



South Florida Area 15

2023 General Service Committee 2024

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,
Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands

1st Quarter Business Meeting January 15, 2023

Hyatt Regency - Sarasota - Hosted by District 5

This is a Closed Business Meeting Open to Members Only

Interpretation available for Spanish and ASL

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1. Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
 - Preamble
 - Reading of the 12 Traditions
 - Reading of the 12 Concepts
2. Chairperson's Remarks..... Donna W.
3. Registrar: Roll Call..... Robin P.
4. Recording Secretary..... Bron F.
5. Treasurer's Report..... Karen V.
6. Finance Committee Report... **(After Report Close Vote Count)**..... TBD
7. District Reports.....
8. Delegate's Report Cary W.
9. Alternate Delegate's Report Lisa D.
10. Quarterly Coordinator Committee:
 - A. Chairperson TBD
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer TBD
11. Grapevine/LaViña Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Enrique S.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Micah D.
12. Corrections Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Mike A.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Rene V.
13. Treatment Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Mike B.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Sophie C.
14. Archives:
 - A. Chairperson Ric B.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Gina L.
15. PI/CPC Committee:
 - A. Chairperson John A.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Jacque T.
16. Intergroup/Central Office: Allen C.
17. Current Practices Committee:
 - A. Co-Chair..... Shirley P.
 - A. Co-Chair..... Tom W.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer TBD
18. Accessibilities Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Mary P.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer TBD
19. Literature Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Isabel P. C.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Kevin O.
20. Web Site Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Dianna C.

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| B. Secretary/Treasurer | TBD |
| 21. Spanish Linguistic Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | Carlos G. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | J. Salud P. |
| 22. Area 15 State Convention Committee: | Lisa D. |
| 23. Remote Communities: | |
| A. Chairperson | Suzie J. |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | Tania W. |
| 24. Outreach Committee: | |
| A. Chairperson | TBD |
| B. Secretary/Treasurer | TBD |
| 25. Ad Hoc Virtual Conferencing Committee: | Tom S. |
| 26. Old Business: | |
| Hosts for Area approved signed contracts: | |
| October 6-8, 2023 (Boca Raton) | Quarterly Coordinator |
| April 5-7, 2024 (Boca Raton) | Committee |
| Approve 2023 Budget | Finance Committee Chair |
| 27. New Business: | |

Motion A:

That South Florida Area's distribution to the hosting district be increased from seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) to one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)." Respectfully submitted by Ray S. Quarterly Coordinator Committee Chair on behalf of the QCC committee.

Background A:

Host districts have stated in the QCC meetings that \$750 is not enough distribution money because of the rise in prices (inflation). This will affect motion 745 (Current Practice).

Motion B:

Whenever an Area15 Third-Legacy election reaches the *Go-to-the-hat* procedure, that the ballot results from the immediately preceding 4th or 5th ballot be used as the Lots placed into the hat for the final selection to be drawn.

Background B:

The outline of the A.A. Third Legacy procedure states “*GO TO THE HAT*” following an unsuccessful 4th or 5th ballot. In the last bullet note following the outline, as a means of explanation, it states, “*Lots are then drawn by the teller, ...*”

The term *drawing-of-lots* is mentioned in diverse literature to imply a choice between outcomes that are essentially *tied* after previous balloting.

In the introductory paragraph for the Third Legacy Procedure from the A.A. Service Manual, it states “. . . *a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority,*” in reference to the election of delegates, trustees, et.al.

If it is accepted as valid and paramount that the judgment of the majority should prevail, then using a 50/50 system of lots when *going-to-the-hat*, does not always coincide with the prevailing majority opinion, as indicated in the ballot count from the immediate preceding ballot.

Submitted by: Joseph “jOjOE” K., Chair, Area15, District7, Panel71

Motion C:

That the Area 15 ad-hoc Hybrid Committee utilize 15 minutes for a presentation and 15 minutes for question and answer, at the beginning of the 4-6 p.m. time slot for agenda review on Saturday, in the same room, at the April quarterly. The purpose is to inform the body of the findings concerning hybrid meeting options for Area 15 business meetings that the Committee was tasked with researching. This would be a one time exception to our current practice.

Background C:

The Area 15 body formed the ad hoc Hybrid Committee to review hybrid meeting options for our Sunday business meetings. The Committee was further tasked with reporting findings to the body in order to create an informed group conscience. Presenting the information at the earliest opportunity would be prudent for planning purposes as any possible changes to how the body meets will have financial impacts going forward. A virtual presentation of the report is also planned in order to reach those not able to attend in person. The final report will be submitted for the minutes of the business meeting.

Motion D:

Area 15 conduct the January and July Area Assembly/Quarterly Business meeting virtually and continue to meet in-person in April and October. This would take effect during the next Hotel Bidding Cycle starting in July 2024.

Background D:

Quoting the Panel 71 Area 15 Inventory “Solutions” Session”

- **Point #1 “What is the Purpose of Our Area?”:** to elect our Delegate to serve Area15.
- **Point C. Embrace 21st Century Technology-** to save on hotel and travel expenses allowing all responsible levels, to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation.”
- Enable GSRs representing groups unable to fund costs, to attend virtually
- Give the opportunity for smaller districts and/or districts located on outskirts of Area 15 boundaries to host virtual Quarterlies.

* If action is taken upon recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Hybrid Committee; that solution will supersede this motion.

Submitted by Dena L.-District 15 Chair

28. Adjourn