

South Florida Area 15 2023 General Service Committee 2024

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,

Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands 3rd Quarter Business Meeting - July 14, 2024 Westin Cape Coral Resort - Hosted by District 7

This is a closed business meeting open to members only.

Interpretation available for Spanish and American Sign Language

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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

3. Registrar's roll call, report4. Recording Secretary's report

5. Treasurer's report

6. Finance Committee report (Vote count closes after report)

7. Old Business:

Hosts for Area approved signed contracts:

July 11-13, 2025 (Sarasota) Oct. 3-5, 2025 (Boca Raton) Jan. 9-11, 2026 (Ft. Lauderdale) April 10-12, 2026 (Boca Raton)

8. New Business:

Motion A:

That the Area 15 Corrections Committee have the flexibility to choose the location of the North/South Florida Corrections Workshop when it hosts the workshop in alternating years, including the possibility of a hybrid workshop, at a cost not to exceed the currently budgeted amount of \$800. Should the cost to attend and host the workshop increase in future years, the Corrections Committee will include the increase in its budget request to the Area 15 Finance Committee for the following calendar year. Submitted by Mike A, Area 15 Corrections Committee Chairperson, on behalf of the Area 15 Corrections Committee.

Background A:

This motion removes the specificity that the North/South Corrections Workshop be held in Sanford, Florida, as stipulated in Motion 618, approved by the body in October 2007. Area 15's expense for the workshop at this time will remain the same as approved by the body in October 2007.

Motion B:

That the Area 15 Current Practice Committee be comprised of an Area 15 Past Delegate selected by the Area 15 chairperson; four current or past Area 15 DCMs selected by the Past Delegate member; and the Area 15 chairperson as ex-officio member. Voting members are the Past Delegate, the four DCMs, and any District Current Practice Committee chairperson attending the Area 15 Current Practice Committee meeting at area assemblies. All voting members are eligible to serve as the Area 15 Current Practice Committee Secretary-Treasurer/Document Coordinator, who is elected within the committee by the voting members. Respectfully submitted, Shirley P and Tom W, co-chairs, Area 15 Current Practice Committee, on behalf of the Area 15 Current Practice Committee

Background B:

This motion updates Motion 268 (July 1993) and Motion 273 (January 1994), which require two immediate Past Delegates to serve on the Area 15 Current Practice Committee and provides clarification on voting members of the committee.

Motion C:

To replace Motion 788 with revisions to Composition, Scope, Procedure and Finances of the Area Outreach Committee with the following:

COMPOSITION: The five-member Outreach Committee will include a Chairperson who is appointed by the incoming Area 15 Chairperson, and 4 area committee members selected by the incoming Area Chairperson and the incoming Outreach Committee Chairperson. The committee members, in addition to the Outreach Committee Chairperson, consists of 1 Area officer (Chair, Treasurer, Registrar or Secretary), 1 standing committee chair, and 2 DCMs. It is suggested that each member have a minimum of 5 years of continuous sobriety. The Committee will elect a Secretary/Treasurer from among Committee members in January.

SCOPE: The scope of the Area 15 Outreach Committee shall be to select acceptable outreach opportunities within Area 15 using guidance from A.A.'s 36 principles, relevant shared experience from other Areas, and Area 15's Current Practices. Outreach opportunities should be selected with consideration of expressed need, frequency of other outreach in the same locale, availability of members to fulfill the outreach opportunity, and available funds. Examples of such outreach include, but are not limited to, assisting districts or district standing committees with Concepts, Traditions, and Service Manual workshops; and participating in local district forums to provide an overview and/or details of Area 15 purpose, activities, and services, et al. Outreach opportunities can be presented through in person events and/or virtual platforms. The Committee is responsible for making the outreach opportunities known to the Area Committee and for selecting one or more Area Committee members, and optionally, a Past Delegate, to fulfill the outreach opportunity.

PROCEDURE: The Outreach Committee shall meet at least four times a year on Area Committee meeting dates, if and when they occur, and Area Assembly weekends. The Committee may also meet via a virtual platform. The Outreach Committee shall be fiscally responsible for the outreach budgeting and spiritually accountable to Area 15 for outreach activities. Area 15 members and invited Past Delegates who fulfill an outreach opportunity shall be funded for travel and lodging expenses, if incurred, to conduct selected outreach efforts within Area 15 unless otherwise funded. Mileage funding will be at the IRS rate for standard travel. Airfare will be funded for coach seating and tickets must be booked at least 30 days in advance for financial prudence. A.A. Literature or other related materials for outreach workshops shall be funded within reason as needed for each event. Annual committee funding will be determined through standard Area 15 budgeting procedures, and the committee's budget request will be submitted to the Area Finance Committee by July of each year. The Committee Chair shall be funded as per motion #215. All future changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure for the Outreach Committee will be made within the committee. Adie M, Panel 73 Outreach Committee Chairperson on behalf of the Outreach Committee

Background C:

These changes update motion 788 to define the current functioning of the committee. Changes in Composition simplify the language by refining the members comprising the committee. Changes in Scope eliminate: "The Committee should attempt to offer the outreach opportunities to a wide range of Area Committee members over time. One additional person to assist with the outreach may be chosen by the selected Area Committee member(s) for any given outreach opportunity." Procedure and Finance would be combined and include the change "via conference call or other remote methods" to "via virtual platform", remove a dollar limit for literature and other materials for each event, and allow for future changes in composition, scope and procedure to be made within the committee.

9. District Cha	irpersons' reports	
10. Delegate's report		Cary W
11. Alternate Delegate's report		Lisa D
12. Quarterly Coordinator Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Debbie C
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Cindy L
13. Grapevine/LaViña Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Enrique S
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Jose M
14. Corrections Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Mike A
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Keith D
15. Treatment Facilities Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Mike B
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Sophie C
16. Archives Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Ric B
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Gina L
17. Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	John A
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Jacque T
18. Intergroup/Central Office:		
	A. Chairperson	Allen C
19. Current Practice Committee:		
	A. Co-Chair	Shirley P
	B. Co-Chair	Tom W
	C. Secretary/Treasurer	Amy W
20. Accessibilities Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	VACANT
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Carol R
21. Literature Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Isabel PC
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Kevin O
22. Website Committee:		
	A. Chairperson	Jean S
	B. Secretary/Treasurer	Nancy H

23. Spanish Linguistic Committee: A. Chairperson Carlos G B. Secretary/Treasurer J. Salud P 24. Area 15 State Convention Committee: A. Chairperson Lisa D 25. Remote Communities: A. Chairperson Suzie J B. Secretary/Treasurer Tania W 26. Outreach Committee: A. Chairperson Adie M B. Secretary/Treasurer Betsy BF

27: Adjourn