

2017 Preassemblies Agenda

Welcome

Host Announcements

Introductions

Purpose of Pre-Assembly

The purpose of the preassembly is for GSRs to learn about what the assembly is and what they can expect, how to prepare for it, and to learn about the agenda items they are asked to take to their homegroup. Background information is provided in order to help create an informed group conscience, which the GSR will carry to the assembly.

Nuts and Bolts

- **The Informed Group Conscience**
- **How the Conference Operates and how that applies at the WWA72 Assembly**
- **Microphone Etiquette**
- **Assembly Survival Tips**

What to Expect at the Assembly

- the Assembly is October 6,7 and 8 in Shelton, WA ... flyers are available, our online registration process is working, and early registration is encouraged.

Friday events

- afternoon panels
- evening meetings

Saturday business

- GSR sharing
- bids for future assemblies
- officer reports

Sunday spiritual breakfast

Agenda Items

How motions work / discussion topics and sharing sessions

- 7 Motions
- 2 Discussion topics
See handout for details

Closing Statements

Host Closing Announcements

Close with Responsibility Statement

Microphone Etiquette

Background

Our most recent past delegate, Astri T., described specific microphone etiquette suggestions that she and her fellow Delegates were given at the General Service Conference started.

The suggestions were beneficial at the General Service Conference. It is likely that they will be beneficial to the Area as well.

SUGGESTIONS

Let's apply these Conference microphone etiquette suggestions, since the Assembly will run more efficiently, when we do:

- 1) Get in line at the microphone, if you have something to say.**
- 2) Do not go to the microphone a second time until everyone has had a chance to go a first time.**
- 3) If someone else has already made your point, don't go to the microphone. If you are already in line, please return to a seat.**
- 4) Do not go to the microphone more than 2 times to address the same issue.**

The Informed Group Conscience

The Second Tradition:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority ... A loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants ... they do not govern.

Concept XII, Warranty Four:

“That all important decisions should be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.”

“Here on the one hand we erect a safeguard against any hasty or overbearing authority of a simple majority; and, on the other hand, it takes notice of the rights and the frequent wisdom of minorities, however small. This principle further guarantees that all matters of importance, time permitting, will be extensively debated, and that such debates will continue until a really heavy majority can support every critical decision ...”

- The Group Conscience strives for unanimity through enlightenment, spirituality, and the practice of our principles in all our affairs.
- To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions through full discussion.
- On sensitive issues, the group works slowly, discouraging formal motions until the group has a clear sense of its views.
- Placing principles before personalities, the group is reflective about dominant opinions.
- The group conscience is the aggregate of experience a group develops after applying the Traditions and Concepts to a question.

The difference between a group conscience and a majority vote or group opinion is that one or more of the elements described above are missing.

Groups find their way past ignorance, prejudice and self-will on an individual basis by practicing the Twelve Steps that enable us to practice humility, patience, tolerance, kindness and love – emphasizing principles before personalities. Through the Steps, we learn to overcome self-will and open the way to a group conscience. When tempers flare, an informed chairperson postpones discussion until those tempers cool, allowing time for prayer and meditation.

Knowledge of A.A. history and willingness to listen to experience are important factors. We can listen for a quiet minority voice, which may be the true expression of a loving God by allowing time for all to share and, especially, the minority to be heard.

Area Assembly Survival Tips

I received this from a past DCM of mine and have always remembered the suggestions he gave for my first Area Assembly. Below are a list of his survival tips, they are merely his observations on how to have the best weekend possible. Of course, take what you can use, and leave the rest. I look forward to seeing you there!

