

Committee Development Training

This Training is for You!!!!

Committees are the heart of the assembling process. Like our hearts pumping blood to our bodies, committees are the mechanisms which pump the ideas and thoughts of the living people through all four pillars of The Maine Assembly. It is the process by which an idea from one individual can grow from a concept into a defined goal and then further into actionable steps for implementation. It is how “we the people” have all our voices heard!

When The Maine Assembly is fully stood up, it is recommended that the official committees have a minimum of 3 people and no more than 9 people. Also, official committee members will need to follow the proper procedures of vetting, nomination, election etc. It is important to have strong informed committees to direct the business of Maine but to do so we first have to have strong informed people to serve on the committees.

This can be done through training, education and practice in “training” committees. When people are confident in their knowledge with a clear path to present their information, they will step up. Following is the outline I propose to accomplish this.

These “training” committees mimic an official committee only in decorum, purpose and voting. They are to serve as a multifaceted tool to include:

- Providing avenues for people to voice their ideas and thoughts
- Encouraging honest communications
- Supporting transparency
- Mitigating false information and deception
- Organizing goal oriented actions
- Affording opportunities to practice being a Chair, facilitate meetings, project management, and collaboration

All ASNs and ASCs on Maine are not only welcome to participate but are encouraged to do so.

There are no time or participation requirements to be part of a training committee.

There is no limit to the number of training committee one can be on at the same time.

There are no right or wrong answers and no deadlines.

The training committees are led by the temporary Chair with meeting times and formats conducive to that Chair’s schedule and abilities.

Following are the steps necessary to post a new training committee on TMA Updates Page.

1. You have an idea you want to address or implement in the GA
 - a. Write up a summary or outline to explain or describe your idea. Please include what outcome you intend and the benefit(s) to TMA it will have.
 - b. Give your idea/project a name or title to specifically identify it when speaking about it.
 - c. Appoint yourself as Training Chair of your newly formed training committee.

- d. List your contact information or how you would like to be contacted when people are interested in joining your training committee. This could be by phone and/or email.
- e. Email your information to IT to have it posted on the Updates Page. Following is a suggestion on the format to send to IT:
 - i. Training Committee Opportunity!
 - ii. Name of training committee
 - iii. Summary/Outline and intended results
 - iv. Training Chair name and contact information
 - v. Timeline of proposed committee

The purpose of these training committees are to create opportunities for all ASNs to have their ideas heard and to be a part of the effort that takes us all back to Freedom, Peace, Truth and Justice for all!