The Convention Committee met on 12-4-22 and will meet again on 3-19-23.

We have a site and a date: Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center, Natural Bridge, VA August 9-11, 2024. We are working on speakers and hope to have something to report on that front by Spring Assembly. Since the location is fairly distant from even a regional airport, we are focusing on speakers located close enough to be able to drive to the Convention.

We have a logo in the works and should be updating the website shortly with a Save the Date page. Our committee is considering workshop ideas and will be planning a visit to the site later this year to familiarize everyone with the layout of the facility and surrounding landscape. We are planning workshops that will make the best use of the lovely natural surroundings.

We are looking for a district to be the 'host' district which would primarily involve supplying hospitality room provisions. The local district, Central Valley, is pretty small but we hope they will help with this or any other tasks they feel they can perform. They may want to partner with an adjacent district if there are not enough members who are willing to participate.

We are also looking for someone who can provide publicity and fundraising services for us. This would involve crafting and sending emails, flyers, and/or newsletters at intervals to remind people about the Convention and alert them about merchandise, Silent Auction, Grateful Gifts, etc. Volunteers should be able to work independently and have experience using layout programs or newsletter services like Mailchimp or Constant Contact.

Anyone who would like to volunteer should reach out to Wendy R. at windexx@mac.com. I can also be reached weekdays after 12pm at 540-425-4355 or any time on weekends.

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