- The most important thing is to have your higher power with you. I know this sounds obvious, but sometimes we forget in the heat of the moment that we are forming a group conscience.
- Dress comfortably and in layers. The room in which the Assembly is held is invariably quite large and tends to be cool in the morning, then heat up as the number of people in the room increases and as we stay in the room over the course of the day.
- Drink plenty of water and eat well. Particularly avoid lots of caffeine and sugar, as these tend to backfire on you later in the day, when you become tired and cranky if you have had too much (this one I learned from sad, personal experience!).
- Sleep well the night before. Nothing makes tempers short faster than a lack of sleep.
- Commit yourself to the idea that you will be at the Assembly all day Saturday, at least. Preferably, take the mindset that from noon Friday until noon Sunday, you are giving your whole self over to AA. It's only one weekend a year. Please remember that Assembly business starts at 8:30 AM on Saturday, and nearly always goes until 10 or 11 PM. In some years (usually election years) it has gone as late as 1 AM. Please be patient and maintain an open mind. Impatience and intolerance only make the experience more difficult for you and everyone else.
- Please don't come with the mindset that voting on the motions is all we are there for, and everything else is a waste of time to be gotten through as quickly as possible. All of what goes on at the Assembly is the legitimate business of the Area, and is very important.
- Please ask questions. Your DCM is a great resource, and there are many other trusted servants who can help. Please make use of the Past Delegates; that's what they are there for! And, God knows, if you don't keep them busy, they can get into all sorts of trouble. Also remember that, if you are confused, it is likely that at least 100 other GSRs are, too.
- Get up and walk around during the Assembly. The room is large enough that you can get some exercise while still listening to what is going on. It's also fun to just go around and see what other people are doing. If you are the friendly sort, stop by another District and ask how it's going. Alcoholics love to talk about themselves, and most will welcome you.
- Bring something to do that won't take your full attention. If you knit or do needlework, this is the perfect type of activity. Crossword puzzles, drawing, anything to keep you somewhat engaged is very valuable. But whatever it is, you must still be able to pay attention to the business going on at the Assembly itself.
- Bring a seat cushion. The chairs will probably not be padded and it's a long day.
- Above all, remember that this is YOUR Assembly.

Quick Reference

Motion #1

“Move that Western Washington Area 72 of Alcoholics Anonymous replace the April Business Quarterly with an Area Assembly.”

Motion #2:

“Move to amend motion 06.3 to read: Area elected and appointed trusted servants, steering committee members, and the Corrections Bridge and Literature coordinators will be reimbursed for travel costs required in the performance of the responsibility of their position. Said reimbursements to cover costs (mileage, travel fees, lodging, and meals).”

Motion #3:

“Move that the web steering committee consist of Appointed Area Webmaster, Appointed Area Public Information Chair, Appointed Area Web Chair, Past Delegate, and at least two additional volunteers.”

Motion #4:

“Create a New Area Appointed Officer Position and Steering Committee for Language Translation and Interpretation. The **Language Steering Committee** manages and coordinate all language translation and interpretation needs for the Area Committee. The Language Steering Committee is composed of the **Appointed Area Language Coordinator** and three volunteers with a demonstrated interest in the 12 Traditions, general service, and/or language translation and interpretation. Additional volunteers may be appointed for defined periods of time to assist with specific language projects.

The Language Steering Committee would have an initial credit line of **\$10,000.00** to fund any translation and interpreter expenses not already covered by motions pertaining to translation and interpretation (07.2 and 09.1). The Language Steering Committee credit line to be reviewed annually by the Area Treasurer with adjustments reflected in the annual budget and approved by the Western Washington Area 72 Committee at the January quarterly meeting each year.

