

**South Florida Area**

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*Book of Current Practices*

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# 1 Area Committee

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## 1.1 Composition

- 8**      01/1971      Geographical areas will also be taken into consideration in the matter of the number of committee members a district shall have.
- 10**      01/1971      Where any district attains another eight complete groups, they will automatically be entitled to a new committee member.
- 20**      10/1972      We have two Secretaries: one (1) Recording and one (1) Corresponding.
- 104**      10/1980      The Corresponding and Recording Secretaries will each be elected to serve in their respected capacities for a period of two (2) years instead of changing positions at the end of one (1) year as in the past several years.
- 117**      10/1981      A district decides when it is entitled to an additional committee member, but it must be certified by this body. The additional committee member is then automatic.
- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 191**      10/1985      Invite the Virgin Islands to be District 13 of the South Florida Conference.
- 217A**      01/1988      To approve the redistricting of District 1 along the lines approved by the Redistricting Committee thereby creating District 15.
- 258**      10/1992      That the Bahamas become District 16 of the South Florida Area.
- 343**      07/1997      A)    Procedures - Procedures for conducting all Area business are established by the Area Committee.  
B)    Composition - Composition of the South Florida Area Committee - Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs, District Chairpersons, and District Committee Members.  
C)    Voting - (a.) all members of the Area Committee have the right to vote at Committee meetings; (b) all members of the Area Committee and General Service Representatives have the right to vote at Assemblies.
- 346**      07/1997      That within Glades County, FL, everything Northeast of Fisheating Creek be allocated to District 6 and everything Southwest of Fisheating Creek be allocated to District 7.

- 376**      07/1998      That a Hispanic Linguistic District, District 17, be created within Area 15 General Service Committee. [Out of Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.]
- 389**      04/1999      All members of the Area Committee have a right to vote at Area Business Committee meeting. 'Members' are defined as:
- 1) the Delegate,
  - 2) the Alternate Delegate,
  - 3) the Area Chairperson,
  - 4) the Area Treasurer,
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  - 6) the Area Corresponding Secretary,
  - 7) Chairpersons of the following Area Standing Committees:
    - a) PI/CPC,
    - b) Corrections,
    - c) Treatment,
    - d) Archives,
    - e) Accessibilities,
    - f) Finance,
    - g) Intergroup/Central Office,
    - h) Quarterly Coordinator,
    - i) Current Practices Co-Chairs (1 vote each),
  - 8) Alternate Standing Committee Chairpersons (if the Chairperson is absent),
  - 9) District Chairpersons,
  - 10) Alternate District Chairpersons (if the Chairperson is absent),
  - 11) DCMs (District Committee Members),
  - 12) ACMs (Alternate Committee Members) if DCM is absent.
- At Area Assemblies (April and October), all members of the Area Committee, as defined above, along with GSRs (General Service Representatives) have the right to vote. Alternate GSRs vote if their GSR is absent.
- 457**      10/2002      Whenever a third legacy elected position becomes vacant, for whatever reason, the position shall come up for election at the next assembly and/or quarterly to fill that position.
- 460**      10/2002      Amended motion from 7/1997 C.)      Voting - (a) all members of the Area Committee have the right to vote at *Area* Committee meetings; (b) all members of the Area Committee and General Service Representatives have the right to vote at Assemblies.
- 491**      10/2003      That Area 15 approve the formation of a new linguistic District consisting of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- 625**      01/2008      The South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous conducts all Area Business Meetings in Assembly to allow full participation of the groups General Service Representatives.

682      7/2011      That area 15 approve the redistricting of District 7 by forming District 20 with geographical boundaries of Collier County, the portion of Monroe County bordered by Collier and Miami-Dade Counties, and the portion of Hendry County below the northernmost boundary of Collier County.

## 1.2 Voting

343      07/1997      A) Procedures - Procedures for conducting all Area business are established by the Area Committee.  
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At Area Assemblies (April and October), all members of the Area Committee, as defined above, along with GSRs (General Service Representatives) have the right to vote. Alternate GSRs vote if their GSR is absent.

