

# VA Area Coordinator's Report

(for Coordinators, Liaisons and Committee Chairs)

**Date of VAWSC Meeting:** March 2, 2024

**Area Coordinator:** Assembly

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## ***2024 Spring Assembly Updates***

- **Registration Info**

- Total Number of Registrants:
  - 2024 Spring Assembly – 142 total
    - Approximately 112 In person
    - Approximately 30 virtual
  - 2023 Fall Assembly - 103 total
    - Approximately 89 in person
    - Approximately 21 Virtual
  - 2023 Spring assembly – 146
    - Approximately 89 in-person
    - Approximately 57 virtual
  - 2022 Fall Assembly – 129
  - 2022 Spring Assembly – 150
- Number of voting GRs Registered: 105 (up from 104 Fall Assembly 2023)
- Number of Area Districts Representatives Registered: 23 out of 25 (Same as Fall Assembly 2023)
  - Northern Neck (last participation Fall 2020)
  - Triangle (last participation Fall 2019)

- **What's New**

- Continuing with the new Registration Process – Received fantastic feedback. As always, we could not make this happen without the outstanding volunteers.
- Saved some money by asking participants to contribute through voluntary contributions to defray credit card fees – raised \$????
- Created an Assembly Information only page with FAQ's

- Area covered the registration cost for Alateen as in the past
  - **Registration updates with regfox**
    - Continuing to use Regfox as our registration provider. Minimal cost of \$.99 per transaction + Credit card fee of (3.99%) compared to higher credit card transaction fees
    - Weekly Tech team meeting allowed more agenda development and team bonding for a smoother assembly presentation.
  - **Encore Updates and challenges!**
    - Officers Approved Encore contract in January for the 2024 Assemblies
    - Contract has been signed - \$400 increase for same setup - paying for own ISP, will allow faster dedicated bandwidth.
    - Last assembly we were allowed to set up with Encore which was a much smoother process than in 2023 Assemblies.
    - Wired microphones completely removed all crosstalk issues from the past and will be used from now on
    - Continuing to work Network port access so hopefully all final issues resolved by the time of this assembly.
  - **Registration Updates and challenges**
    - Networking - Will continue the group chat option for this year between in-person and virtual attendees - close the gap between the two groups.
    - Workshops - Will discuss way forward and how to proceed from meeting.
    - Eliminated last minute changes by securing all in person reservations 30 days in advance, much more flexibility and time to prepare and get things right before the event.
    - Reconciling payments was easier since all was done inside regfox this year, will continue this process for future events.
  - **Overall Rating and Feedback**
    - Even with all these issues and challenges, our overall ratings was very positive and attendees in person and virtually had a good experience
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