



South Florida Area 15 2025 General Service Committee 2026

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,
Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands
4th Quarter Business Meeting – January 11th, 2026
Fort Lauderdale Marriot Coral Springs– Hosted by Quarterly Coordinator
Committee

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
 - A. Preamble
 - B. Reading of the 12 Traditions
 - C. Reading of the 12 Concepts
2. Chairperson's remarks Bron F.
3. Registrar's roll call, report Lea A.
4. Recording Secretary's report Paul M.
5. Treasurer's report Alan T.
6. Finance Committee report (**vote count closes after report**) Jim G.
7. Delegate's report Lisa D.
8. Alternate Delegate's report Donna W.
9. Quarterly Coordinator Committee
 - A. Chairperson Tom S.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer JoAnn B.
10. **Old Business:** None
11. **New Business:** Motions (*See below*)
12. Ad-hoc Committee:
 - A. Co-Chairperson(s) Bree H./Greg A.
13. Technology Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Open
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Open
14. Outreach Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Dee G.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Ed C.
15. Remote Communities Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Tania W.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Fawn S.
16. Area 15 State Convention Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Donna W.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Karen V.
17. Spanish Linguistic Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Salud P.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Carlos C.
18. Website Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Jean S.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Brennan C.
19. Literature Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Cindy L.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Teresa G.

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| 20. Accessibilities Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Carol H. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Open |
| 21. Current Practice Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Tom W. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Amy G. |
| 22. Intergroup/Central Office Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Dante G. |
| 23. Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Jacque T. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Andrew G. |
| 24. Archives Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Gina L. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Annemarie G. |
| 25. Treatment Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Allan D. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Chris U. |
| 26. Corrections Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Larry B. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Rick G. |
| 27. Grapevine/ LaViña Committee | |
| A. Chairperson | Jane K. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Carmen B. |
| 28. District Chairperson's report | |

29. Business Meeting Adjournment

Motions Under New Business:

Motion A:

That District 2 make a motion to Area 15 requesting that all Motions submitted to the Area Chair be discussed with the Area 15 Current Practice Committee by the motion maker proactively prior to being added to the Area Assembly Business Meeting agenda. (eg: Current Practice has a monthly meeting where this can be discussed). Submitted on behalf of District 2 by Sophia C.

Background:

This will proactively vet any impacts to existing current practice and emulate what we currently do today with the finance committee.

Per current practice, Area 15 requests that any motion requiring non-budgeted funds be discussed with the Finance Committee by the motion maker in person, prior to the motion being presented at the South Florida Area Business Meeting (Motion 604 04/2007) to determine financial impact and availability of funds before being submitted.

This motion extends that practice to include impacts to Current Practice.

This should result in motions requiring fewer amendments and less clarification discussion thus saving valuable Area 15 business meeting time.

Motion B:

That the Area 15 Corrections Committee will host the South Florida Corrections Workshop annually, including the possibility of it being a hybrid workshop, at a cost not to exceed the currently budgeted amount of \$800. Should the cost to 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 Larry B., Area 15 Corrections Committee Chairperson, on behalf of the Area 15 Corrections Committee

Background: we have been alternating with Area 14 as hosts of the Florida Corrections Workshop for a number of years. Increasing costs (partially due to the increase in participation of Area 15 members) and difficulties with logistics leads us to believe doing separate but hybrid workshops will be more effective at carrying the message of service in corrections in Area 15.

Motion C:

To create an Ad Hoc Committee (the “Ad Hoc Committee”) to prepare a proposal to change the format of the January and July Quarterly Weekends to meet as an Area Committee (members as defined in Current Practice) as well as consider and propose changes to the schedule for the April and October Quarterly Weekends, if deemed prudent.