Language Coordinator

- The Language Coordinator will be selected using the established process for Area Appointed Officers.
- Participates in the Area Assembly and Area Quarterly Meetings as an Appointed Officer.
- Coordinates and facilitates the Language Steering Committee meetings.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Coordinate Spanish and ASL interpretation at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly (funded by Area treasury – Motion 09.1)
- Coordinate Spanish and ASL interpretation other Area events, such as pre-conferences, GSR schools, pre-assemblies, etc... (funded by language committee line of credit)
- Manage all language translation projects for the Area Committee. Projects may include (but are not limited to), the Area Committee minutes, appointed and elected officer reports, Area event agendas, the Area handbook, the GSR handbook, and other documents needed to provide Area Committee information to non-English speaking servants in the Area. (funded by language committee credit line)

- Manage language translation for four Area Newsletters per year with the minutes of the Area Quarterlies/Assembly (funded by the Area treasury - Motion 07.2)
- Maintain and distribute an ASL calendar for A.A. meetings in the area which provide ASL interpretation. (funded by language committee credit line)”

Motion #5:

“We move to amend motion 09.1 as follows: Approved requests for interpretation ~~and/or translation~~ at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly be funded by the Area treasury.”

Motion #6

“We move that the Treatment Committee Credit Line be \$550.00 and 25 Grapevine subscriptions per year.”

Motion #7:

“Move to authorize Area Sound System Servant to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase new or upgrade current equipment.”

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. How the Area conducts business? Are floor motions necessary? What is the best use of the Area Committee’s time when we gather? Is there a new or different way of conducting business?

****An ad hoc committee was formed, chaired by Beth R. (DCM8) to look at how business meetings are conducted, and how to improve business and stream line meetings.****

2. YPAAs (Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Joining the Area in some capacity as either an Area Committee or participating in the same manner as intergroup and central offices.

Motions and Discussion Items with Background information and Considerations

Motion #1

“Move that Western Washington Area 72 of Alcoholics Anonymous replace the April Business Quarterly with an Area Assembly.”

Background

The Area Chairperson asked for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to research, review, and consider all aspects of multiple assemblies in our Area to make the following motion, currently on the agenda for the Area Assembly, perfectly clear in intent for our Groups and their GSRs. The below information was a result of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Intent of the motion

To be able to conduct area business every six months as opposed to once a year, reducing the workload of our current October Assembly and increasing GSR participation in the conduct of area business.

Implementation

Suggested by April 2020

1. The new Assembly will serve as an Area Business Meeting with GSR's, DCM's, and Appointed and Elected Officers participating.
2. The October Assembly will remain a Friday/Saturday/Sunday event.
3. The April Assembly will be a Friday/Saturday event, replacing the April Quarterly.
4. Spring Pre-Assemblies must be created to ensure an informed Assembly conscience.
5. Quarterly meetings of the Area Committee will be held in January and July to:
 - a. Develop the agenda for the following Assembly
 - b. Hold discussions of area issues
 - c. Conduct such housekeeping business as necessary

Pros and Cons

Pros

1. Speed up the inclusion and education of GSRs into the Area General Service Process.
2. Increases the speed Area Business is conducted.
3. Foster Area unity by increasing communication between the Groups and the Area.

Cons

1. Increases GSR costs for each Group.
2. Increases participation demands on Area Officers and their travel costs.
3. Reducing the amount of Area-wide discussion from nine months to three may decrease the quality of the informed Group Conscience and the quality of motions.

The Ad Hoc committee offered some possible actions that might speed up our current assembly and improve communications within Western Washington. These recommendations are entirely separate from the attached motion and presented solely for the consideration of the Area Committee:

1. Shorten the time of the Annual Assembly by restructuring the Agenda and/or deleting some reports
2. Create an Area Third Legacy Committee to train and inform Groups and GSRs about Service.
3. Develop new procedures, like polling cards, to speed up the assembly process.
4. Explore the use of Area-wide polling to gather specific information.

Historical Perspective

Prior ad hoc committee reports were used as reference for this committee from 1992, 2006, 2010, 2013, and 2014.

How did our Area arrive at our current three day Assembly?

The need for an Assembly grew out of the establishment of the General Service Conference. While we had previous experience in organizing service activities, through the Pacific Northwest Conference and other regional service meetings, our first Area Assembly was held in 1951 with the primary purpose of electing our first Delegate. Early on, the focus of the Assembly was on election of Delegates (and a few other Area trusted servants) and on Conference issues, both those recently passed and those proposed. The early Assemblies were times when the groups spoke directly to the delegate on matters affecting AA as a whole in North America. As our Area grew and our service needs expanded, the Assembly also focused on internal matters.

