



South Florida Area 15
2015 General Service Committee 2016
 South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands,
 British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten, & Cayman Islands

3rd Quarterly Business Meeting July 26, 2015

Sanibel Island Harbour Marriot District 7

This is a Closed business meeting open to members only

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1. Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
 - Preamble
 - Reading of the 12 Traditions
 - Reading of the 12 Concepts
2. Chairperson's Remarks:..... Shirley P.
3. Registrar: Roll Call:..... Cary W.
4. Recording Secretary:..... Tom W.
5. Treasurer's Report:..... Dutch V.
6. Finance Committee Report:..... Jack B.
7. District Reports:... Reports are limited to three (3) minutes
8. Delegate's Report:..... Graham G.
9. Alternate Delegate's Report:..... Annie C.
10. Quarterly Coordinator:..... Lisa D.
11. Grapevine/La Viña Committee:
 - A. Chairperson: Peter D.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... Mina D.
12. Corrections Committee:
 - A. Chairperson:..... Rhonda L.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... Gracie M.
13. Treatment Committee:
 - A. Chairperson: Ricardo M.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer: Mario P.
14. Archives:
 - A. Chairperson: Barbara R.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... Bart C.
15. PI /CPC Committee:
 - A. Chairperson: Michael W.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... Tom M.
16. Intergroup/Central Office:..... Lynn A.
17. Current Practices Committee:..... Kathy G.
 Don F.
18. Special Needs Committee:
 - A. Chairperson:..... Sig S.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer :..... Marian A.
19. Literature Committee:
 - A. Chairperson:..... Karen A.
 - B. Alt. Chair/Secretary/Treasurer:..... James S.

- 20. Web Site Committee:.....
 - A. Chairperson:..... Maggie Mc.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... Casey K.
- 21. Spanish Linguistic Committee:
 - A. Chairperson:..... Rafael P.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... Juan O.
- 22. Area 15 State Convention Committee:..... Annie C.
- 23. Remote Communities:
 - A. Chairperson: Bill D’A.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer: Kim K.
- 24. Old Business:
 - A. Quarterly Bidding: January and April 2016
 - B. Motion A: Postponed from January Quarterly.

Motion A: That Area 15 submit a request for a Conference Agenda item as follows: That the General Service Office create a brief informative video on the subject of “Anonymity Online.” Aimed at the fellowship, the video would state in simple terms the responsibilities of AA members in regard to protecting our anonymity online, especially when using social media. Respectfully submitted by the District 8 Chairperson

Background: The way in which today’s AA members access information should be reflected in how the General Service Office makes that material available. There are written AA literature sources that discuss online anonymity. A video containing that information could be made available to the member of the fellowship to simplify and further understanding of the topic
A Motion for consideration at our S. Fl. Area 15 Business meeting: 04/12/2015

25. New Business:

Motion B: That our AA Declaration of Unity* Statement be recited at the closing of Area 15 Business Meetings to remind us, as trusted servants, of the importance to maintain our Second Legacy, UNITY, for our common welfare, and for the welfare of those yet to come. Bob C., DCM District 5

Background: According to G.S.O. Archives, It was written for AA’s 35th Anniversary International Convention, Miami Beach, Florida in July 1970. (Most likely, it was co-authored by Al S., the author of the Responsibility Statement which was introduced at the 1965 International Convention). The Declaration of Unity was read by Delegates from different countries at the Unity Ceremony. It was then recited by all participants on stage, led by Dr. N.

Motion C: That the time slot of the Spanish Linguistic Committee meeting be changed to 11:00 am- 12:30 pm and that the time slot of the Spanish Traditions Workshop be changed to 1:00 pm- 1:50 pm. Respectfully submitted Area 15 Spanish Linguistic Committee Chairman, Rafael P.

Background: Currently the Spanish Linguistic Committee meeting is held from 11:00 am- 12:00 pm and the Spanish Traditions Workshop meets from 12:30 pm- 1:50 pm. Currently there is not enough time for the committee to conduct all it’s Area business, adding 30 minutes to the committee meeting time slot would be a great benefit.

Motion D: That the Area 15 General Services Committee permit FCYPAA the use of the translation equipment that is used by the Spanish Linguistic Committee. FCYPAA will assume full responsibility for the translation equipment and return it in the condition they receive it. Respectfully submitted, Area 15 Spanish Linguistic Committee Chairman, Rafael P.

Background: A representative from FCYPAA has come before the Spanish Linguistic Committee with a request to borrow the translation equipment. The committee is unanimously in favor of the request so long as the equipment is returned in a timely manner and in the same condition it was received. The translation equipment that is used by the Spanish Linguistic Committee was purchased by and belongs to Area 15 and therefore the request should come before the body of Area 15.