- 430**      10/2000      Use Third Legacy procedure from the current AA Service Manual as a guideline for the October Assembly election.
- 457**      10/2002      Whenever a third legacy elected position becomes vacant, for whatever reason, the position shall come up for election at the next assembly and/or quarterly to fill that position.
- 460**      10/2002      Amended motion from 7/1997:  
C.) Voting - (a) all members of the Area Committee have the right to vote at *Area* Committee meetings; (b) all members of the Area Committee and General Service Representatives have the right to vote at Assemblies.
- 465**      01/2003      In the event that the Delegate position becomes vacant, The Alternate Delegate become Delegate and the position of Alternate Delegate becomes vacant, to be elected by prior resolution.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 625**      01/2008      The South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous conducts all Area Business Meetings in Assembly to allow full participation of the groups General Service Representatives.

### **1.3 Policy**

- 43**      06/1976      Any Area [possibly 'District' is intended] inviting Delegate to give report or for any other reason is to pay all Delegate's expenses.
- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the microphone.
- 133**      07/1982      No mailing list shall be given out to anyone for any reason other than the Host District of the General Services Conference of South Florida without the permission of this body.
- 163**      07/1984      The necessary votes required to pass a motion be changed from \_ of the available votes at roll call to \_ of the number of votes cast on the motion at the time.
- 225**      07/1990      In the event the newly-elected Delegate cannot serve, the newly-elected Alternate Delegate shall assume the Delegate position and the Alternate Delegate position shall become vacant.

- 282**      10/1994      In order for all districts to have an equal opportunity to host a quarterly, no district which has been awarded a quarterly at the January bidding may bid to host a second quarterly until all other bidding districts have been satisfied. After this round of bids, any quarterlies remaining unhosted will be open to all districts.
- 283**      10/1994      The South Florida Area Delegate shall have the opportunity of inviting the North Florida Delegate to attend one of our Quarterly Committee-meeting weekends sometime during the 2-year period when both are serving the US/Canada Conference. The South Florida Area Committee will assume all costs involved in the visit.
- 308**      10/1995      We invite a staff member each year and every other year invite a Class A or Class B Trustee to come to our Conference except the October election Assembly held every two years.
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- 347**      07/1997      That the ballot slips for each round of balloting at all Third-Legacy elections be kept separate and not commingled or discarded until a clear winner is announced for the office being voted upon.
- 348**      07/1997      That all meetings and all functions at all South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterlies be non-smoking.
- 354**      10/1997      All committee meetings at South Florida Quarterlies are considered "open" to A.A. members. ONLY committee members, however, may vote on committee matters.
- 389**      04/1999      All members of the Area Committee have a right to vote at Area Business Committee meeting. 'Members' are defined as:
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  - 4)    the Area Treasurer,
  - 5)    the Area Recording Secretary,
  - 6)    the Area Corresponding Secretary,
  - 7)    Chairpersons of the following Area Standing Committees:
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    - b)    Corrections,
    - c)    Treatment,
    - d)    Archives,
    - e)    Accessibilities,

- f) Finance,
- g) Intergroup/Central Office,
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- i) Current Practices Co-Chairs (1 vote each),
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| <b>434</b> | 01/2001 | (Amendment to 7/1994 Motion) That the South Florida Area Chairpersons receive a copy of the April Conference Preliminary Agenda Items prior to the January Quarterly Business Meeting.  |
| <b>505</b> | 04/2004 | That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area 15 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame. |
| <b>625</b> | 01/2008 | The South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous conducts all Area Business Meetings in Assembly to allow full participation of the groups General Service Representatives.   |
| <b>640</b> | 10/2008 | The Delegate Sharing session, held every April, be changed to “The Conference Agenda Review.”   |

