

2021 Convention Committee Report

The Convention Committee met on 3/18/20, 4/30/20 and 7/21/20.

\$4,725 was paid to the DoubleTree in Charlottesville to hold the dates of 8/13/21-8/14/21 for the Area Convention.

At the 7/21/20 meeting, the Committee discussed three options:

- Hold the Convention in August 2021 as planned.
- A virtual Convention in August 2021. (Note: Member of the Committee plan to attend the virtual Missouri Area Convention.)
- Delay the Convention until August 2022.

unanimous vote was to recommend to the VAWSC that the Convention be **delayed until August 2022** for the following reasons:

1. Registration would be low if the Convention were held in August 2021. People would wait to the last minute before registering. We may not be able to meet the minimum number of guest rooms as required by the contract.
2. The VAWSC had voted to hold the Convention in a “destination” location. A virtual Convention would not meet this objective.
3. If the VAWSC decided to hold a virtual Convention, there were concerns that virtual workshops of 35-50 participants would not be practical. A virtual Convention would be speakers with the audience submitting questions. There would be limited sharing.
4. We would need fulltime staff to manage the technology associated with a virtual Convention. No one on the Committee has this type of experience.
5. There were concerns about anonymity and security with a virtual Convention.

After the 7/21/20 meeting, the Convention Chair contacted the DoubleTree to find out if the Convention could be delayed until August 2022. The hotel has not yet returned my phone calls.

The Convention Committee recommends that the VAWSC delay the Convention until 2022.

It was decided that lunch bags and lanyards would be the merchandise. At the 4/30/20 meeting, the Committee decided to delay purchasing any merchandise since the Spring 2020 Assembly would not be held in person.

The Speakers subcommittee started to work on finding guest speakers.

The Convention logo was developed. See below.



Respectfully submitted,

Valerie P.

Convention Chair