irrelevant or superficial, they are, in L1RT's Case' at least, reflective of a change in our larger agenda. At last annual conference in Chicago, the L1RT Steering Committee was able to finalize new meeting times that we believe are in the best interest of the membership and the organization. First and foremost, our All Committee Meeting will be listed as both an all-committee meeting AND a general membership meeting. Over the past few years, L1RT has moved away from a general membership meeting or a meeting of the whole, to an almost exclusively all-committee meeting environment. This drift has kept us will be listed as detailed as a superficial membership meeting or a meeting of the whole, to an almost exclusively all-committee meeting environment.

always had the unfortunate situation of people showing up too early for All Committee on Saturday. Now, there will be only one Steering meeting and it will occur after the General Membership & All Committee. Depending on the capacity in which you serve L1RT, the location of the conference in a given year and your home location, you may be able to arrive to conference on Saturday rather than Friday night to attend the General Membership & All Committee meeting on Saturday moming. We know that it is expensive to attend a conference and we know that many more would participate in L1RT if the costs weren't so prohibitive. We are looking for solutions and we are trying to promote wider participation in L1RT. We think cost saving measures may make a difference to all of us. There are additional changes to the schedule

of each conference to the General Membership, we can properly welcome and thank everyone. We can be reminded, or told anew of L1RT's mission. We can focus on our strategic agenda for the conference, and sharpen our viewfor L1RT's future. At the beginning of the conference, we will be able to share information, discuss initiatives and raise issues. Then we can begin the work in each committee.

The second significant change: there will be

Washington, D.C. There is much we have to discuss as concerns in L1RT's future. Thank you. •

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