

Saturday, July 12, 2025 Agenda – Panel 75, Area 15 Finance Committee

- Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer

- Welcome and Introductions:

Jim G., Committee Chair

Bronwyn F. Area Chair (Ex Officio)

Alan T., Treasurer

Johni S., Committee Secretary/Treasurer

Tawny S., Member

Past Delegates and Guests

- JUMP TO REVIEW OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF MOTIONS (attached)

- For motion makers now present to give them the option to depart quickly to other meetings

- Secretary's Report (April meeting minutes)

- Treasurer's Report

- Review Contributions Report

- Review Budget vs Actuals

- Review Transactions Report

- Review Bank account balances and Physical Assets balances (computers, screens, etc.)

- Review Hotel Deposits

- Old Finance Committee Business

- Verify remaining dates for our schedule of 2025 Zoom calls

- 4pm Monday August 4th/ review first draft of budget

- 4pm Monday September 8th/ review clean-up items

- 4pm Monday September 29th/ review final budget and revenue forecast

- 4pm Monday October 20th/ discuss any budget changes and first draft of FAQs

- 7pm Monday November 17th/ budget questions with District Chairs & other interested members

- 4pm Monday December 8th/ followup on any additional FAQs

- New Finance Committee Business

- Questions/comments from budget makers who are present about 2026 proposed budget amounts

- How to modify exhibits so that reclassification of hotel room and mileage costs won't improperly show up as an increase in total budget for delegate, alternate delegate and officers?

- Review 2026 expense budget for Finance Committee and for line items without a budget maker

- Review budgets for those budget makers who have submitted budgets already and make plans to follow up with those who had not yet replied.

- Review July Motions to assess any financial implications for the Area

- Questions and comments from visitors

- Move to adjourn

- Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer

- FYI to access finance documents go to:

- Committees -> Finance on area website to see primary documents
- also see link to
"Secretary documents"
at the bottom of the Finance
Committee Documents web-page
for agendas and minutes

Motions Under New Business:

Motion A:

Area 15 adopt a one-year hotel bid process for the next Assembly bid cycle, replacing the current two-year cycle. This would apply to upcoming bid only. Allows time for discussion. Does the current format of Area Assemblies meet our needs and is it financially prudent? This motion suspends Motion 745 for duration of the upcoming bid cycle.

Background A:

Allow us to:

- Reassess if the current Assembly model is effective, inclusive and affordable.
- Explore options to widen participation - reduce barriers to service.
- Guided by our group conscience.

Area 15 holds four Assemblies annually, three days each. Recent inventories and a survey identified members' concerns regarding cost, accessibility, and time commitment. Utilization of information gathered.

Costs for lodging, meals, transportation creates barriers to service despite being willing and weakens our diversity and strength.

Difficulty in finding suitable facilities results in rooms stretched beyond capacity, overcrowding and inaccessibility for members and emergency access.

Submitted by Debbie H, ADCM, District 8, Subdistrict 7

Motion B:

That the January and July Area 15 Assemblies be held online using the Area 15 Zoom account beginning as soon as feasible given current hotel contracts.

Background B:

Area 15 currently meets four times per year for three day assemblies in person. This comes at great expense to Area 15 and to Area 15 trusted servants, particularly GSR's. Holding two of the assemblies online would provide the opportunity for greater GSR participation throughout Area 15 for those who cannot attend in person, due to financial or other personal reasons. Area 15 would continue to hold April and October assemblies in person. This would allow all groups near or far, big or small within Area 15 the opportunity to have a voice at more assemblies. This would also support our southern districts such as District 14 (The Virgin Islands), District 16 (Bahamas) and District 19 (The Cayman Islands) This would also greatly reduce the amount of 7th tradition funds used to support Area 15 business meetings thus making available for our primary purpose.

Submitted by Bob H, DCM, District 6

Motion C:

I hereby make a motion to move the Area 15 Quarterly Business meeting from Sunday to Saturday.

Background C:

The Area 15 quarterly business meeting is currently held on the last day of the assembly weekend, Sunday morning at 9am. This can make it difficult to be well-rested and attentive, after a day and a half of scheduled assembly activities and two nights in a hotel. Most hotels require check out by 11am, requiring attendees to check out before the start of the business meeting or in the middle of the business meeting, making it difficult to be present or participate fully. Submitted by: Ed C. District 6 DCM

Motion D:

That the Area 15 Ad Hoc Committee use the below proposed boundaries to complete its work to complete an “Application for an Additional Delegate Area”.

- New Delegated Area (Central Florida): Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15
- Area 15 (South Florida) Districts: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

Submitted by Greg A and Bree H., co-chairs of the Area 15 Ad hoc Committee

Background D:

The originating motion, approved in January 2025, requires the Ad hoc committee to submit this motion no later than July 2025. To complete an “Application for an Additional Delegate Area”, the committee must designate proposed boundaries along with significant data to support why creating a new delegate area using this boundary will benefit the two areas. The committee has compiled some of that data, more will be generated over the next year. Of note, the Spanish linguistics districts specifically requested that all three (3) be grouped in one area and not split up. A PowerPoint slide deck has also been provided with additional data.

(See embedded chart in the July 2025 Agenda for the Business Meeting available at area15aa.org)

Motion E:

That Area 15 submit the following proposed agenda item for the 2026 General Service Conference on behalf of Area 15.

Proposed agenda item:

To remove the last two pie chart graphics from the "Self Support: Where the Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet on page 13. This includes the second pie chart, which is divided into four sections and features the intergroup data, along with the third pie chart, which is divided into three sections and does not include the intergroup information. Please see the chart below.

Background E:

The pamphlet provides suggestions for how groups can allocate their contributions. While the pie chart offers examples, many groups are interpreting these suggestions too rigidly. This can lead to certain entities, which require more support, being overlooked. For example, the pie chart recommends allocating 50% of total contributions to an intergroup office while designating only 10% to the area and district. Moreover, these pie charts are obsolete – in fast fast-changing environment, groups need to be aware of the needs of all entities they would contribute to, and we should avoid a situation where "examples" are mistaken for suggestions which become mechanically repeated over time. With the rise of online literature sales, the intergroup offices no longer play as significant a role in the functioning of groups as they once did. Many AA entities have the potential to make more substantial contributions when groups direct their funds toward meaningful and essential work that benefits all groups within the district, area, and the entire AA community.

A proposed agenda item will carry more weight if submitted by an area as opposed to being submitted by an individual.

Respectively submitted by: Lily R. (DCM District 8)

Motion F:

That all motions presented for consideration at the South Florida Area 15 April Business meetings and the October elections business meeting be postponed until the next quarterly, except those motions needing the Area's Immediate Attention.

Respectfully submitted by Bob C. DCM District 6

Background F:

This will help to facilitate the voting process for October elections and prioritize the needed time for discussion of agenda items in April for the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference. These Agenda reviews are one of the most vital pieces of business we conduct. It represents our Area's collective voice and conscience to the General Service Conference. For this reason, South Florida Area 15 must prioritize our Agenda by ensuring they are scheduled and planned in a way that allows for maximum participation.