NORTH CAROLINA

General Service Committee

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DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS October 25, 2022

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

TO: GSRs, Alternate GSRs, DCMs, Alternate DCMs, LCMs (Local Committee Members), Convention

Chair and Alternate, Coordinators, Officers, Past Delegates and any other interested members!

SUBJECT: Area 51 Fall Committee & Election Assembly Meeting November 19-20, 2022

Theme: "Our Leaders are but Trusted Servants"

Third Legacy Elections for the Panel 73 Delegate Term

Please see Election Handout on Area 51 website for duties and responsibilities of Trusted Servant positions. We will stay in session Saturday night until the elections are completed.

Assembly Business Sessions, Workshops, Early Bird and Speaker Meetings Literature, Grapevine, Corrections, Accessibilities, CPC, PI and Archives Displays

Our Area Committee Meeting and Assembly meeting will be held at the The Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC

NOTE: GSRs and Alt. GSRs:

Hotel Reservations

Deadline: Thursday, October 25, 2022

Group Code: A51

Group Name: Area 51 General Service

Group Rate: \$132.00 Single/Double, \$132.00 Triple, \$132.00 Quad + tax

Phone: 919-872-2323 or 800-445-8667 [1-800-HILTONS]

Internet: direct link for reservations: https://tinyurl.com/2p8mmavs

Internet: www.northraleigh.hilton.com

For best results:

- Call as soon as possible but definitely before the deadline. It's easier to cancel a reservation than to get one at the last minute!
- Please note: once the rooms in our block sell out, it's unlikely there will be other rooms left in the hotel. **Election Assembly sells out quickly, so PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**
- Specify the group code "A51" and the group name "Area 51 General Service."
- If possible, call the Hilton Raleigh North Hills directly at 919-872-2323 during business hours Monday through Friday. This gives you the best chance to speak with a reservations clerk at the hotel. At other times when the hotel clerks are busy -- calls to this number may be transferred to a regional reservations center.
- Always be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate or Availability please contact Denise M., the Area Chair, at: Chair@aanorthcarolina.org.
- ♦ Early Assembly registration will be on Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- "Early Bird" AA Meeting on Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Our tentative schedule is as follows:

DAY	TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES							
Friday November 18, 2022	3:30 PM	Officers' Meeting	Officers Only							
140vember 18, 2022	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Early Assembly Registration	GSRs, Alternate GSRs							
	8:00 PM	Early Bird AA Meeting	Open							
	8:00 – 10:00 PM	Area Committee Meeting	Area Committee							
Saturday November 19, 2022	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION	GSRs, Alternate GSRs							
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Morning	9:00 AM	 ◆ Budget & Finance ◆ Website ◆ Site Investigation ◆ Growth & Maintenance 	Subcommittee Members Subcommittee Members Subcommittee Members Subcommittee Members							
		Assembly								
	9:00 – 10:00 AM	◆ "12 Concepts"	NOTE: Except for							
	10:15 – 11:15 AM	 "How The Election Assembly Operates" CPC & PI Corrections Grapevine Literature 	meetings marked "Open" and access to displays, Assembly events are for members only							
		◆ Accessibilities◆ Treatment Facilities◆ Archives	Assembly							
Afternoon	12:30 – 6:00 PM	ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION	Assembly							
Evening	8:00-10:30 PM	ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION	Assembly							
Sunday November 20, 2022	8:30 – 9:30 AM	OPEN SPEAKER MEETING Panel 73 Delegate-Elect	Open							
	9:45 – 11:30 AM	ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION	Assembly							

BELOW ARE THE MAIN MOTIONS FROM THE AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022 FALL ASSEMBLY PRESENTED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION. THERE ARE FOUR (4) KNOWN NEW AGENDA ITEMS. Note: These items may appear in a different order on the Assembly agenda.

<u>AGENDA ITEM #1</u>: To increase the current Convention pre-registration fee from \$20 to \$35 and increase the onsite registration fee from \$25 to \$40. These fees would be reduced by \$3 respectively if and when the North Carolina State Convention prudent reserve exceeds 150% of the established level.

Background Information: In May 2015 there was an advisory action that stated "The established NC State Convention registration rates henceforth shall be \$20 preregistration and \$25 for onsite registration. In conformity with past Advisory Actions, these fees would be reduced to \$17 and \$22 respectively if and when the North Carolina State Convention prudent reserve exceeds 150% of the established level, currently \$7000." (The prudent reserve is currently set at \$12,000.) This was the last Advisory Action that was found. In researching other state conventions, we found this increase is in line with what other states are charging.

