Iowa Area Technology Coordinator Report AWSC - August 2023 Connie H

Hopefully as we go through this year members will find each virtual meeting just a little bit better than the time before!!!

I think the Area Spring Assembly in Grinnell well. It was a great place to stretch the limits of how many computers can be set up to allow virtual attendees to get a 'feel' of the meeting room. We had 6 computers set up on Zoom to show both sides and the front and back of the meeting room.

Audio continues to be an issue if more than one computer's speaker/mic is left open. This causes a problem when discussion involves audience participation. Currently one way to alleviate the feedback is to have the members come to the front and utilize the podium computer microphone and/or have the person chairing the discussion to repeat all feedback and questions/answers. Both options will probably be utilized as we go forward.

I have been in contact with a few other Areas and their technology coordinators and have begun to collect a listing of equipment used. Each Area is different in what their needs are but hopefully a generic list will help the Technology Committee and myself work toward some recommendations for future purchases.

Exciting news, the WSO is going to be opening up an AFG Connects discussion portal for all Area Technology Coordinators. I am anxious to speak with others and pick their brains to what works the best in various situations.

I am excited to explore the future!!!

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