The Assembly started out early in the year (February and March) but in 1955 it was moved to the first weekend of October to allow time for dissemination of info from the past General service Conference and to give time for groups to discuss upcoming business at the Conference.

In 1962 a motion was made and passed that formally established that the "State Assembly" be held the first weekend in October (62.1). In 1963 a motion was made and passed that the name of the October Assembly be henceforth "Washington Assembly of A.A." (63.3). Following an Area split, the Area that we know today came into being in 1995 and was named the Western Washington Area. Many of our practices grew out of "trial and error" and some have been formalized by passed motions.

Our Assemblies have been 2 or 3 day events from the very beginning and have included workshops, speakers, reports and banquets along with Conference and Area business matters. In fact, Friday workshops and panels were well established by the early 1960's. In 1972 a motion was made and approved that the Washington Area Assembly accepts the A.A. Service Manual as a guideline (72.1).

When consulting the Service Manual, the options for what can occur at an assembly are boundless. The schedule The schedule for many of the earlier Assemblies included a cessation of business on Saturday afternoon followed by a banquet and speakers, with business resumed on Sunday morning. In 1975 a motion was made and passed that formally changed our Election Assembly procedures to extend the business meeting to Sunday morning, after the breakfast. (75.12).

In 1982, a motion was made and passed that the Host District of the Washington Area Assembly was to ensure that there is adequate room to conduct Washington Area business until its completion at the expense of the Washington Area Treasury (82.11). In 1984, an advisory action recommended that for election year Assemblies the Host committee consider having a Buffet Dinner. (84.2A). In 1994 a motion was passed that gave the Assembly host districts the option to delete the dinners on non-election years (94.2). An Assembly fee for participants was formally established in 1990 with the caveat that it be voluntary (90.2). DCM sharing has been a regular practice at the Assembly from its early years. The practice of GSR sharing started around 1971. In 1977 a motion was made and passed that the Washington Area Assembly include a GSR Sharing Session for new ideas, questions, criticisms, opinions following the DCM reports in our business session. (77.14). In 2003, a motion was passed that allowed the Chairperson the flexibility to determine when the GSR sharing session would occur when preparing the agenda. Our current practice is to hold GSR sharing on Friday night and Saturdays.

In 1978, we began the practice of holding Third Legacy elections concurrent with other business. We have customarily followed the procedure of polling Area trusted servants and DCMs for available at the Assembly along with accepting nominations from the floor. We have typically asked the current Pacific Region Trustee facilitate our elections. In 2004 a motion was passed by the Assembly stating that there will be a report by the Pacific Regional Trustee at election Assemblies, when available. A previous motion in 1996 was passed covering the travel expenses of the regional trustee to our Assemblies (96.4).

In the early 1990's the practice of holding Pre-Conference meetings and post-Conference delegate reports had supplanted most of the extensive discussion on Conference issues at the Assemblies. While this practice was used informally on and off for years, it was finally formalized by a passed motion in 1996 (96.2). Periodically, our Delegates have still raised Conference issue at the Assembly that they need Area feedback on.

In 1984, the practice of holding Pre-Assemblies began in the hope of having more informed GSRs participating at Assemblies. Also in 1984, a resolution was passed urging that motions to the Assembly be brought through the Area Committee Quarterly process. The Area has turned down a number of proposals to completely eliminate floor motions at the Assembly. In 2006, the Area approved an "act now or refer" process for floor motions giving the Assembly body the choice of acting immediately on floor motions or referring them to the following January Quarterly.

Committees have been formed in the past ('77, '83, '85, '89, and '92) to review our Assembly practice and make recommendations. Committees to research the feasibility of holding 2 (or more) Assemblies were formed in 1992, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2013, and 2014.

