

New Business



CALIFORNIA NORTHERN INTERIOR AREA 07

Motion Template

Date: 11/14/2025

Points to consider:

- 1) It is prudent to engage in thorough discussion before bringing a motion forward.
- 2) A motion should be clearly stated and include the need and fiscal impact to the area.
- 3) Motions must be submitted in writing to the Chair, Secretary, and Interpreter.

Subject: Proposed motion to Amend Assembly Structure to be presented at Fall Assembly for consideration for vote for the 2027 assemblies, possibly effective Fall 2026.

Clearly Stated Motion (I, Christine Tolman, move that CNIA-07 update its assembly structure to hold three 2-day assemblies, one 1-day assembly, and one online only assembly effective year 2 of Panel 76 for the 2027 Assemblies. As outlined below:

Assembly	Month	Number of Days	Changes
Winter	January	2-days	none
Pre-Conference	April	2-days	none
Post Conference	May	1-day	-1 day
Online	August	+1 day: for business only	+ 1 day for business only
Fall	November	2-days	-1 day; November only

Fiscal Impact:

- By having a 1-day online only assembly in place of one of our regular ACMs, we save \$2,200.
- By reducing our post-conference assembly to 1-day, we save on venue cost for Sunday.
- By reducing the Fall assembly to 2-days, the **area, districts, and groups** all save money for the additional night lodging (*understanding that some may still require 2-nights lodging based on the distance they need to travel to attend the assembly*) the area saves \$2,500.
- In addition to the financial savings to the area, districts, and groups, this change to our assembly structure addresses the time cost that is an attendance barrier for some people.



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Background/Need:

The problem we are trying to solve is lack of participation due to low attendance at assemblies on Sundays and Fridays of our 2- and 3-day assemblies. During the three-day assembly, most people do not attend on Friday night. There are significantly fewer people who attend other assemblies on Sunday morning. (According to attendance at the 2024 Fall Assembly, attendance was 44% on Friday and 58% on Sunday in numbers that is 149 attendees on Saturday, 65 on Friday, and 86 on Sunday. Sunday the area inventory was conducted; 86 out of 149 attendees were present (57%) which, equates to 43% of the attendees did not participate in the area inventory.

We have been discussing changing our assembly structure for several panels, and any changes will require an assembly action. We conducted a survey at the 2025 Post-Conference Assembly. According to surveys, the greatest barrier to attendance/participation is time, followed by the cost to groups and districts. We have discussed the assembly structure at several ACMs since.

We established an Ad-Hoc committee to review the survey and comments to provide a recommendation to the ACM so that we could distribute a proposed motion to districts/groups to enable GSRs to be informed and prepared to discuss/vote at our 2025 Fall assembly.

If approved, changes would affect our 2027 assemblies. The 2027 assemblies will be determined at the December 2025 Planning Meeting. *If not approved, the assembly structure would remain as is, and any changes proposed and approved post 2025 Fall Assembly would not be effective until 2028.*

Submitted by:

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