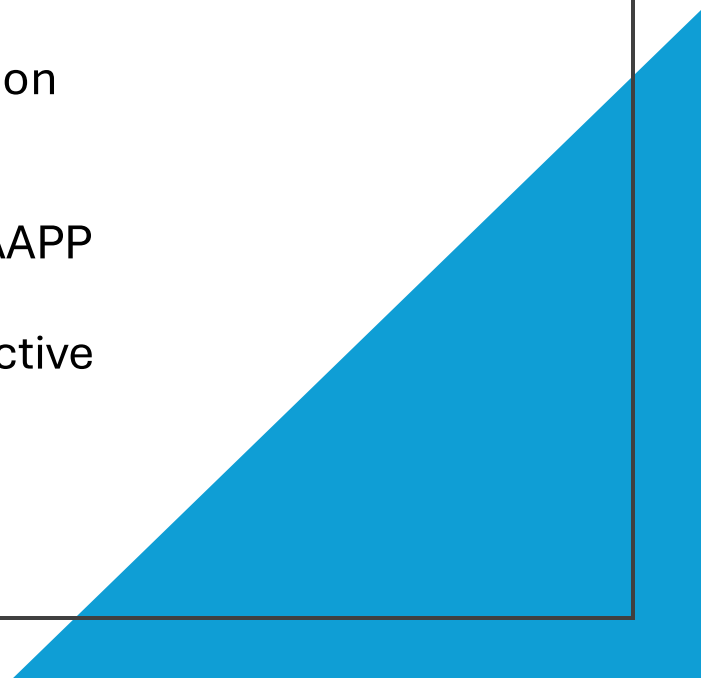
YEAR	# of Groups	# of GRs at Assembly	% of GRs
2018	798	226 GRs	28%
2019	756	244 GRs	32%
2020	765	256 GRs	33%
2021	700	N/A	N/A
2022	704	169 GRs	24%
2023	635	186 GRs	29%
2024	678	157 GRs	23%

- **The GR and World Service** Through the contacts he makes with other GRs and the Area World Service Committee members at Assembly, the GR can gain knowledge of Al-Anon world service and the purpose and work of the Conference. This will enable him to explain these to the group.

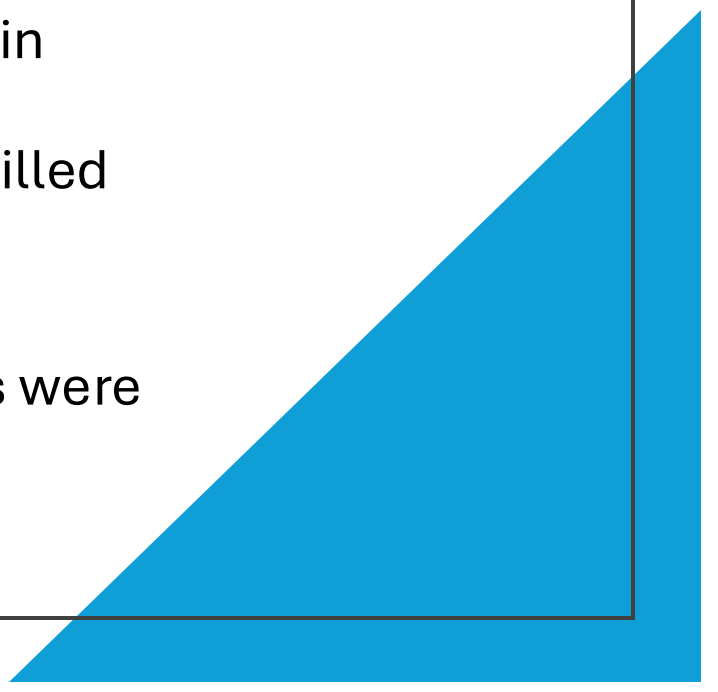
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What do we wish we knew but don't?

What accounts for decline in service?

