

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



1st Quarterly Business Meeting January 10th, 2016
 Hyatt Regency Sarasota - Hosted by District 5
 This is a Closed business meeting open to members only
 Motions Due Tuesday, February 9th by 9:00pm

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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:..... | Tony F. |
| 17. Current Practices Committee:..... | Kathy G. |
| | Don F. |
| 18. Special Needs Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson:..... | Sig S. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer:..... | Lisa H. |
| 19. Literature Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson:..... | Karen A. |

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- B. Alt. Chair/Secretary/Treasurer:..... James S.

- 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: Quarterly Bidding 2016 - 2018

Motion A: That an ad-hoc committee be created to conduct a feasibility study on the necessity, means and possible implementation of an Area-wide 24 hour Hotline. Committee and its chairperson to be appointed by the Area Chair of at least 3 Area members; non-funded; will meet on Saturday mornings at 9 am at each Quarterly; will report at each Assembly; and will be seated for 1 year unless findings are completed sooner. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Rainbow Group, Venice by Jan K., District 5 Chair

Background:

There is a scarcity of 24-hour A.A. hotlines, answered live by recovering alcoholics in Florida. The heritage and success of A.A. is one alcoholic identifying with another. The person in need is just as likely to use a Hotline as to search the Internet for help. Most still suffering alcoholics and their families, as well as A.A. members in crisis, seem to hit bottom between 11 pm and 3 am, not 9 to 5. There are at least 4 Area or Statewide 24 hour hotlines: Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska and Minnesota. Our Intergroup reports that they receive many phone calls from all over the state, and beyond, during off hours and they do their best to help. We believe that there is a strong need for this 12th step outreach.

Motion B: That District Officers (Recording Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer) and District Committee Chairs, that are given a stipend from their district, be able to participate in the Third Legacy Procedure for elected positions at Area 15 during the even year October voting assemblies. Respectfully submitted by Laurie P, District 7, DCM sub district L

Background: District Officers and District Committee Chairs attend Area 15 Assemblies, where they are able to voice their opinion and vote in their respective Committees. However, when it comes to elected positions, they have no voice or vote.

Concept IV: states “We ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional 'Right of Participation'. Another good reason for 'participation,'..... is our spiritual needs.”

Concept IX: “Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety.”

Concept XII, Warranty 3: states “As individuals and as groups, we shall be entitled to voting rights and reasonable proportion to their several responsibilities.” Therefore, the District Officers and District Committee Chairs ought to be allowed the traditional “Right of Participation” for elected positions.

Motion C: Area 15 take its inventory bi-annually during the July Area Assembly of odd years, with the exception of the first inventory. The first inventory will take place beginning in July 2016. An additional 1-hour session can be added in place of the What's on Your Mind session if needed at the October 2016 quarterly. The first inventory will take place from 4:00pm-6:00pm temporarily replacing both the Service Manual Workshop & What's on Your Mind sessions.

- All members of Area 15 are eligible to participate.
- The first inventory will be chaired by our Delegate's invited guest. The Area Recording Secretary will serve as secretary.
- Inventory questions are to be submitted to the Area Chair within 30-days after the previous assembly's Sunday business meeting, just like motions.
- An Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee will be appointed by the Area 15 Chair to review & consolidate questions that are redundant and/or beyond the scope of Area 15. The committee will consist of 3 District Chairs selected by the Area 15 Chair and will be seated & in session only during the time frame of the 30-day time limit of when motions are due and during each inventory cycle. The Ad-Hoc committee will meet via email and not have a financial implication to Area 15.
- Inventory questions that have gone through the Ad-Hoc Committee's review/consolidation will be posted on the Area 15 Website Home Page under the Quick Links section and mailed with the previous quarters minutes.
- After the questions have been answered during the above scheduled sessions, they will be added to the Area 15 minutes under a special section titled: 2016 Area 15 Inventory Report, where the summary as well as any recommendations/suggestions may also be included. Additional printing/postage cost not to exceed \$150.

Respectfully submitted, Steve W. Chairman District 6 and Kevin D. Chairman District 8

Background: The topic of Area 15 taking its inventory has been discussed repeatedly. An inventory has never been taken. As stated in the A.A. Group Pamphlet's section: A.A. Group Inventory, we ought to continuously "evaluate how well [we] are fulfilling [our] primary purpose." Sample questions are:

- Is the Area doing enough to help DCMs encourage non-participating groups to become active in the Service Structure?
- How effective are we in communicating with the GSRs, DCMs, other Area Standing Committees on collaborating ideas and hosting workshops to carry the message?
- Are we training all of our newly elected trusted servants at election time or just rotating out? Do we keep in touch with the newly elected person during their first months of service?
- Are you happy with the set-up and format of our Area Assemblies? If not, what would you suggest we change or eliminate?

26. Adjourn: Area Business Meeting