

1. What do you see as the advantages of continuing to hold Assemblies in conjunction with A.A.?

- Members believe that we are able to receive better rates on hotels because of the combined number of attendees.
- There is a feeling of cooperation and collaboration with A.A.
- They enjoy the combined speakers on Saturday night.
- It is financially better for the fellowships to join together.
- Acknowledgement that A.A. has the experience and knowledge of finding and managing a site.
- Acknowledgement that A.A. does the majority of the planning.
- Better access to larger facilities.
- Participating in the purchase of lunch and coffee to offset contract expenses.
- Al-Anon benefits from A.A. volunteers in hosting the hospitality room.
- “We are getting off “scott free” contributing only \$700.”
- Enjoy the ability to fellowship with A.A. members.
- This keeps the costs down for Al-Anon.

2. What do you see as the disadvantages of continuing to hold Assemblies in conjunction with A.A.?

- A.A. determines when and where.
- Too large and hard to get rooms in the hotel.
- Are we self-supporting?
- Smaller venues would cost us more.
- A sense that because A.A. has 3 days of business, that we too need to have 3 days of business. This may also affect the contracts with the venues.
- Our costs would go up and the possibility of participation would go down.
- There is a lack of information on the additional costs to A.A. to have the Al-Anon participation.

3. What do you see the advantages of Al-Anon holding Assemblies independently?

- We would be fully self-supporting both financially and independently.
- It would allow us to select dates and venues.
- Possibility of some of our smaller Districts ability to host the Assembly.
- Possibility of lower costs at a smaller venue.
- Possibility of a shorter Assembly and frequency.
- A general sense the costs would be less for us.
- Hybrid Assemblies for Al-Anon without affecting A.A.
- We could come up with inventive new ways to conduct Al-Anon area assemblies.

4. What do you see as the disadvantages of Al-Anon holding Assemblies independently?

- Costs and planning.
- Miss being with A.A.
- Getting enough volunteers
- Loss of support from A.A. in the planning and selection process.
- Loss of interaction with A.A. members.
- Fewer Group Representatives attending because of increased costs.
- “Are we up for the challenge?”
- Possibility of creating conflicts for couples (families) when both A.A. and Al-Anon members attend if different dates and locations are used.
- Not being able to hear A.A. speakers.
- We would have less negotiating power as a smaller group when selecting venues.
- Currently, we do not have the service positions or procedures established to select venues and negotiate contracts.

#### Other Information:

1. This matter is new to our Area Assembly members and needs further information, education, and discussion by our Area.
2. AFG of Colorado has had 2 hybrid assemblies ... currently we are in the development and trial phase.
3. There appears to be concern and fear concerning the financial matters around AFG doing their own assemblies.
4. There is a desire to be self-supporting regardless if we remain with A.A. or not.
5. Our members don't fully understand what it would take to find locations and dates to set assemblies.
6. Our members don't understand or have knowledge that our 6th Tradition is different from A.A.'s 6th Tradition in the fact that there is no cooperation with Al-Anon in A.A.'s.
7. We don't have enough information on the actual current costs associated with Al-Anon when A.A. plans their assemblies.
8. We don't have any information on what it would possibly cost us to do an independent assembly. The best information I have is from this year's SWRDM.
9. Concern that as an area, we don't have a coordinator/volunteer in place or the procedures in place to organize our own assembly. This may need to be addressed sooner than later with the officers.
10. There is a lot of concern about the financial matters if we host our own assembly. I believe that we have enough in our reserve fund to handle a couple of planning mistakes in our planning and will also give us time to adjust accordingly.
11. There were several comments about hybrid assemblies and shorter assemblies. This is something that will need to be looked into sooner than later.