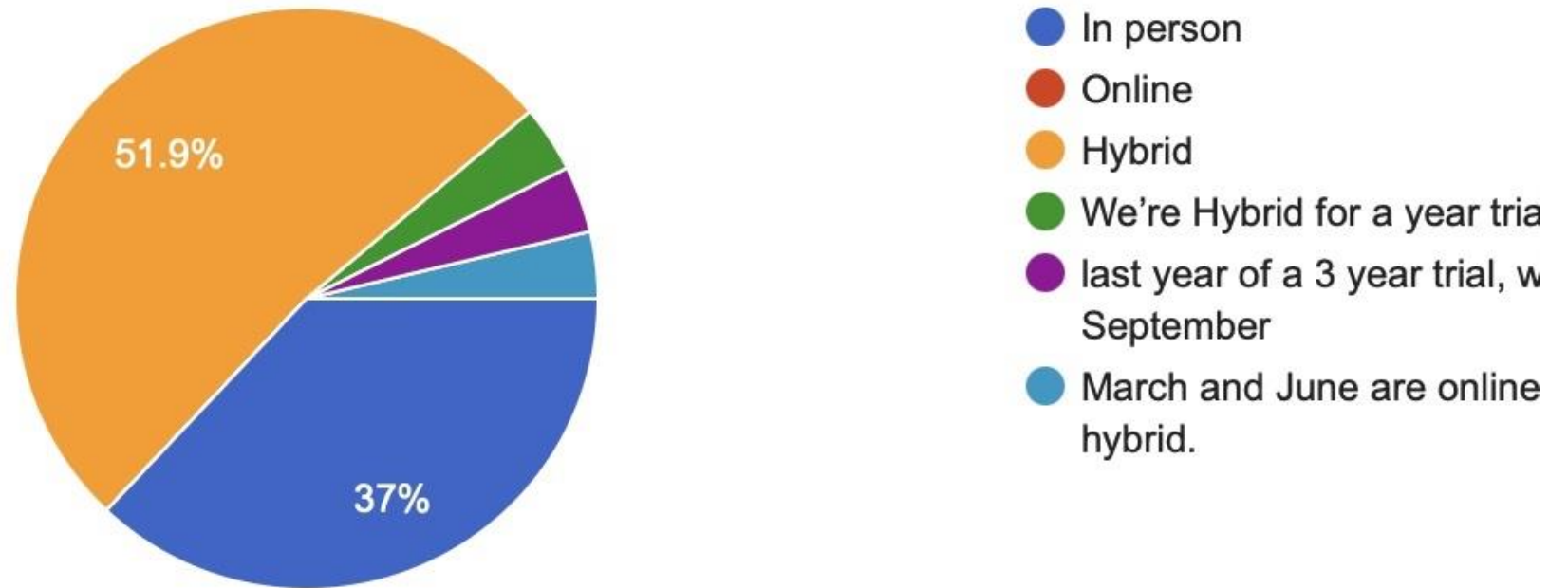
- The number of members standing for officers, delegate, and coordinator positions went down during the 2020 election Assembly
 - We saw a further decline in service participation at the 2023 election Assembly
 - Only one member stood for delegate in 2023
 - Only one member stood for alternate delegate, chairperson, and AAPP
 - No one stood for treasurer or secretary
 - At that 2023 election Assembly, 26 out of our 27 districts had an active DR
 - Not a single DR stood for an officer position
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The following positions remain open

- 5 out of our 27 districts are without a DR
 - 1 coordinator and 6 alternate coordinator positions remain unfilled
 - 1 out of our 5-member Executive Committee remains unfilled
 - Last NCWSA Convention in person in 2018
 - Last NoCAC in 2019
 - At the May 2024 Assembly 42 out of 95 NCWSC positions were present for roll call
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1. Does your Assembly meet using an in person, online, or hybrid format?

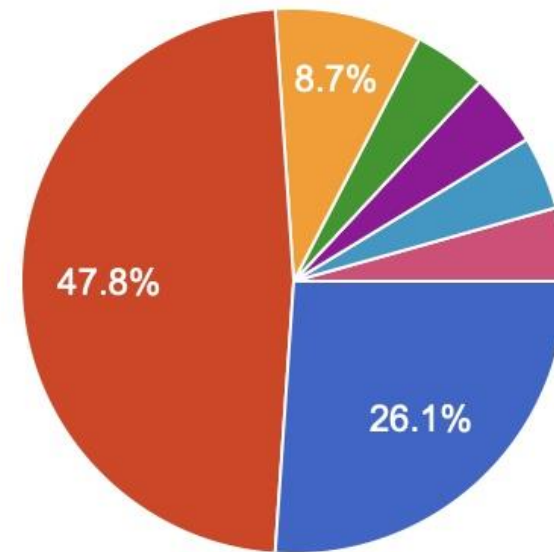
27 responses



6. If your Assembly is meeting online or hybrid, have you seen a decrease in service participation by GRs?



23 responses



- Yes
- No
- N/A
- Not clear. We see a decrease in Sunday attendance. We are brainstorming ways to overcome the drop in Sunday atten...
- NA
- GR participation was already down prior to COVID. It remains low.
- Only in person