COMPOSITION: The Area 15 Chairperson shall select an Area 15 District Committee Member (“DCM”) to serve as the Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson. The Area 15 Chairperson shall make the selection of the Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson within seven (7) days of the passage of this Motion. The Ad Hoc Committee shall be composed of the following members from Area 15:

- Chairperson (DCM)
- DCM (from a different district than the other DCM)
- 4 General Service Representatives (“GSRs”) – selected by the Committee Chairperson (from four different districts)
- Quarterly Coordinator Committee Chair
- Current Practice Chair
- Area Officer – selected by the Committee Chairperson

SCOPE: The Ad Hoc Committee shall prepare a written proposal, including a proposed schedule of events and the associated financial impact to Area 15, to change the January and July Quarterly Weekends (beginning in January 2027) from meeting as an Area Assembly to meeting as an Area Committee (as defined by Current Practice which is currently composed as: Area 15 Delegate, Area 15 Alt. Delegate, Area 15 Officers, Area 15 DCMs (or ACMs in the stead of absent DCMs), Area 15 District Chairs, and Area 15 Standing Committee Chairs), as well as changing the schedule of the April and October Quarterly Weekends, but not the composition of attendees to those Quarterly Weekends.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall investigate the following:

1. options to amend/cancel the current hotel contracts for the proposed affected January and July Quarterly Weekends;
2. proposals from additional hotels/venues;
3. providing virtual options for attendance at the affected January and July Quarterly Weekends, which will be included in the Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal if deemed feasible;
4. changes to Current Practice to ensure only routine business will be conducted during the affected January and July Quarterly Weekends, with a refocus of those weekends to be workshops, presentations, and Area 15 Service Committee work; and
5. changes to schedule of events for the April and October Quarterly Weekends.

PROCEDURE:

1. The Ad Hoc Committee shall meet virtually with all meetings being noticed in accordance with current practice for any members of Area 15 to attend, however only members of the Ad Hoc Committee shall have a vote.
2. The first Ad Hoc Committee meeting shall be held no later than January 31, 2026.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee shall present its findings and its proposal to Area 15 at the April 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting, as well as facilitating the posting of the same on the Area 15 website no later than five (5) business days after the April 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting.
4. The body shall vote on the proposal at the July 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting.

Background: In reviewing the Area 15 Panel 73 Quarterly Coordinator Committee Subcommittee Survey results, several key themes were observed, including: (1) over-scheduling and redundancy were top concerns; and (2) strong desire for cost efficiency, hybrid options, and fewer in-person requirements. Couple those findings with the most recent financial reports presented to Area 15 at the October 2025 Quarterly Business Meeting, it would be prudent for the body to consider changing the way Area 15 conducts its Quarterly Weekends to address the express need of Area 15's financial concerns, as well as the will of its members. The Ad Hoc Committee can fully investigate and discuss the potential changes and use its resources to prepare a proposal for the body to discuss, bring back to its groups, then ultimately vote on whether to adopt.

Submitted by Frank S., DCM, District 8, and Bob H., DCM, District 6

Motion D:

That the District 8 Technology Committee facilitate and provide equipment for an Area 15 Zoom Hybrid Business Meeting on a trial basis. This would include Agenda Review for the General Service Conference or Area Elections if applicable that month. This trial period is proposed for 2 consecutive Area 15 Assemblies beginning with the next Area 15 Assembly if approved by the Area Body. Recent review of the QCC 2022 Ad Hoc Committee presentation on cost of hybrid option for our Area Business Meeting indicates that anticipated equipment costs will be significantly lower than projected at that time. On this trial basis the only cost to Area 15 will be internet access at the hotel and we will get that information from the Area Quarterly Coordinator Committee.

Respectfully submitted – Gary A. (District 8 Chairperson) on behalf of District 8

Background:

Hybrid will broaden participation and reduce barriers to service. Concept IV Right of Participation. Expressed need, see areal5aa.org, Resource-Hub, Panel 67 & 71 Inventories, QCC Panel 73 Assembly Survey. Needed equipment owned by Area 15 and District 8. Zoom facilitates online voting. Online voting member attendance provided to District Registrars. Spanish interpreting/ASL continues in person. Closed caption available online. Hotel rooms are usually overbooked by 15-20 rooms, previously shared by QCC. We feel hybrid would not be detrimental to hotel occupancy. We consulted Area 16, currently hybrid, online attendees are 15 to 35. In-person attendance continues to increase post-covid. Boca-Marriott, additional bandwidth, if needed, cost \$500-\$1,000. Info pending QCC.

Remember, our General Service Conference started as a trial. We propose this trial hybrid meeting as an actual experience. If it works great, if doesn't that's ok. But let's not continue to gather feedback and not put it into use.