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Dear Zena,

Yes, I support the idea of an alternative approach to the NFA dinner. I thought the opening up of the pre-reception was a step forward. Someone had mentioned to me that an approach such as used by National Books Awards was being considered — that sounded good.

My reasons for opening or changing are:

1) To give younger members a chance to really meet, hear and even see the speakers and other guests. Personally, I feel some guilt at depriving others when I am asked to listen when I am asked to attend.

2) To give retirees a chance to attend.

The benefit of an opportunity has been provided to get acquainted with people. But that seems limited.