

*LRPC*

*Long Range Planning Committee*

*Terry Woodside, Chairperson*

## Voting Issue for the VAWSC Meeting March 5, 2022

### Long Range Planning Committee

Approved by VAWSC: (insert date)

#### **Motion**

**Made By:** Terry Woodside

**Seconded By:**

**The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) members shall be appointed by the LRPC Chairperson, based on the consultation with and agreement of the Virginia Area Chairperson and the LRPC Chairperson. Members for the Committee shall be chosen with regard to the goals for the committee as determined by the Area Chairperson and selected from within the VA Area fellowship. The Committee's meeting schedule shall be determined by the LRPC Chairperson so that the Committee's goals are met in a timely fashion.**

**The Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson shall be a voting member of the Virginia Area World Service Committee (VAWSC). The LRPC Chairperson will report regularly, with a written report, to the VAWSC meetings, the Virginia Area Assembly, and at any other time requested by the Virginia Area Chairperson.**

#### **Background:**

- The Jan. 8, 2022 Officers' Meeting approved the motion to be sent to the VAWSC for approval.
- The Jan. 8, 2022 Officers' Meeting authorized the LRPC to begin its work immediately after the Jan. 8 meeting.
- The LRPC was first established on a trial basis in 2012.
- At the 2017 Fall Assembly, the LRPC was approved to be a standing committee in the Virginia Area.
- The original reasoning for the establishment of this committee was to allow the Virginia Area to anticipate and prepare for potential changes in our rapidly moving and expanding world, as opposed to reacting without ample time to do the research needed to make an informed group conscience.
- A secondary reason for the LRPC is to retain the experience and knowledge of past Virginia Officers, Coordinators, Liaisons, and District Representatives. It also seeks the expertise of Virginia Area members in specific matters of interest to the Virginia Area, as well as encouraging the input of newer members in service.

### **Reasons for this new motion:**

- To allow the LRPC the flexibility to choose its members according to the specific needs of the individual goals set by the Virginia Area Chairperson.
- To allow the LRPC to have access to all of the Virginia Area members who may have specific skill sets and unique or representative viewpoints.
- To allow the LRPC to set up an arrangement of a small, main committee with sub-committees to take on specific tasks for a limited time frame. This will also allow for more Virginia Area members overall to be involved in long range planning.
- To allow the LRPC to establish its own meeting schedule based on committee needs and timetables.

### **What We Know:**

- The rapidly growing use of technology is changing the way our groups are meeting.
- The coming change at the World Service level of transforming electronic groups into AFGs will have an impact on the Virginia Area. We will need to anticipate those changes and prepare for them as best we can. We will also need to be able to adapt to changing situations as the need becomes clear.
- The way we have been hosting our business meetings, the VAWSC and the Assembly, is currently based on a model that is becoming outdated. Members are interested in changing how we format those business meetings.
- Participation of members at VAWSC and at Assemblies is lower than we would like, leaving many Virginia Area members unrepresented.
- A look at our past motions reveals that in some cases the intent of those motions has been ignored or not met. In some cases the motions have become irrelevant as time passes. We need a better overview of that Decision History.
- Filling service positions at all levels of service continues to be a challenge. LRPC could look at alternative means of attracting service members and make recommendations to the Area Officers to address this ongoing problem.
- Each panel should review, not only our Decision History, but also our Bylaws and our Job Descriptions for Officers, Coordinators, and Liaisons, for potentially needed revisions. The current panel of Officers has a heavy workload meeting the needs of day-to-day business for the Virginia Area, leaving scant time to undertake these administrative tasks.

### **What we wish we knew:**

- Will the LRPC be able to find members who are willing and able to join the committee and complete the work?
- Are we asking the appropriate questions regarding our anticipated needs as an Area?
- Will we be able to actually be of real service to the Virginia Area?

**Some past LRPC accomplishments:**

- Developed an Area Convention plan to resolve the issues of last minute committee formations and short time frames.
- Established a Virginia Area website.
- Passed the Virginia Area Bylaws.
- Completed the process for the 501 c(3) status for the Virginia Area.
- Established a credit card direct pay capability for donations and Assembly registration.

**Possible goals for the Panel 62 LRPC:**

- Redesign and update the Virginia Area website
- A website back-up system
- Assembly redesign, including hotel contract renegotiation
- Develop a Virginia Area Policy/Procedure Guideline, including a SE Regional Trustee nomination process
- Develop and maintain a Decision History or Motion Log
- Conduct a once per Panel review of the Bylaws, Area Job Descriptions, Area produced documents such as – GR Guide to Assembly, Convention Guidelines, Treasurer Guidelines for Groups and Districts, How to do a Workshop Guide
- Better document storage and retrieval method for documents such as these, as well as others.
- How do we attract more diversity in our membership?
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