

EARLY BIRD MINUTES

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Welcome to 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 and Flyers to help inform you and your group:

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- **Please see the announcement from your Florida State Convention Chair!**
- The Area held its second hybrid meeting per motion 897.
- There is no deadline for submitting motions for the October Assembly (see Motion 888 for an explanation).
- SE Regional Forum Registration is FREE and opens July 17, 2026. Pre-registration is encouraged; on-site registration will also be available.

Motion(s) and the Results: (*No count was taken, as the show of hands was clearly two-thirds)

Presented as Amended Motion A: Failed 175-133 (2/3rds needed to pass)

That qualified individuals desiring to offer themselves to be of service to Area 15 as delegate, alternate delegate, area chairperson, area treasurer, area registrar or area secretary have the option of submitting a summary of their A.A. service background ahead of October voting assemblies. Those interested in serving could complete a form that would be available on the Area 15 website and would submit it to the Area 15 web servant between the July and the October assemblies in even numbered years for posting in a password-protected section of the Area 15 website. Providing this information in advance is intended to assist GSRs, DCMs, and groups in participating in a more informed group conscience and would align with Concept 9, which reminds us that good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Submissions must comply with existing website current practices to be posted on the website. Submitted by Amanda C., District 1 DCM Sub 8

Motion B: *Passed

Responsibility for design and content of the Area 15 Assembly flier and Area 15 Assembly program rest with the Quarterly Coordinator Committee. Both documents should reflect all meetings scheduled to be held at any given Assembly. Upon the body's approval this will begin after the July 2026 assembly. The examples of the flier and program in Current Practice are a suggested format and not as Current Practice in terms of content. The host committee(s) will still select and provide to the QCC their theme, logo and banquet details to be inserted into the fliers and programs. The

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program and the flier will still be printed by host committees and will continue to be translated for linguistics as per the QCC workbook. Respectfully submitted by Tom S., QCC chair on behalf of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee.

Motion C: *Passed

The responsibility of the maintenance, storage, and operation of the projectors and screens used during Area 15 Assemblies, which are currently entrusted to the Quarterly Coordinating Committee, be transferred to the Area 15 Technology Committee, starting at the close of the July 2026 Quarterly.

Respectfully submitted by Tom S., QCC chair on behalf of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee.

Motion D: *Passed

Any and all meeting times for Area 15 assembly weekends be removed from Current Practice at the end of Panel 75. All sessions, workshops, committee meetings required under current practice will continue to be held. Conference agenda review will be scheduled in April with consultation with the delegate. The schedule will be developed after consulting widely with members from all levels of the service triangle. The Quarterly Coordinator Committee will be responsible for establishing the schedule. Submitted by Tom S., QCC Chair on behalf of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee

Motion E: *Passed

That a local service piece to support the work of District Committee Members (DCMs) in South Florida Area 15 created by a subcommittee of the Area 15 Literature Committee in cooperation with Area 15 DCMs be approved by the Area 15 body as a resource for these trusted servants.

<https://area15aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Motion-DCM-Pamphlet1.pdf>

Submitted by Cindy L, chairperson, Area 15 Literature Committee, on behalf of the Area 15 Literature Committee

Motion F: Failed 79-186 (2/3rds needed to pass)

To submit an Application for an Additional Delegate Area which proposes a starting date of January 1, 2029. Approval of this motion authorizes Area 15 to request an additional delegate area using the boundaries approved in Motion 886, and directs the Delegate to submit the final application as a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) for the 2027 General Service Conference by the September 30, 2026 deadline. Submitted by the Ad hoc Committee.

Amended Motion G: *Passed

Beginning January 2027, Area 15 Technology Committee facilitate a hybrid option during the following sessions of the Area 15 assemblies: The Sunday Business Meeting, and the April delegate's pre-conference agenda review. We also request \$2500 for a one-time equipment purchase to facilitate this option. This equipment purchase includes but is not limited to: a laptop, cameras, network devices and cabling as required. Respectfully submitted by the Area 15 Technology Committee

Motion H: Not Heard (the assembly ran out of time)

That Area 15 current practices be amended to limit area funding of hotel guestrooms for area meetings/assemblies to trusted servants who reside more than 50 miles from the meeting site. But there is an exception to the 50-mile minimum for any trusted servant who advises the Quarterly Coordinator at least 30 days in advance of the meeting that it will be a genuine hardship to fulfill his/her role unless lodging is provided. This policy amendment does not affect any contractual obligation toward services vendors such as interpreters, but in the spirit of this policy, those responsible for negotiating future contracts should consider whether local service providers need A.A. to provide onsite lodging for services provided within a vendor's regular service area. Submitted by Mindy W., DCM Subdistrict Q, District 2

