Saturday, July 11, 2026 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 2026 Zoom calls **{note new start times}**
Meeting ID: 854 8330 2702
Passcode: 500543

-- **4:30pm** Monday August 10th/ review first draft of budget
-- **4:30pm** Monday September 14th/ review clean-up items
-- **4:30pm** Monday September 28th/ review final budget and revenue forecast
-- **4:30pm** Monday October 26th/ discuss any budget changes and first draft of FAQs
-- 7pm Monday November 9th/ budget questions with District Chairs & other interested members
-- **4:30pm** Monday December 21st/ followup on any additional FAQs
— **4:30 p.m.** Monday, January 4th, 2027

- 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.

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

- Begin discussion of the Legacy of Service for the Finance Committee (to the extent time permits and finish discussion at the October Committee Meeting if needed)

- **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, etc.

Motions Under New Business:

Motion A:
That 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 theArea 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.

Submitted by Amanda C., District 1 DCM Sub 8

Background:
Presently, voting members of Area 15 elect a delegate, alternate delegate, chairperson, treasurer, registrar and recording secretary at the October assembly in even-numbered years using Third Legacy procedure. Requirements for standing are service as a current/past DCM and five years of continuous sobriety. Those willing to serve present a 3-minute service history at the mic and a 1-minute follow-up for each additional position. This motion would not change that process. The information included on a service history form would give voting members the opportunity to learn more about those who wish to serve in these vital roles. Many trusted servants work hard in their districts and on service committees but do not have the visibility that other members have. Providing service summaries in advance would help level the playing field, supporting a more informed group conscience rather than relying solely on brief presentations at the microphone at the voting assembly.

Motion B:
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 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.

Background:
Currently confusion exists within Area 15 as to the design and content of both flier and program. With no clear guidance in Current Practice outside of the current two examples, there exists conflicting interpretations as to what should and should not be included in both flier and program. It is the hope of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee to facilitate a resolution to said confusion. The Assembly Welcome, for example, is currently included on the program but it has not been included on the flier. The session happens every weekend, but was not created by motion and therefore is not in Current Practice. The session was created by an Area Chair. The change would allow the QCC the ability to properly notice all such meetings to ensure the body ample opportunity to plan in advance which meetings they want to attend.

Motion C:
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.

Background:
The Quarterly Coordinator Committee believes the maintenance, storage of tech inventory would be best suited for the Area 15 Technology Committee rather than the Quarterly Coordinator Committee. The QCC has spoken with the tech committee and they have agreed to take the responsibility.

Motion D:
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

Background:
The Quarterly Coordinator Committee is limited in making meaningful changes to the schedule by the requirements set in current practice. A new schedule would open the door to the possibility of more sites when selecting hotel locations for future assemblies by allowing the Quarterly Coordinator Committee to optimize the weekend schedule to meet the conditions of a variety of sites. The Committee will look at the entire weekend schedule. The flexibility in being allowed to rearrange the schedule without the current restrictions will allow for more varied sites to be submitted during the next bid cycle, including exploring non-hotels as meeting locations. Often when we have a variety of meeting options there is more negotiating power for lower costs as well as more geographic locations available.

Motion E:
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

Background:
Area 15 District Committee Members have expressed a need via surveys and through district chairs for guidance regarding their responsibilities more accurately than what they find in The A.A. Service Manual and the "Your DCM" flyer, which describe their role as "the elected leader of the district committee." Because Area 15's service structure differs from other areas, having the additional layer of subdistricts, reliance on these materials has caused confusion. A subcommittee of the Area 15 Literature Committee comprised of district Literature Committee chairs and DCMs began work in January 2024 to create a pamphlet and a more comprehensive workbook that align more closely with how DCMs serve in our area. Numerous drafts of the service piece shared with Area 15 DCMs has resulted in a pamphlet that the Area 15 Literature Committee is ready to release for posting to the Area 15 website for the benefit of DCMs. Area 15 DCMs and the area registrar have resulted in a 9-page pamphlet that the Area 15 Literature Committee is ready to release for the benefit of DCMs.

Motion F:
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.

Background:
Motion 871, approved in January 2025, specifies that the Ad hoc committee shall submit a motion with the completed application no later than the July 2026 assembly. URLs and hyperlinks are provided to documents stored on the Area 15 website for both the "Application for an Additional Delegate Area" and a summary document which contains research and data analysis.
(https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wd7I-uffzDtXdxhuI0OtP15GHZsvQWhv/view?usp=drive_link).
The application provided for this motion is not the "final version" because there is additional data that must be collected and added regarding the votes for this motion.

Motion G:
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.
Respectfully submitted by the Area 15 Technology Committee

Background:
The district 8 Tech Committee, along with assistance from Area 15 trusted servants successfully facilitated hybrid meeting participation at the April 2026 assembly using District 8's equipment, allowing

98 additional members to participate in the business meeting who otherwise would not have been able to attend. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we would like to continue offering this level of accessibility and inclusion moving forward.

Motion H:
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

Background:
Paying for lodging for local trusted servants is not the most prudent use of fellowship resources. This motion would reduce quarterly expenses and release rooms for traveling members. Current practices provide rooms for trusted servants at each quarterly. The area provides two nights for the delegate, alternate delegate, area officers, and past delegates and guests invited to participate in the assembly, and one night for standing committee chairs and secretaries and certain service providers. Area 15 funded 54 room nights in April 2025. The area provides rooms regardless of travel distance. Someone who lives 5 miles from the meeting is entitled to onsite lodging. This motion amends area practices consistent with general business practices that provide for reimbursement of necessary lodging expenses. Business practices vary as to minimum travel distances but travel away from one's home is a prerequisite to incur lodging expense.

Motion I:
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

Background:
The most important consideration at election assemblies is the integrity of the vote. Electronic voting ensures integrity whether election assemblies are held in person or hybrid. Electronic voting also saves all present at the assembly the time it takes to distribute, collect, sort and voice-call paper ballots. Other areas, as well as the General Service Conference, have utilized electronic voting and have found it to be reliable and efficient. Voting would continue to be anonymous. Because the rotating Delegate is responsible for the election assembly, the Delegate will research electronic technologies
and choose what best suits the area's needs.