Iowa East District Zone Presidents

After our February Zoom meeting, I asked for your thoughts on how many Zones to group together for Convention planning. The responses I received favored a 2 or 3 Zone grouping with very good reasoning.

One reason, especially, made a very good point. It goes something like this - when your Zone is responsible for the planning and execution of the Convention, your focus on Convention Day is different than when you are, simply, a participant. This translates to being able to enjoy the total Convention more when you are NOT one of the hosting Zones.

Wow – This makes so much sense. I am so thankful we have been having this discussion, because I had not thought about the “other side” of this. I had been focusing on the “work” side only.

There a numerous methods we could employ for creating a hosting schedule of 2 or 3 Zones – by number of members in a Zone, by number of groups in a Zone, alphabetically, geographically, and more.

Since the “number of” or “size” methods would be based on today’s numbers, which could possibly change very rapidly, I put together Groups of 2 and Groups of 3 using the alphabetical method and the geographical method for our discussion this evening. For the geographical method, I used the map pictured below.

Now, I am presenting these to start the discussion. I can see pros and cons for each, as I am sure you each can, as well.

**ALPHABETICAL GROUPS OF 2** – picking up after Waterloo

2024 Westgate and Williamsburg

2026 Benton and Cedar Rapids

2028 Clinton and Davenport

2030 Dubuque and Eldora

2032 Marshalltown and Mt. Pleasant

2034 St. Ansgar and Waterloo

**ALPHABETICAL GROUPS OF 3**

2024 Westgate, Williamsburg and Benton

2026 Cedar Rapids, Clinton and Davenport

2028 Dubuque, Eldora and Marshalltown

2030 Mt. Pleasant, St. Ansgar and Waterloo

Here’s what I came up with geographically – from Northwest to Southeast

**GEOGRAPHICALLY GROUPS OF 2**

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