South Carolina \$30 and \$35, Florida \$40, Maryland \$30, W. Virginia \$30, Tennessee \$30 and \$35 and the recent Appalachian Round Up \$30 and \$35. Expenses at hotels have increased greatly. Unless we raised the registration fees, we may not be able to produce a Convention to the extent that we have in the past. Our costs include speaker expenses, food and beverage costs (a lot of coffee!), costs of a hospitality room, and in the future, we will have to host a speaker's dinner at the hotel according to the contract.

AGENDA ITEM #2: That the 2023 Area 51 Corrections Conference, "Freedom from Bondage 34," be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, NC on March 10-12, 2023.

<u>Background Information</u>: The Area Committee and Area Assembly must approve the proposed location and dates of the annual Area 51 Corrections Conference.

<u>AGENDA ITEM #3:</u> That the 2025 Winter Committee Meeting be held at the Village Inn in Clemmons, NC.

Background Information: The 2021 Site Investigation Subcommittee was charged with finding, evaluating and recommending sites to hold all Area 51 events for the two-year period of August 2023 to July 2025. These events are four Area Committee Meetings, four Area Assembly and Committee Meetings, and 2024 and 2025 North Carolina State Conventions.

Per a 2021 Spring Advisory Action, the decision regarding the venue for the 2025 Winter Committee Meeting was deferred to the subsequent Site Investigation Subcommittee. The 2021 Spring Advisory Action stipulated that contracts must be signed no later than two years in advance of the event in question.

The selection of a site for the 2025 Winter Committee Meeting, therefore, became the first task of this subcommittee. To this end, the subcommittee evaluated the most competitive bids submitted from around the State factoring in reasonable room rates, the cost and size of meeting rooms, coffee costs, and other costs such as food and beverage minimums.

Event/Hotel	Proposal	Location	Rooms	Comp Ratio	Meetings	Coffee	Food and Beverage	AV	Notes
Winter Committee 2025					_				
Village Inn	1	Clemmons	\$110	1/25	\$2050 (Stage Panels \$35 ea)	\$28/gal++	no minimum	Included (AV Mixer 175, Microphones \$50 ea)	Complimentary Hot Buffet Breakfast
Village Inn	2	Clemmons	\$121	1/25	\$1550 (Stage Panels \$35 ea)	\$28/gal++	no minimum	Included (AV Mixer 175, Microphones \$130 ea)	Complimentary Hot Buffet Breakfast
Crowne Plaza	1	Asheville	115/130 (80%	1/40	\$3500 (Staging set up fee: \$60 per 4x8 foot section.)	55/gal++	\$0.00		Room Rate for February, March is \$20 more
Crowne Plaza	2	Asheville	115/130 (80%	1/40	\$2500 (Staging set up fee: \$60 per 4x8 foot section.)	55/gal++	\$1,000.00		Room Rate for February, March is \$20 more, Individuals meals do not count toward F&B, but coffee does
Hilton	1	Greenville	199 (80%)		\$4,800.00	\$48/gal++	\$9,000.00		
Renaissance Inn	1	Asheville	169 (80%)		\$8,000.00		\$10,000 Breakfast Buffet on Saturday with breaks and/or lunch; Breakfast on Sunday. This estimate is based on 100 guests spending approximately \$100 each		

AGENDA ITEM #4: To approve the Area 51 2023 Proposed Budget.

<u>Background Information:</u> The proposed 2023 budget is based upon items that have already been approved by the Area Committee or Assembly and cost estimates for the 2023 year. Copies of the proposed 2023 budget will be distributed at the Area Assembly Meeting. It was approved without opposition at the 2022 Summer Committee meeting.

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All the 2021 and 2022 Officers and Coordinators and 2022 Standing Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs are grateful for the opportunity to be of service. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you.

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING AREA 51 EVENTS

	2022								
Fall Committee Meeting	Hilton Raleigh North Hills	November 18, 2022							
Fall Assembly	Raleigh, NC	November 19-20, 2022							
SE Regional Forum	New Orleans, LA	December 2-4, 2022							
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	2023								
Winter Committee Meeting	Hilton Durham Near Duke University, Durham NC	March 3-5, 2023							
Central Preconference	Hosted by D18	March 18, 2023							
Spanish Preconference	Hosted by D30	March 19, 2023							
Eastern Preconference	Hosted by D1/35/50	March 25, 2023							
Western Preconference	Hosted by D21	April 1, 2023							
Spring Committee Meeting	Hilton Raleigh North Hills	June 2, 2023							
Spring Assembly	Raleigh, NC	June 3-4, 2023							
76 th State Convention	Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center Lake Junaluska, NC	July 20-23, 2023							
Summer Committee Meeting	Blowing Rock Conf. Center 1818 Goforth Road Blowing Rock, NC	**** NEW DATE **** August 17 – 20, 2023							
Fall Committee Meeting	Hilton Raleigh North Hills	October 20, 2023							
Fall Assembly	Raleigh, NC	October 21-22, 2023							