## 2 Finances

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### 2.1 Area Meetings

- 167      07/1984      The host committee will adhere to the request made several years ago: 'That the basket be passed once (on Saturday night only) for the District. The Sunday collection is for the Area.'
- 220      01/1989      That we increase the guidelines suggestion for hotel room rates to reflect an inflation rate of 5% per year.
- 617      10/2007      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional language interpreter services for the Spanish and English languages for the Saturday meetings as deemed necessary, Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies as needed for all Quarterlies. Spanish Linguistic Districts in the South Florida Area will provide the equipment needed for the interpretation transmission. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel rates will be either half of the interpreter hourly rate and the standard IRS mileage rate. Lodging to be provided as deemed necessary by travel distance and meetings to be interpreted. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- 619      10/2007      Area 15 allow a 7th tradition collection at the speakers meeting on Friday night to be passed and kept by the hosting district.
- 621      01/2008      That South Florida Area's contribution to the hosting district be increased from five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00).
- 687      01/2012      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional American Sign Language interpreter services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Saturday morning Special Needs Committee Meeting, the Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies for all Quarterlies. The other meetings, which are the Friday and Saturday night speaker meetings, will be interpreted as deemed necessary. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel funding will either be the half of the interpreter hourly rate, the standard IRS mileage rate, or lodging. Necessity will be determined by the Special Needs Committee Chairperson. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.

### 2.2 Conference

- 99**      07/1980      The General Service Conference held annually in New York (April) expenses are to be paid in keeping with the guidelines set forth in the Service Manual. Also, at the Delegate's discretion, he or she may want to be at the GSO a working day before or after the Conference to straighten out any Area problems.
- 131**      04/1982      Within the guidelines set forth in the AA Service Manual, the Delegate will be reimbursed for all expenses (referring to transportation, food, and lodging throughout this report) incurred by attendance at the Annual General Service Conference. The Delegate's discretion will determine whether it is necessary to spend one additional working day at the GSO to discuss specific South Florida Area matters with members of the General Service staff. The Committee noted that the trip to Stepping Stones (part of the agenda in the Delegate's second term) is not to be considered as additional time.

## **2.3 Area & Committee Officers**

- 213**      10/1987      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one (1) night's lodging at the Quarterlies, except chairpersons of self-supporting committees.
- 234**      04/1991      Expense forms be filled out by the Committee Chairpersons and Officers for the purpose of accounting for monies advanced for each Quarterly.
- 287**      04/1995      Any Past Delegate accepting an invitation to chair or otherwise participate in a Saturday workshop at a Quarterly be reimbursed for one night's lodging.
- 327**      07/1996      Beginning with the 1st Quarter of 1997, the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairperson of the South Florida Committee receive two (2) nights' lodging at Quarterlies.
- 394**      04/1999      That the South Florida Area updates the current allowance for mileage reimbursement based on the current IRS per/mile allowance.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 428**      10/2000      That the secretaries of Standing Committees who do not receive funding to South Florida Area quarterlies from any other source be given one night's lodging at each quarterly.
- 439**      10/2001      That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.
- 587**      04/2006      If it is necessary for an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet outside the normal Quarterly framework, mileage to and from the meeting be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.

- 607      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 610      10/2007      That the Area 15 Quarterly Coordinator be funded two nights lodging, beginning in January 2008 at each South Florida Area 15 Quarterly Meeting.
- 638      07/2008      That the Alternate Delegate serve as co-host of the Florida Hospitality Suite at each AA International Convention. This responsibility will become part of the duties of the Alternate Delegate position; therefore defraying the Alternate Delegates travel & expenses to attend. The Alternate Delegate will be responsible for organizing volunteers, scheduling them for greeting visitors of the Florida Hospitality Suite & handling any costs associated with hosting a Hospitality Suite utilizing the escrow account funded by Florida State Conventions contributions. The Alternate Delegate's expenses for attending the International Convention would be added as a line item to the Alternate Delegate's budget when applicable to be included in the Area 15 budget not to exceed \$2,500.
- 646      01/2009      The website committee chair, secretary/treasurer and web servant shall receive one night's lodging, unless otherwise funded.

## **2.4 Forums**

- 439      10/2001      That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.

## **2.5 Operating Account**

- 375      04/1999      That the South Florida Area increase the cap on the operating account from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.
- 418      01/2000      To change the month that the South Florida Area sends its excess funds to GSO from July to January.

## **2.6 Prudent Reserve**

- 189      07/1985      That the prudent reserve fund balance remain capped at \$6,000.00, to be reviewed in one year unless circumstances warrant an earlier review.

## **3 Area Assemblies**

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### **3.1 When**

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| <b>15</b>  | 01/1972 | We ask for bids for a third Quarterly Meeting and it not be held in conjunction with the State Convention.   |
| <b>19</b>  | 09/1972 | