

EARLY BIRD MINUTES

January 2026

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Welcome to the very first edition of Area 15's "Early Bird Minutes"!

Think of this as your quick-access guide to the highlights and resources you need right after the Area 15 Business Meeting. Our goal? To help trusted servants hit the ground running-whether you're a General Service Representative (GSR) sharing updates with your home group, a District Committee Member (DCM) supporting GSRs, or a District Chairperson keeping your district informed.

What are the Early Bird Minutes?

They're not a replacement for the official meeting minutes (those are still coming and will have all the details). Instead, this is your fast-track tool. A way to stay informed and connected while the full minutes are being finalized.

Use it. Share it. Stay ahead.

Links, key points, and resources are all here to help you serve effectively right away.

Links to help inform your group:

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[Foro Regional del Sureste](#)

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Motion(s) and the Results: (*No count was taken as the show of hands clearly was 2/3rds.)

Presented as Amended Motion A: Failed 105-180

To respect the body's time, all Motions submitted to the Area Chair be discussed with the Area 15 Current Practice Committee by the motion maker prior to being added to the Area Assembly Business Meeting agenda, whenever possible. (eg: Current Practice has a monthly meeting where this can be discussed). Submitted on behalf of District 2 by Sophia C.

Motion B: *Passed

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

Presented as amended Motion C: Failed 129-161

To create an Ad Hoc Committee (the "Ad Hoc Committee") to investigate, and if deemed feasible and prudent, prepare a proposal to change the format of the January and July Quarterly Weekends to meet as an Area Committee (defined 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 (or District Alt. Chairs in the stead of absent District Chairs), and Area 15 Standing Committee Chairs) 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

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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 at the end of the hotel contract cycle approved in October 2025) from meeting as an Area Assembly to meeting as an Area Committee (as defined above), 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. Proposals from additional hotels/venues;
2. 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;
3. 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
4. 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 July 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 July 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting.
4. The body shall vote on the proposal at the January 2027 Quarterly Business Meeting.
5. The Ad Hoc Committee shall have motion making ability.
6. The Ad Hoc Committee shall continue until its work is completed.

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

Presented as amended Motion D: *Passed

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. There will be no equipment costs for this trial basis as District 8 will provide its own equipment. The cost for the internet access will be free or no more than \$20. Respectfully submitted – Gary A. (District 8 Chairperson) on behalf of District 8

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Motion requiring immediate attention: *FAILED (Body decided not to hear the motion)

That the Area 15 Outreach Committee be dissolved. Submitted by Dee G., Area 15 Outreach Committee Chairperson, on behalf of the Area 15 Outreach Committee.

Area Technology Committee Chairperson: Ryan N. submitted a resume to the Area Chairperson who in turn presented Ryan N. to the body for disapproval. No disapproval was given. Welcome Ryan!