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Preparations for the 39th Annual Convention are well under way. A number of changes are taking place this year as well as the roll-out of a new membership program. One of the major changes to this year's agenda is the addition on Thursday afternoon of two workshops. These workshops will include Membership/Volunteer Recruitment and Tournament/Coaching.

Membership & Volunteer Recruitment:

- Maximize your time and resources to recruit and maintain members
- " Accentuate the Positive"
- Two new Membership Programs
- Building your Membership Sales Kit
- Newsletter/Website for Recruitment & Retention
- Volunteer Training
- Getting our Youth involved
- Utilizing Community resources

Tournament & Coaching

In this workshop we will be looking at your suggestions and recommendations on how we can make your tournaments more attractive. In round table discussions we will be looking at new ideas on average calculations and how we can make your programs easier on you are volunteers.

In the coaching portion we will be looking at

- Recruitment of Coach's
- Mentoring Program for new Coach's
- New guidelines for Assistant Coach's

Due to time restraints these workshops will be run opposite each other on Thursday afternoon at 1:45. We hope each and every Zone and Decentralized Associations can participate in these workshops. By working together our goal this week is to "keep 5-pin bowling alive and well in Ontario