Motion E: That Area 15 submit an application, with required background material, for an additional delegate area. In love and service, Wayne H., DCM District 2

Background: Currently, participation of all AA members is being discouraged in Area 15 because we are unable to find a location large enough to host the meetings. With a 25% increase since 2003 from 1,638 to 2,172 groups, we now meet the criteria of the prior failed request for an additional delegate area.

Motion F: That the Area 15 Archives Committee permanently retain all documents and financial records associated with the International Convention and not be destroyed as indicated in CP 484*. Respectfully submitted, Annie C. Panel 65 Area 15 Alternate Delegate

Motion 484 04/2003: That South Florida Area retain 5 years past, plus current year's Financial records. All financial records for the period prior to 5 years past plus present current year's Financial records will be destroyed annually by the Archives Committee at the discretion of the Area Treasurer after June 1

Background: The documents from our 2010 International Convention were lost/misplaced and all we have are the financial records that were submitted to the treasurer. After consultation with the Area 15 Archives Chair and committee members we feel that it is important information to retain for the future of Area 15 and those co-hosting the International Hospitality Suite.

Motion G: That Area 15 approve the redesigned website which will "GO LIVE" immediately following the July Assembly. Maggie Website Chair

Background: The new site is an appealing, clean and user-friendly design that's responsive and compatible with today's technology such as mobile phones, I-Pads and Android systems, meets scope and procedures for an Area website.

Motion H: That Area 15 officers be reimbursed for mileage at the current IRS rate for a 501 (c) 3 non-profit at 14 cents per mile. Mark W. DCM District 5

Background: This rate is consistent with the IRS status recently obtained by Area 15. The standard mileage rate is 14 cents per mile for use of an automobile in rendering gratuitous services to a charitable organization under § 170. See section 5 of Rev. Proc. 2010-51.

Motion I: To approve payment of the unpaid Delegate expenses for the 4th Quarter of 2014, 709.88, including: 1. a. Travel expense to the Area 15 Quarterly - \$64.97; b. Copies of my General Service Conference Reports - \$132.50; c. Ship books for the General Service Conference Report to the Bahamas - \$90.00; d. My share of the Sunday Dinner at the Bahamas- \$42.11; and 2. Cost to ship the GSO Books to the Bahamas - \$380.30. In Grateful Willingness, Love and Service, Don F. Co-Chair, Current Practices Committee, Past Delegate, Panel 63, Area 15

Background: Pursuant to the Right of Decision of the Delegate in carrying out my duties under Concept III and the “trusted servant” provision of Tradition Two, I incurred these expenses in carrying the message to Area 15, the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, and the Virgin Islands (by mail). If this additional amount, \$709.88, is subtracted from my budgeted expenses, it would still leave me \$865.19 under Budget – \$11,500.00 (budget amount) – \$9,924.93 (2014 Delegate expenses) = \$1,575.07. \$1,575.07 (2014 remaining budget amount) - \$709.88 (unpaid 2014 Delegate expenses) = \$865.19 under Budget. Receipts were attached to the original check request submitted on December 30, 2014, and are available for anyone to review.

Motion J: That the Quarterly Coordinator Committee negotiate multi-year hotel contracts for all Area 15 assemblies. Submitted by Jam, DCM District 1

The quarterly coordinator committee would be the chief negotiators for hotel contracts necessary for our business meetings. This would allow for greater negotiating in pricing as it pertains to room rates, banquet rates (if necessary), and deposits. Using a biyearly process means, we would have 8 Area 15 assemblies contracted. North, south, east, and west, locations would be used. Quarterlies would be still use district resources for planning, program, staffing (registration, greeting, hospitality, etc.). If a quarterly is held in a location where the host district does not want to host, 3rd legacy procedure will be used to decide which district would host. The hotel contract itself would be, as it is now, signed by the area chairperson, and still use the 501c3 for tax purposes, just negotiated by the area 15 quarterly coordinator committee. These proposed assemblies would be presented to the Area 15 voting body for approval.

Motion K: Motion: That we rescind Motion #661. Respectfully submitted, Lisa D., Quarterly Coordinator Committee Chairperson, Panel 65 Area 15

Background: When Motion 661 was passed on 1/2010 it was known that District people rotate out of positions and hotel staff and management change during the 2 year bid process and with shortening the bid cycle to 1 year there would be less rotation. While there may be less rotation and more consistency there have been fewer bids. With a 1 year bid cycle that means the unfilled bids are within a short period of time and availability at hotels may be limited or not at all if they are already booked by other groups/events. This would allow unfilled bids to be further in the future allowing more time to obtain a viable bid.