Written "Guidelines for the Assembly" were established in 1998 based on then current practices. Methods to streamline the Assembly have included placing a time limit for submission of floor motions and establishing an "act now or refer" process, setting a time limit for trusted servant reports and for comments during discussions, and setting the time for GSR and DCM sharing at different times during the Assembly. Other Assembly practices that have periodically been raised and rejected were starting "business" (discussion on motions) immediately after trusted servant reports on Saturday morning, shorten the Assembly to 1 or 2 days,

eliminating Friday workshops and panels, have Area trusted servants and DCMs provide written reports only, doing away with speakers, and holding 2 (shorter) Assemblies per year.

Comparison of Area 72 Assembly process and the General Service Conference	
How they are alike	
General Service Conference	Area 72
1 Business meeting/Year – Conference Conference agenda	1 Business Meeting/Year – Assembly Assembly agenda
3 Meetings/Year – “Board Weekends” Conference Agenda Prep Carry out Conference instructions/business Status Report on Activities	3 Meetings/Year – Area Quarterlies Assembly Agenda Prep Carry out Assembly instructions/business Status Report on Activities
Team Building	Team Building
Voting Membership – Trustees, Office Staff, Delegates	Voting Membership – Elected, Appointed, DCM’s, GSR’s
“Institutional Knowledge” is provided by Staff and thru the background info	“Institutional Knowledge” provided by Past Delegates
Growing trusted servants – Trustee’s	Growing trusted servants – Elected & Appointed
What’s on Your Mind Sessions Branding Motion passed at our 2010 Assembly and passed to 2011 GSC.	DCM / GSR Sharing
Resentment Agenda Items 2014 Grapevine board motion (Right of Decision)	Resentment Motions 2002 GSR Sharing 4 failed, 1 passed
Committees preview/refine issues (both Trustees & Delegates/Conference)	Area committee previews/refine issues
How they are alike (but not quite)	
General Service Conference	Area 72
Committees preview/refine issues (both Trustees & Delegates/Conference)	Area committee previews/refine issues
Right of Decision	Right of Decision – Use modified to none?
Right of Participation – No one excluded, all are eligible	Right of Participation – Removed from some DCM’s
Committees preview/refine issues	Area committee previews/refine issues
Informed group conscience – At every level	Informed group conscience – Hamstrung by “One man, One Vote doctrine?”
How they are different	
General Service Conference	Area 72
No assumptions	???
Mandatory training	Suggested attendance at Pre-Assemblies
Panels – Odd / Even Conference buddy system	Most all rotate at the same time

Source: 2014 Ad Hoc Committee on Assembly/Conference Alignment

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Background

Prior to 2014 these positions were being funded from the variable budget. The 2013-2014 finance committee had much discussion on this practice and gave a report/recommendation at the 2014 assembly that this funding should no longer come from the finance committee. Since it was a recurring cost, the finance committee recommended that the area should have a motion to reimburse these positions if it was the areas

wish to fund travel for these positions. Since the variable budget is for unexpected expenses we felt that reimbursement of travel for these positions on a regular basis and was not the purpose of the variable budget. There was some discussion at the 2014 assembly after Alethea's report about funding these positions, but there was also some opposition at that time. no not one made a motion.

Considerations

Motions 06.2 and 10.3(which modified 06.2), Tradition 7 and Concepts 4, 10 and 11.

Motion #3:

“Move that the web steering committee consist of Appointed Area Webmaster, Appointed Area Public Information Chair, Appointed Area Web Chair, Past Delegate, and at least two additional volunteers.”

Background

Currently the web steering committee is chaired by the Area Web Servant and is comprised of the PI Chair and three volunteers with a demonstrated interest. By not specifically including the Area Web Chair to the Web Steering committee a disconnect has taken place between the two web committees that needs to be addressed. The two committees should work together to promote communication and unity both in policy and function.

