



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 October 5, 2015
Fort Lauderdale Marriott - Hosted by District 9
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. N. |
| 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:..... | |
| 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. |

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| 20. Web Site Committee:..... | |
| A. Chairperson:..... | Maggie M.C. |
| 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: | |
| 25. New Business: | |

Motion A: That the Area 15 Delegate introduce an item for consideration at the 2016 General Service Conference to update the pamphlet "Young People and AA" to remove the story of Tina D, as she has publicly identified herself as a non-alcoholic. Respectfully Submitted by Karen A., Literature Committee Chair (on behalf of the Area Literature Committee)

Background: Tina Dupuy is a syndicated columnist and stand up comedian. She has publicly discussed her past membership in AA on NPR's "This American Life" and stated she is not an alcoholic and that her story as written in the pamphlet is untrue. The committee believes the integrity of our literature is at stake if her story remains in the pamphlet. To be vital, AA literature must always do its best to present factual stories and experiences of members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Motion B: That the Area 15 Delegate introduce an item for consideration at the 2016 General Service Conference requesting AAWS revise future printings of the large print "Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service" to meet the criteria of the National Association of Visually Handicapped (NAVH). Respectfully Submitted by Karen A., Literature Committee Chair (on behalf of the Area Literature Committee)

Background: The National Association of Visually Handicapped recommends criteria for both font type and font size to assist persons with impaired vision to read typed text. While other AAWS publications meet the suggested criteria for font size, the Service Manual doesn't meet criteria for size or font type and some AA members with vision impairment have found it difficult to read. Using larger text would assist AA members with impaired vision to participate fully in AA service.

Motion C: To add a line item to Area 15 Annual Budget of \$200 to be used specifically for the "Annual Florida A.A. Archives Workshop" held in Florida. This money will be used to defray expenses not covered by a registration fee. The expenses for the workshop include facility rental, lunch, paper goods and printing. Respectfully submitted, Barb R., Area 15 Archives Chair

Background: Area 15 Archives is collaborating with Area 14 to establish an Annual Florida A.A. Workshop. Our goal is to be self-supporting by having a registration fee to cover expenses so the funds will not be used but the committee members felt that it needs to be available just in case. The expenses include facility rental, food, paper goods, and printing. Area 14 and Area 15 will share the expenses not covered by the registration fee. It is important to have Area 15's full support for this opportunity to exchange vital information that will educate

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Background Motion C continued:

and help Area and District Archive Committee members on the collection and preservation of their A.A. History, past and present.

Motion D: That the South Florida Area, Area 15, enthusiastically agree to allow Don F. and the numerous volunteers already recruited, and to be recruited, to prepare and make a bid to the Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA) for the 2017 SSAASA, to agree to help us to provide volunteers to assist with the Assembly, and to provide such other support as needed, besides the expenditures of any money. In Grateful Willingness, Love and Service, Donald E. F., Co-Chair, Current Practices Committee

Background: SSAASA was created to provide a service assembly full of workshops and presentations by and for each service position in General Service. SSAASA has Alternate GSRs, GSRs, ACMs, DCMs, District Chairs, Treasurers, Registrars and Secretaries, and Area Chairs, Treasurers, Registrars and Secretaries chair meetings and discuss additional ways of carrying out their duties in their positions, and to learn more and better ways to carry the message. SSAASA also includes meetings chaired by General Service Trustees and possibly General Service Office employees. This is a great opportunity for the South Florida Area folks in General Service to get hands on experience from others in the same positions, and also to learn how the General Service Office can be of assistance in whatever position you may hold or be interested in holding.

Motion E: That Area 15 support a request for a Conference agenda item to add to the eligibility requirements for candidates applying for the GSO General Manager position as provided in Nominating Procedure No. 9. The addition would be that any candidate who served as a Trustee on the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous must have rotated from the General Service Board at least one year prior to his or her application for the General Manager position. Kathy G. Co-Chair Current Practices Committee

Background: A one-year rotation requirement for General Manager candidacy is consistent with the nominating procedure for Regional Trustees, which requires that Delegates be rotated a minimum of one year from their Delegate term. The Selection Committee for the 2015 candidates for the GSO General Manager put forth two seated Trustees and one current GSO employee for General Service Board consideration. This is in keeping with the current procedure; however, it does not afford equal opportunity for other well-qualified, perhaps better-qualified, candidates to be selected.

Motion F: That the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly hotel contract acquisition and District Host process be as follows:

The Quarterly Coordinator Committee will be responsible for procuring hotel contracts for the Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies. The hotel locations eligible will be those meeting the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly meeting space and guest room requirements. Hotel contracts will be procured for a 2-year cycle consisting of at least 3 rotating hotel locations spread throughout Area 15. The Quarterly Coordinators Committee will present their recommendation for approval in October of each odd year, with an exception being made for the 2015 approval which will be delayed until the January 2016 Area Quarterly Assembly.

Continued Motion F:

Area 15 will be responsible for signing the hotel contracts and will be financially responsible for the Quarterly Assembly, except for the banquet event or any food and beverage minimum, if applicable. In the event a banquet or food and beverage minimum are included in a hotel contract for a Quarterly Assembly, it will be the

Host District's responsibility to meet the required minimum. Hosting Districts will be given disbursement money of \$750.00 for hosting the Quarterly Assembly.

Districts will be elected to host Quarterly Assemblies by Third Legacy at the January assembly of each even year. In order for all Districts to have an equal opportunity to host a Quarterly Assembly, any District which has been awarded hosting a Quarterly Assembly at this January election may not stand to host a second Quarterly Assembly unless no other District stands to host the open Quarterly Assembly, or all eligible Districts have been satisfied.

The requirements to bid to host an Area Quarterly are as follows:

1. Form a District Quarterly Host Committee and submit a list of a minimum of five members with their contact information of those willing to serve on the District's Quarterly Host Committee to the Area 15 Quarterly Coordinator Committee.
2. It is recommended that if a District is bidding to host and has not hosted within the past 5 years, that it co-host with another District.
3. In the event that no District is willing or eligible to host a particular Quarterly Weekend, and the event is left without a Host Committee at the end of elections, the Quarterly Coordinator Committee will be responsible for coordinating Districts to help with those particular Quarterly Assembly events responsibilities. Respectfully submitted, Panel 65 Area 15 Quarterly Coordinator Committee

Background: There is a growing trend in which many Districts are unable to submit bids to host Assembly weekends that meet the criteria of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee, such as financial feasibility, proper room block, etc. By giving the Quarterly Coordinator Committee the responsibility for securing the contracts, the process would alleviate the difficulty of District members being the go between with the Hotel and Quarterly Coordinator Committee prior to being awarded the ability to host. Also, this motion would give Area 15 more negotiating power by allowing for the Quarterly Coordinator Committee to be in direct contact with hotels when discussing particulars of the contracts and potentially negotiating for multiple contracts within the two-year cycle. Local District Hosting is still vital in attracting people into service. This process will alleviate the pressure of Districts in securing contracts, while allowing all Districts to participate in the Hosting duties.

26. Adjourn: Area Business Meeting close with the Unity Statement and the Lord's Prayer

Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

Declaration of the 35th Anniversary International Convention, 1970, Miami, Florida