

Saturday, October 4, 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

- Moment of silence for Don F., Past Delegate

- 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
- Not applicable in October because motion makers for those items with financial implications attended earlier zoom call

- Secretary's Report (July 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

- Review results of Zoom calls held on August 4th, September 8th and September 29th
- Verify remaining dates for our schedule of 2025 Zoom calls
 - 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
- 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, if any.
- Review October 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:

That the following members of the South Florida Area I5 be able to place a motion before the Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, all District Committee Members, and all Alternate District Committee Members if their DCM is absent or they have no DCM in their subdistrict. Submitted by Melissa A. DCM District 2

Background A: This will clarify that ADCMs with no DCM or absent DCM will have the same motion making abilities a DCM has.

Zoom Meeting conclusion: Finance Committee sees no financial impact from Motion A.

Motion B:

That Area 15 General Service Representatives (GSRs) (and in their absence, Area 15 alternate General Service Representatives (AGSRs)) be added as non-funded members of the Area 15 Committee with full motion making, seconding and amending abilities. Submitted by Sophia C. District 2 Chairperson

Background B:

Currently Area 15 does not allow GSRs to have Motion Making ability (make, second or amend a motion). Some other Areas across the United States and Canada do. Allowing Motion Making ability is consistent with the upside-down triangle and our Traditions and Concepts including Tradition 2, Concept IV and Concept V. The *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* also reinforces this notion of inclusion pointing out that no member is considered to be of a higher or lower status than another within the fellowship.

Zoom Meeting conclusion: Finance Committee sees no financial impact from Motion B.

Motion C:

The Accessibilities Committee is requesting a ONE TIME increase in the 2025 budget. We will have an expenditure of \$ 335.48. Our current balance is \$153.15. The amount for the increase will be \$ 182.33. Respectfully submitted by the Area 15 Accessibilities Committee

Background C:

The increase will be used to make a tablecloth with graphics specific to the Area15 Accessibilities Committee for use at our quarterlies display table. This will make our committee more visible to those who have barriers to sobriety. The tablecloth will be used by the area Accessibilities Committee for years to come. This tablecloth will also be available to any district who would like to borrow it for display at any of their group events. We attended the virtual meeting for the Finance Committee and were advised that the money is available.

Zoom Meeting conclusion: Finance Committee sees a one-time \$182.33 financial impact from Motion C.

Motion D:

That the Prudent Reserve Fund be increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This amount shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Acting Finance Committee during the budgetary process each year to maintain a Prudent Reserve Fund equal to 25% of our actual operating expenditures. Submitted, Panel 75 Area 15 Finance Committee.

Background D:

Prudent Reserve Fund was set at \$6,000 in January 1984 and increased to \$15,000 at the October 2020 assembly, by Motion #786, which was consistent with inflationary increases over that 36 year period. The Finance Committee has reviewed the current level of operating expenses. In order to have a Prudent Reserve Fund equal to 25% of our actual operating expenditures, the Prudent Reserve for 2025 needs to increase to \$20,000.

Zoom Meeting conclusion: Finance Committee sees the first financial impact from Motion B as a one-time \$5,000 reduction in the 2026 transfer of assets from Area 15 to GSB as that amount is maintained in Area 15 as an addition to Prudent Reserve Fund. If the 2025 surplus before the GSB contribution is less than \$5,000, then the remaining increase in the Prudent Reserve would come in 2027 or later until the full one-time increase to the Prudent Reserve is realized. Over time, an additional financial impact from Motion D would be an annual adjustment to the GSB contribution as needed to keep the Prudent Reserve Fund equal to 25% of our actual operating expenditures as those operation expenses fluctuate over time.

Motion E:

To update and replace motion 286 with the following:

All requests for non-budgeted funds under \$500 are to be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration and approval, and if approved, then submitted to the Area 15 Treasurer for payment. The Finance committee's consideration will include whether or not the area has funds to fulfill the request, and to confirm the expenditure is within the committee's (or officer's or delegate's) scope. The Finance committee is to perform this duty within 2 weeks of submission and report any of these actions at the following quarterly's Finance Committee report. Any requests for non-budgeted funds beyond \$500 should be submitted as motions to the Area 15 Chairperson under the Current Practice for motions. Submitted, Panel 75 Area 15 Finance Committee.

Background E:

This motion is being submitted to update and replace Motion 286 to clarify an upper limit for the Finance Committee's consideration of routine requests for non-budgeted funds (those above the annual budget for that committee or officer or delegate). 286 - All requests for non-budgeted funds be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval before being submitted to the Treasurer for payment. This will reduce the need for motions to be submitted for lower dollar amount requests, and thereby value the Area 15 body's time.

Zoom Meeting conclusion: Finance Committee does not expect a financial impact from Motion E, but just a reduction in the length of Area quarterly meeting times. However there is a potential for additional costs to the Area if the Finance Committee approved an expenditure of less than \$500 that the Area body would not have approved.