By including the Area Web Chair to the web steering committee, it will provide the two-way communication between the Web Steering and Web Standing committees. This will help to address issues that arise during the discussion at the Web Standing committee meeting regarding function and policy. This will help with addressing consistency across each of the platforms that are used by the Area as well as the Districts.

We also believe that by including a Past Delegate as a member of the Web Steering Committee we will be able to have a trusted voice that will help the committee focus on following traditions and concepts of world service when developing policy and standards that the Area website will adhere to.

The web steering committee should have the latitude of growing as it is deemed necessary by the members. By stating that the web steering committee consists of five people in the current committee description this does not allow for growth to match the need of the Area. We believe that by changing the committee to consist of the Area Web Servant, Area PI Chair, Area Web Chair, a past delegate and at least two volunteers with a demonstrated interest we give the group latitude to grow to meet the needs of the Area.

Considerations

Motions Web Committee 12.2

Motions Webmaster/Area Web Site 02.1,02.2,04.2 and 05.4

Tradition 8 and 9

******Motions 4 and 5 are separate but related. Background information is the same but we will vote on the motions separately. ******

Motion #4:

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- The Language Coordinator will be selected using the established process for Area Appointed Officers.***
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- Coordinate Spanish and ASL interpretation at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly (funded by Area treasury – Motion 09.1)***
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- *Manage language translation for four Area Newsletters per year with the minutes of the Area Quarterlies/Assembly (funded by the Area treasury - Motion 07.2)*
- *Maintain and distribute an ASL calendar for A.A. meetings in the area which provide ASL interpretation. (funded by language committee credit line)”*

Motion No. 5:

“We move to amend Motion 09.1 as follows:

Approved requests for interpretation ~~and/or translation~~ at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly be funded by the Area treasury.”

Background for Motions 4 and 5:

Accessibility issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those difficulties are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual or emotional. While there are no special alcoholics, there are alcoholics who face additional personal barriers to accessing the AA message. The Accessibilities Committee has been tasked with language coordination including interpreters and translation including ASL. These are important and time-consuming tasks, but they are more a coordination problem than an accessibility issue. The Accessibilities committee has many other tasks that often get relegated to the background as it tries to address language needs. Language interpretation and translation are not barriers in the same way that members with geographic, physical, mental, cultural, ethnic, spiritual or emotional difficulties are for people accessing meetings.

The purpose of motion 5 is to amend 09.1 to clarify the source of funding for translation work and reflects the new motion to create a language committee where all translation projects are funded by the language committee line of credit.

Most other Areas in the Pacific Region and indeed throughout A.A. in North America address the translation and interpretation needs with a separate committee to coordinate those needs for Area Business meetings, much like the Sound Coordinator or the Newsletter Editor. It is treated more like a matter of communication than an accessibility need. Language translation efforts within the Pacific Region vary. Some Areas do not appear to include Translation Services. Others do appear to provide such services.

For those areas that do provide translation services, the translation efforts are Spanish. French and other languages are not covered at this time.

Area handbooks describe structures and procedures for translation services in different ways and at different levels of detail. Some have standing committee chairs. Some have translation coordinators. Apparently, one area asks the Alternate Delegate to hand a variety of tasks including service tasks as liaison translation efforts in the area. Variety of current practices provides many ideas when considering what approach an area might want to emulate if it is about to add translation services to its existing structure and related procedures.