Minnesota North – Hybrid Assembly

Our area has about 113 groups and the hope was by committing to hybrid AWSC and Assembly meetings we would have more groups attend Assemblies- but sadly that does not happen- we still have an average of 40 GRs per assembly.

Arkansas – Hybrid Assembly

I sense a lack of enthusiasm. I am not sure how to remedy this general sense of malaise.

New York North - Hybrid Assembly

Only around 30% of our GRs are participating at the Area level. District stats: 32% vacant; 18% contact person only; 11% DRs with expired terms; 39% DRs with current terms. We have two coordinator/officers filling multiple positions.

Pennsylvania – In person Assembly

We have 389 groups and 77% of groups have GRs. Typically 66% of GRs attend our annual Area Assembly (approx. 255). Most of our AWSC members attend Assembly so with guests the attendance approaches 300 attendees.

We have 32 Districts and 24 DRs currently. All seven Coordinator positions are filled and our five Officer positions are filled. Majority of the AWSC members attend each of our three AWSC meetings each year.

Connecticut – In person Assembly

Our Area meets in person at both Area meetings and Assemblies. Attendance at both Area meetings and Assembly's are well attended by DR's, Group Representatives and most of the Coordinators area officer's attendance at all meetings.

Texas East – In person Assembly

My Area voted to have our Assembly and AWSC meetings in person. It has helped promote the healthy support system that our fellowship was founded. During Covid we met online, however, there was a disconnect (i.e. no cameras on and members feeling their anonymity was at risk). Post Covid; members travel to the meetings and have enjoyed returning to the "get in car" connection. The DRs, GRs and Coordinators get to interact and share their successes and challenges within their district and provide the support that is so vital in a service role.

Proposing New Business: Area Inventory

30 minutes on the October Assembly agenda for all members of NCWSA to participate in an online Area inventory



1 hour on the May 2025 Assembly agenda to review the results of the online Area inventory facilitated by a Trustee with inventory experience



The Area inventory format is from the Annual WSO Service Plans but updated for our current realities



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AREA

1. Do we have representation from each district and AIS?
2. What activities can we plan that will involve the entire area?
3. How can we encourage the members of our AWSC to be more accessible to members in the area?
4. What can our area do to support our current and past trusted servants?
5. How can we be assured that our activities are prompted by group conscience and not a vocal minority?
6. Is our area democratic in thought and action as we complete our business?
7. When we reach a group conscience, can we prepare our area delegate to pass this information on to the WSC without dictating his or her vote?
8. What can we do to support our area delegate?
9. What percentage of our groups are represented at assemblies?
10. What can we do to encourage each group to be represented at assemblies?
11. Is our area as supportive as it can be of groups and districts?
12. What can we do to increase attendance and participation at Regional Service Seminars?
13. When group problems arise, what can I do to focus on the solution rather than the problem?
14. Are our area assemblies welcoming, informative, and a fun place to be?
15. What can we do to encourage Alateen participation (member, group and sponsor) at area assemblies?

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AREA INVENTORY

1. Do we have representation from each district and AIS?
2. Do we have each coordinator and alternate positions filled?
3. What can our Area do to support our current and past trusted servants?
4. How can we be assured that our activities are prompted by group conscience and not a vocal minority?
5. At the May 2024 Assembly, 23% of groups had representation. What can we do to encourage each group to be represented at the Assembly?
6. How does the hybrid model affect service participation? What are the pros and cons?
7. What can our Area do to be supportive of groups and districts?
8. Our last Area Al-Anon Convention was held in 2018. Our last Area Alateen Conference was held in 2019. What can we do to bring back service participation and attendance at Area events?
9. Are our Area Assemblies welcoming, informative, and a fun place to be? How?
10. What can we do to encourage Alateen participation (member, group, and sponsor) at Area Assemblies?
11. The greatest strengths of our Area are ...
12. We could enhance the growth of our Area by ...