

Virginia Area Convention Coordinator's Report

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Venue Status

The Convention Committee evaluated five venues for the August 6-8, 2027, Virginia Area Al-Anon Convention. After conducting site visits and thorough reviews, the Williamsburg Lodge and the Greater Williamsburg Sports and Events Center were identified as the most suitable locations for an anticipated attendance of approximately 300 participants. The preferred venue is available for the selected dates, and a block of guest rooms has been secured at The Woodlands, which is affiliated with Colonial Williamsburg.

Facilities and Location

The venue offers multiple meeting rooms and access to sports and event facilities. Its location adjacent to the Colonial Williamsburg Visitors Center provides attendees convenient access to historic attractions and tours, enhancing the overall convention experience.

Committee Activity and Needs

The steering committee has convened four times via Zoom. The Speaker Committee is actively reviewing potential speakers for the event. Volunteers are still needed to serve as chairs or members for the following committees:

- Workshops
- Publicity
- Entertainment
- Hospitality
- Silent Auction
- Program
- Volunteers
- Registration

Communications and Registration

The committee is exploring the use of a platform such as Mailchimp for official convention communications. *Save the Date* flyers have been prepared and are being distributed. Online registration will be available at vaalanon.org, with the registration system planned to open in early January 2027.

Contact Information

For questions, additional information, or to volunteer, please contact Robynn and Gina at convention@vaalanon.org

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the planning and development of this convention. We look forward to coming together to share strength and hope in Williamsburg.

Robynn B.