

First off, I would like to thank all of the participants of the 2022 Area 53 Mini-Conference held March 11-13 at Salt Fork State Park & Conference Center. It was wonderful to be back in person after two years, although we were a bit 'rusty', we had an informative and productive weekend. A few items that were brought forward that should be kept in mind for future conferences:

1. Get the agenda items out to the GSRs (*Groups*) earlier – so groups have a chance to discuss and vote at the group level providing a 'truer' consensus of the area to our Delegates. We are currently looking into ways to better accomplish this for 2023.
2. Promptness: We need to follow the scheduled times more closely.
3. Entertainment: As we tried to give more free time this year, we had cut entertainment from the agenda, BUT we clearly heard that the members want it returned. District 11 went as far as to throw their hat into the ring for next year.
4. Preparation for the conference: A training session for Committee Chairs/Secretaries. **Also**, a 'primer'/class for the body as a whole of the conference procedure.
5. Hospitality: While the consensus is the room itself was great, the location was not. We need to work with the venue to see if there is any way to get our Hospitality Room closer to the actual meeting room.
6. Signage: It was noted that the improved signage this year helped but more might be able to be done.

Now for the Numbers: we had 85 attendees and as of 4/20/2022, our account balance is \$2066.67.

The committee would like to thank our Hospitality 'Staff': Yvette D., Joe S., Ty D., and Steve V. who were wrangled by Joel K. You guys did a great job, thank you for the long hours & being of service.

The new PowerPoint presentation for reporting on the committee's actions, seems to have hit the spot, although there was a bit of a learning curve for all involved. Thank you to our friends in Area 55 for providing the building blocks & insight on how to do this.

There was a tremendous response to our Evaluation form – 50 out of the 85 attendees!

Due to the actions at this year's General Service Conference, there is concern that the state will not have ample time to have 4 mini-conferences, we are looking at possibly combining with Area 56 (SE Ohio). That being said, we still needed to secure a location for next year, though circumstances may lead us to a new format.

We have negotiated a very good agreement with The DoubleTree Columbus-Worthington for Next year's Mini-Conference (March 10- 12) that has the ability to combine or even cancel the Mini-Conference (*Current Format*) with no undue hardship to the area. Room Rate will be \$109.00 + \$19.08 Tax & Fees (17.5%).

Lastly, I would like to thank all the committee members and volunteers for their hard work, as I came in halfway through the planning, YOU are the ones who deserve the credit for a successful Mini-Conference.

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2022 Area 53 Mini-Conference Chair
Panel 71 – Area 53 Alternate Delegate