

Connecticut Area World Service Committee
Convention Chair Report
November 9, 2024

Hello Everyone,

This past month was very busy. We had our second Convention Planning Committee Meeting via Zoom. It was a very productive meeting as we voted on and chose our logo and passed the budget.

We have also set the price for both the registration fee and the walk-in fee. Due to rising costs, we have had to increase our Pre-Registration price to \$35.00 and our walk-in price to \$40.00. Certainly, we spent a great deal of time looking at the options before we raised prices. However, as hotel prices have risen for most things, we had no choice but to raise our prices as well.

Given the many complaints about the Banquet food last year, we have decided to offer an Italian buffet. Not only is it less costly (last years' banquet was \$45.00 and this years' buffet will cost \$39.00) we are hoping a buffet will be appealing to more members, as there are more choices. It is easier to keep food warm in a buffet with warming trays, and serving ourselves will be faster than waiting for staff to serve us. We plan to have gluten-free options as well as vegetarian options.

We are using google docs once again this year. It is a beneficial way to access information and to have it accessible for future Convention Committees.

Our Treasurer has secured a PO Box and distributed reimbursement forms and guidelines.

Our Program Committee has been busy and has already chosen our Keynote Al-Anon speaker. They are continuing to search for moderators and workshop speakers, as well as a Spiritual Speaker.

Eventbrite is up and running. The Flyers Committee has put together a Pre-Registration flyer containing mailing and Eventbrite information, which is in the process of being distributed.

As stated in an earlier report, due to hotel policies such as prohibiting hanging flyers, banners, and posters on walls and other restrictions, I have eliminated our Decorations Committee and have brought back our Entertainment Committee. They are now, since the logo has been chosen (the skit is based on the logo), moving forward in their planning. To date, they have a core group of five members with many willing individuals committed to making us laugh.

Unfortunately, it does not appear that we will have a Spanish Committee this year. No one has stepped forward for Chair or Co-Chair and there is no Spanish liaison. Several members have done outreach, but no one has volunteered.

Thank you for allowing me to step into this service. Participation is the key to harmony.

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Kate A.

2025 Convention Chair