

Proposed Motion to Amend Assembly Structure

Date: 9/20/2025

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 and vote for 2027 Assemblies (possibly effective Fall 2026)

Clearly Stated Motion: I, _____, 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 (2027 Assemblies) as outlined below:

| Assembly | Month | Number of Days | Changes |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Winter | January | 2-days | none |
| Pre-Conference | April | 2-days | none |
| Post Conference | June ^{May} | 1-day | - 1 day; move to June |
| Online Only (Hybrid) | August | 1-day | + 1 day; add for business only |
| Fall | October ¹ | 2-days | - 1 day; October only |

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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 the 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 additional 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.

¹ Oct 16-17, 2027 or Nov. 13-14, 2027 (2nd weekend). Proposed date change based on committee suggestion due to holiday, but it would actually be determined at the Planning Meeting in December.

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&3-day assemblies. Most people don't attend Friday night at our Fall Assembly and there are significantly fewer people who attend other assemblies on Sunday. (According to attendance at 2024 Fall Assembly, attendance was 44% on Friday and 58% on Sunday – 149 attendees on Saturday, 65 on Friday, and 86 on Sunday).

We have been discussing changing our assembly structure for several panels, and any changes will require an assembly action. According to surveys, the greatest barrier to attendance/participation is time, followed by the cost to groups and districts.

We conducted a survey at our 2025 Post Conference and had discussion regarding our assembly structure, and we have discussed this at several ACMs since. We formed an ad hoc committee to review the survey and comments and provide a recommendation to the ACM to so we could distribute a proposed motion to districts/groups so GSRs could be informed and prepared to discuss/vote at our 2025 Fall Assembly.

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

Disposition

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