



South Florida Area 15

2023 General Service Committee 2024

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,
Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands
2nd Quarter Business Meeting - April 16, 2023

Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center - Hosted by Districts 8 & 9

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
 - Preamble
 - Reading of the 12 Traditions
 - Reading of the 12 Concepts
2. Chairperson's remarks Donna W
3. Registrar's roll call, report Robin P
4. Recording Secretary's report Bron F
5. Treasurer's report Karen V
6. Finance Committee report (**Vote count closes after report**) Wayne H
7. District chairpersons' reports
8. Delegate's report Cary W
9. Alternate Delegate's report Lisa D
10. Quarterly Coordinator Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Debbie C
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Fernando S
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 Facilities Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Mike B
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Sophie C
14. Archives Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Ric B
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Gina L
15. Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee:
 - A. Chairperson John A
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Jacque T
16. Intergroup/Central Office:
 - A. Chairperson Allen C
17. Current Practice Committee:
 - A. Co-Chair Shirley P
 - B. Co-Chair Tom W
 - C. Secretary/Treasurer April W
18. Accessibilities Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Mary P
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer TBD
19. Literature Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Isabel PC
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Kevin O
20. Website Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Dianna C
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Nancy H

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

27. New Business:

Motion A:

That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Registrar, Recording Secretary, and any newly elected Area Officers by \$300 for a total not to exceed \$1,000 each to attend on even years the Southeast Regional Forum. Submitted by Area 15 Finance Committee.

Background A:

Funding started with motion 204 in 1986 at \$250 and was increased in 1990 with motion #226 to \$400. It increased again in 1996 to \$550 with motion #326. In 2001 #439 and #512 in 2004 had an increase to \$600 and lastly more than eight years ago in 2014 with motion #724 it was increased to \$700. Due to the rising costs of travel, accommodations and food an increase is once again needed to fund our current and incoming Area Officers.

Motion B:

That Area 15 approve the formation of an additional Spanish Linguistic District with geographical boundaries of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Highlands, Hardee, Sarasota, Manatee and Pasco Counties in response to their request. Our Area Map will be updated to reflect the addition of District 21. Submitted by Lisa D, Chair of the Redistricting Committee on behalf of the Redistricting Committee

Background B:

The redistricting committee, comprised of Alternate Delegate and District Chairs, met and unanimously agreed this would best serve our Spanish speaking Area 15 members in those counties. They have enough participation and financial support to sustain this new District. They would not negatively affect any districts in those counties by being formed. Currently the Hispanic groups have been providing the local committee services to institutions, public information, corrections, and have been meeting as a linguistic district to provide services. They provide 12 step telephone services, have a where and when and are responsible for traditions, service manual and concept workshops. They already have a \$5,000 prudent reserve to start their district (La Vina is \$2,000 and \$3,000 literature).

Motion C:

That attendance at the Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA) which occurs in odd years be added to Area 15 Chairperson, Area 15 Treasurer, Area 15 Registrar and Area 15 Recording Secretary. Expenses for registration, travel, lodging and food will not exceed \$1,0000 per Officer. Submitted by Lisa D, Alternate Delegate Area 15, Panel 73

Background C:

It is extremely beneficial for Area Officers to attend this event as they can exchange ideas with other fellow Officers serving in other areas currently in the same positions. This is an excellent opportunity to learn at workshops how to improve serving our area. SSAASA occurs on odd years which is opposite the Regional Forum which takes places on even years. The next SSAASA is in the Orlando area but it does move around so travel costs in the future will be greater than just mileage.

Motion D:

Increase the Area-15 Treatment Committee budget from \$100 to \$200. Submitted by Treatment Facilities Committee

Background D:

Due to rising costs and unplanned events, the Treatment Committee is unable to meet the literature needs of its membership. We propose purchasing seven (7) Treatment Kits and additional Bridging the Gap literature with a total cost of approximately \$200.

Motion E:

Any Area 15 Officer or Standing Committees holding a virtual meeting workshop or sharing session between quarterly assemblies publish all times, dates and login information to all Area 15 members and be posted on the South Florida Area 15 website. Respectfully submitted, Shirley P on behalf of the Current Practice Committee

Background E:

This practice of virtual meetings began during the pandemic and continues today. This motion makes this practice a “current practice”.

Motion F:

Area 15 quarterly business meetings change the deadline to solidify the District vote counts from before District Reports to after all committee reports on the agenda. Submitted by Melissa B, DCM, District 2, Subdistrict H

Background F:

This will allow extra driving time for those that are not funded or unable due to other reasons to stay overnight to attend the Sunday morning business meeting conveniently. Every quarterly, regardless of location some segment of Area 15 servants has a long drive if we cant stay overnight, due to the vast size of our Area. This affords extra time for those people driving to get here the day of the business meeting often from hours away quite early on Sunday morning. This motion was requested by one of the GSRs in my sub-district, and I think its a fair ask that will benefit many throughout the Area and may facilitate more trusted servants ability to participate in Area Quarterlies.

Motion G:

Change the GSR and DCM Sharing Sessions currently held separately from 2:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. to a Joint GSR/DCM Sharing Session from 2:00 to 3:50. All Sharing Session to be chaired by GSR's and DCM's. Submitted by Jill M, DCM, District 5

Background G:

The only motion which speaks to the sharing sessions is: Motion 141 10/1982 There be a two-hour GSR session Sharing Session chaired by a GSR, strictly for GSR's to share problems, questions, and other wonderful things that come out of this kind of workshop. By combining the GSR/DCM workshops it will provide an opportunity for these trusted servants to know each others needs, concerns, experiences and better serve the groups as a whole.

28. Adjourn

Delegate opens General Service Conference Agenda Review