		Provides translation positions at Area level separate from any other standing committee?	
Area	Name	Yes	No
2	Alaska		X
3	Arizona	X	
5	Southern California	X	
6	California Northern Coastal	X	
7	California Northern Interior	X	

8	San Diego - Imperial	X	
9	Mid-Southern California	X	
17	Hawaii		X
18	Idaho		X
42	Nevada		X
58	Oregon	X	
69	Utah	X	
72	Western Washington		X
92	Washington State East	X	
93	Central California	X	

Considerations

- Existing motions pertaining to translation and interpretation are as follows: Motions 4.1, 7.2 and 9.1
- Travel and communication expenses to be funded by existing motions: Motions 88.3, 2.5 and 6.2
- AA Guidelines – Accessibility for All Alcoholics - https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-16_accessibilityforallalcoholics.pdf
- Tradition 7 and 9
- Western Washington Area 72 Handbook; page 106 Accessibility Committee Guidelines
- Historical expenses for ASL and Spanish Interpretation and Translation for Area Committee. These expenses have been covered by Accessibility credit line (\$7,900, motion 07.2, ad motion 09.1)

2008	\$4,800.34
2009	\$6,301.62
2010	\$15,766.28
2011	\$10,273.77
2012	\$13,703.88
2013	\$12,945.26
2014	\$19,575.46
2015	\$23,536.89
2016	\$24,051.58

- Estimated Offer for lodging, and

annual cost incurred to the area per Appointed assembly and quarterly registration, mileage, meals; and discretionary travel (06.3)

Min	\$888.66
Max	\$1,461.06
Average	\$1,112.11

Motion #6

“We move that the Treatment Committee Credit Line be \$550.00 and 25 Grapevine subscriptions per year.”

Background

Currently the Area Handbook, “Section 10.9 Area Treatment Facilities Credit Line: \$550 per year for literature and \$375 for 25 Grapevine Subscriptions.”

There is some confusion as to where the 25 referenced in the job description came from. Motion 77.1 allocate 100 Grapevine subscriptions to be mailed out to hospitals and institutions. Motion 77.6 split HI and Corrections but the number of Grapevines is not addressed. There is an assumption it must have been divided corrections 75 and treatment 25. Motion 77.12 renamed the two committees to Correctional Facility Committee and Treatment Facility.

This motion will continue the \$550 credit line per year (for literature) (Motions 77.13 and 90.4) and remove the mention of the cost of the 25 subscriptions to be \$375.00 as found in the handbook. Essentially this motion is trying to clear up confusion from prior motions and to quantify the established practice of 25 subscriptions.

Removing the \$375 cap is necessary because it is not enough for 25 Grapevine subscriptions.

Anticipated cost

Current cost of 25 Grapevine print subscriptions \$ 28.97 (yearly subscription) x 25 = \$718.75

Considerations

Motions 768.1, 71.3, 77.1, 77.6, 77.12, 78.10, 80.6 and 85.1 and Tradition 7.

Motion #7:

“Move to authorize Area Sound System Servant to spend up to \$5,000 to purchase new or upgrade current equipment.”

Background

The Area’s current sound system is failing. The sound system is used to preserve the Area’s business. The last time any major upgrade to the system occurred was in 2004.

Considerations

Motions 99.1, 02.6, 03.5 and 04.4 and Tradition 7.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- 1. How the Area conducts business? Are floor motions necessary? What is the best use of the Area Committee's time when we gather? Is there a new or different way of conducting business?***

Background:

The Big Book tells us in Step 4, "A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke." The purpose of this topic is to look at the way the Area conducts business at the Quarterlies and Assemblies. Is there a way to stream line business? Are there ways to cut cost?

****An ad hoc committee was formed, chaired by Beth R. (DCM8) to look at how business meetings are conducted, and how to improve business and stream line meetings. A report will come back to the DMCs to share in January 2018.

Considerations:

Prior ad hoc committee reports 1992, 2006, 2010, 2013, and 2014.

- 2. YPAAs (Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)***

Background:

A growing number of Districts have added "YPAA Chairs" to the Districts trusted servant. Districts 34,35, 39 and 54 have all added YPAA chairs. Many other districts have been exploring this option too.

Is there a way for YPAAs to join the Area in some capacity as either an Area Committee or participating in the same manner as intergroup and central offices.

Clarification the YPAA District Chair positions are not to be confused with the WSCYPAA conference.

Considerations: Tradition 3, 4 and 9