

2013 MI Mock Conference EVALUATION FORMS Summary

To: Michigan Statewide meeting attendees, current & past Area Delegates & Trustees, Michigan A.A. Areas 32, 33 and 34 Chairs

How to read: Questions numbered below are followed by answers as written by participants at the conference.

1. Please describe your overall impression of this event.

- As always I very much enjoy this overall event and look forward to it yearly.
- A wonderful and enlightening event.
- Enjoyable, informative, lots of “stuff” I still don’t know. Always learning.
- Quite interesting
- I learned a lot about how changes are made. I did not have information on the other committees which made their presentations confusing.
- All committee members were well informed on their respective agendas and participated fully in discussions of each point.
- The idea is great – too many came uninformed and then held up the movement of the committee.
- Coming from another area, I was pleased to be warmly welcomed and accepted. I enjoyed having my service ‘juices’ running again because of the active and engaged involvement of the quality in our committee.
- As per usual I enjoyed it.
- Very enlightening; it gave me a small taste of the actual conference experience.
- It is a good place to network. The information and new ideas that happened in our CPC committee is an experience that I can take from here.
- I was very interested however less participation it seemed.
- It was very informative, my 1st time, most organized I’ve seen in AA service.
- Extremely informative particularly being my first time at a Mock Conference.
- Excellent Event!
- Very Good.
- Very well organized. Everything went very smooth.
- Event was very well presented.
- Background information served each group well.
- Good
- Fair
- Great!
- The mock conference was well organized overall. The chairperson kept the proceedings on track.
- Great location? Near Gambling? Are we supporting Gambling?
- Excellent
- Deciding on using the majority vote versus 2/3rds vote was explained clearly, I still feel by having 2/3 votes we could keep an important or productive person or process from being approved.
- I found this event met my expectations. The MC ran as I was told the GSC runs, surprises and bumps included. Much information, fellowship, teaching, and spirituality was felt throughout

which I appreciated at my 1st MC.

2. What things need more explanation? What did you find confusing?

- NA
- The committee options and reasons for limitations on what the committees can do.
- The explanation of: Recommendations, Additional Considerations, No Action could be included in the pre-registration package
- Floor Actions
- The actions to follow on agenda items that are review/discuss/consider. If this information was provided previous to the conference I would've found it helpful.
- Any confusion was cleared up by the floating delegates, or by experienced committee members.
- Agenda items were confusing. The group had difficulty understanding the voting risks.
- As a past delegate I have a good understanding of the process. I think emphasis on the process is important.
- I am okay with everything.
- Reasons behind committee recommendation. I felt I was voting uninformed on committee's decisions because I had not reviewed all the background into.
- When the other committees were presenting I didn't have background and found it confusing.
- Procedures; when someone walked me through it made sense.
- Insist on preregistration so the background information. Not enough background info on other committee.
- Conference Activities and procedures for those who are new. A clear understanding of what we are doing...for 1st timers.
- Need more time to review agenda items.
- Found nothing confusing.
- Committee actions need more explanation.
- It would have been helpful to have the agenda for committees other than the one we were assigned to. It was hard to follow when other committees made their presentations.
- Procedures should be better explained and adhered to. The conference as a whole.
- Nothing
- Perhaps how the committee chair are to present and explain their points of interest so they have better clarification.
- As to be anticipated, some "comments" made to the conference during reports seemed off topic or unusual. It could be helpful to have access to the background information of other committees.

3. Other areas/states use a weekend for this event. Do you think we should consider such a format in the future? Would there be financial support

- + No - was written on 9 forms
- This works fine.
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- In its current format I feel more people had an opportunity. Lengthening it and moving it out of MI leaves people out. A payment to attend would probably be necessary, this alienating other members.
- One day is adequate too much time to talk about irrelevant or repetitious comments.
- Yes I never feel that there is enough time to discuss everything.

- This format seems to work well without becoming boring or repetitive.
- A weekend maybe too much except for “hardcore” service people. I’m confident however, a weekend event would receive \$ support.
- Unsure really good as is
- No I don’t. I feel we had appropriate time to conduct the conference. Financial support would need to be approved by participating areas.
- Just continue with where it will be held
- Hell no! No financial support
- I think it would be beneficial to either extend the time to a weekend or provide background materials ahead of time so time isn’t spent reading at conference.
- No, one day is adequate. It’s harder to find time for a whole weekend.
- Yes weekend may give more time to complete information.
- At my first Mock conference, one day seemed sufficient, just for today.

4. Would a discussion/workshop in a different format be more useful?

- + No - was written on 12 forms
- Don’t think so
- No the current format is great.
- Don’t know wouldn’t know until it’s tried.
- Don’t think so
- Love this format
- No I like the current format
- Consider
- Discussion was lacking in my group
- Not at this time
- Not if you read your background material
- Perhaps the suggestions with each request with committee’s
- Try?
- No really
- I liked to reemphasize that it would have been easier to follow the other committee agendas and recommendations if we all had copies of their agendas
- Yes maybe you could have a workshop on each item than a discussion
- I am not sure. I guess if every time I come I learn so much more and now understand how to bring back all this useful information.
- No unless that format would include inventory of the MC

5. Do you have other comments or suggestions?

- + No –was written on 6 forms
- Greater publication and participation. Encourage groups and districts to subsidize
- It would be good to have the pamphlet here.
- Sponsors inform and encourage sponsors to attend. Volunteers were awesome!
- Chairs and secretaries need to be organized prior to event so there is not so much explanation of what we are already.
- None thank you.
- The committee chairman was very well prepared and ran a good meeting. As one who is hard of hearing the speakers on the podium were difficult to understand at times

- Stress the importance of committee unity no discussion unless all members are present.
- Not at this time
- Everyone did well
- Thank you
- Make Friday night meeting an official part of the event for those who can make it.
- Possibly with additional financial support from participating areas, a dinner be added, possibly for a prepay fee and or at door fee
- Thank you
- This was a long ways from how the GS Conference runs
- Nope
- Just to reemphasize it would have been helpful to have the agenda for committees other than the one we were assigned to. It was hard to follow when other committees made their presentations
- Thank you
- It really has been a fabulous experience everyone on my committee shared great insight experience and opinion
- Thank you for organizing material for pre-registrants ahead of time.
- Thank you for chairing this opportunity for us regular servants in the same manner as it's provided for delegates.
- On the agenda why don't the letters that index the items go alphabetically?
- Keep up the good work you are doing

6. Will you plan on coming back next year? Will you consider bringing a sponsor or other AA friend with you?

- You betcha!
- + Yes – was written on 16 forms often multiple times as Yes, Yes
- You Betcha!
- Yes to both
- Yes bought a new one this year and hopefully more next year
- Most assuredly
- Hell yes
- Yes to both
- Yep Yep
- Yes I will come next year and bring sponsors and friends
- Yes to both
- Yes hopefully

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