

MOTIONS GUIDE – Current Practice Committee South Florida 15
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This Guide is intended to provide assistance to the Fellowship in drafting motions; it is not intended to be definitive. In keeping with our Traditions and Concepts, there may be motions that are unacceptable for presentation to the body (for example, a personally punitive motion would be contrary to Concept 12, Warranty 5). The Current Practice Committee will work with anyone requesting assistance in the preparation of a motion.

MOTION:

- Should be clearly stated and be able to be answered as a "yes" or "no". Needs to be able to be understood without reference to any other material, including the background material.
- Be aware that two part motions may fail by resistance to one part or the other, or a lack of clarity in one part.
- Consider reviewing the Area 15 Book of Motions for examples.
- Ensure it does not conflict with our Traditions or Concepts.
- Use plain language.
- You will have an opportunity to speak to the motion, but the motion must still stand on its own.
- Needs to be presented within 30 days after an Area 15 Assembly, to be added to the agenda for discussion and vote at the following Assembly.
- Background, if included, is limited to 150 words.
- Is this time-sensitive (motion needs to be addressed prior to the following assembly)? When possible, members should be given time to get their group conscience.

HISTORY OR CURRENT PRACTICES:

- This is intended to help understand the context of the motion.
- What are we doing now? Are there other related motions in place or being considered?
- Has this kind of motion been considered before (see the Book of Motions & Book of Current Practices)?
- Try not to refer to what someone in AA says or does.
- Are we correcting something inconsistent with past AA practice?

IF PASSED:

- What will change?
- How will AA be impacted?
- Is there any negative effect?
- Why should we do this? Why is this motion needed?

IF NOT PASSED:

- How will AA be impacted?

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

- Any other useful information. Again, not referring to what any individual says or does.

Motion:

History or Current Practices:

If passed:

If not passed:

For further consideration:

Motion submitted by: _ _