

Convention Committee Report to VAWSC

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Event: VA Area Convention, August 6–8, 2027 at the Greater Williamsburg Sports and Events Center

Summary

Planning for the 2027 VA Area Convention is progressing well. Key activities from June and July 2026 included finalizing venue logistics, approving the speaker lineup, and recruiting new sub-committee leaders.

1. Venue

- Site Layout: A July site visit confirmed registration will be at the front desk.
- Space Use: The Saturday night buffet will be in the lobby; the Silent Auction and Hospitality will be upstairs.
- Catering: We are currently finalizing the menu and budget with the venue chef.

2. Registration & Program

- Launch: The Reg Fox platform is scheduled to open in January 2027.
- Workshops: The committee is brainstorming topics; these will be finalized by October 31, 2026.
- Speakers: The primary lineup is approved, and invitation letters are being sent to Aaron J., Larcine, Rosemary D., David D. (AA), and Jaimon (Alateen).

3. Committee & Recruitment

- Convention Coordinators: Robynn and Gina B
- Program Chair: Ava
- Facilities Committee: Debbie P
- Silent Auction Committee: Anne Marie
- Speakers Committee: Vivian
- Workshop Committee: Sue P
- Volunteer Committee: Nellwyn
- Publicity Committee: Troy
- Literature Committee: Lee
- Registration Committee: Mitch and Troy
- Hospitality Committee: Laura

4. Immediate Action Items

- All flyers now include "with AA participation" to improve outreach with local intergroups. Troy is distributing flyers to AA and Al-Anon centers.
- Volunteers are continuing to be recruited. A volunteer flyer and an updated "Save the Date" flyer will be added to the Virginia Area website. Officers and coordinators are asked to share this information with other members.

Contact: For questions or to volunteer, contact Robynn and Gina at convention@vaalanon.org.