Motion I: Withdrawn by Motion Maker

That Area 15 conduct the October 2026 election for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, Area Registrar and Area Secretary continuing to follow Third Legacy Procedures but utilizing electronic voting. This would be a one-time trial and cost would not exceed \$100. Submitted by Lisa D, Area 15 Panel 75 Delegate

Motion G

***This section is a summary of the process that occurred during motion “G”. The body had ample discussion during this motion and is not summarized here.*

The main motion was presented as amended as follows: *(presented as amended means the motion maker changed the motion after the final agenda but before presenting to the body for consideration)*

Beginning October 2026, Area 15 Technology Committee facilitate a hybrid option during the following sessions of the Area 15 assemblies: The Sunday Business Meeting, October Area 15 elections, and the April delegate’s pre-conference agenda review on Sunday. We also request \$2500 for a one-time equipment purchase to facilitate this option. This equipment purchase includes but is not limited to: a laptop, cameras, network devices and cabling as required.
Respectfully submitted by the Area 15 Technology Committee

A member of the body offered an amendment as follows:

Strike October 2026 and use “April 2028”. Add “Saturday and/or”.

The amendment received a second and discussion began on the amendment only. During discussion a member of the body offered a secondary amendment as follows:

Strike April 2028 and use “October 2026”. Strike the word “or”.

The secondary amendment received a second and discussion began on the secondary amendment only. A motion to “Call the Question” was made and was passed by 2/3rds of the voting members. The secondary amendment was voted on and was passed by a simple majority.

The main motion now has the approved secondary amendment added to it and reads as follow: *(this motion is now referred to as “motion as amended”)*

Beginning October 2026, Area 15 Technology Committee facilitate a hybrid option during the following sessions of the Area 15 assemblies: The Sunday Business Meeting, October Area 15 elections, and the April delegate’s pre-conference agenda review on Saturday and Sunday. We also request \$2500 for a one-time equipment purchase to facilitate this option. This equipment purchase includes but is not limited to: a laptop, cameras, network devices and cabling as required.

The body began discussion on the motion as amended. During discussion a member of the body offered an amendment as follows:

Strike the words “Saturday and Sunday”.

The amendment received a second and discussion began. A motion to “Call the Question” was made and was passed by 2/3rds of the voting members. The amendment was voted on and was passed by a simple majority.

The amended motion now has the amendment added to it and reads as follows: *(this motion is now referred to as the “motion as amended”)*

Beginning October 2026, Area 15 Technology Committee facilitate a hybrid option during the following sessions of the Area 15 assemblies: The Sunday Business Meeting, October Area 15 elections, and the April delegate’s pre-conference agenda review. We also request \$2500 for a one-time equipment purchase to facilitate this option. This equipment purchase includes but is not limited to: a laptop, cameras, network devices and cabling as required.

The body began discussion on the motion as amended. During discussion a member of the body offered an amendment as follows:

Strike October 2026 and use “January 2027”. Strike “October Area 15 Elections,”.
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The amendment received a second and discussion began on the amendment only. A motion to “Call the Question” was made and was passed by 2/3rds of the voting members. The amendment was voted on and was passed by a simple majority.

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Discussion began on the motion as amended. A motion to “Call the Question” was made and was passed by 2/3rds of the voting members.

The motion as amended was voted on and was passed by 2/3rds of the voting members. This concluded motion G.

The meeting then went on to the next order of business.

68th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

August 6-9, 2026 • Rosen Plaza Hotel • Orlando, FL

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Good morning, Area 15! My name is Allen, I'm an alcoholic, and I have the privilege and honor of serving as the Chair of the 68th Florida State Convention. That's going to be held August 6th through 9th at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive. I'm also a grateful member of Central Group and District One.

Get ready — we are just under four weeks away from convention, and it's going to be an incredible weekend!

We've poured two years of work into this convention, and it shows — we already have about 2,000 people registered, and we cannot wait to welcome all of you to Orlando!

Haven't registered yet? Don't miss out — register today at 68.floridastateconvention.com

Already registered but still need a room? We've got a waitlist running at our host hotel, the Rosen Plaza, at (407) 996-9700. We've also got overflow rooms available at the Rosen Centre, at (800) 204-7234, and at the Hyatt Place Orlando / I-Drive / Convention Center, at (407) 370-4720.

⚠ Planning to skip this year? Please cancel your room now.

If you have a room and you know you cannot make it, please cancel your reservation as soon as possible — don't wait until the last minute. We have a contract with the hotel for our room block, and when rooms get cancelled at the last minute, it puts the convention in a real bind — we're left scrambling to fill that space.

So we are asking everyone: if you don't plan on attending, cancel your room right away through our hotel liaison — not through the hotel directly — by emailing hotel68FSC@gmail.com.

Four weeks, y'all. Let's fill that room block — we'll see you in Orlando!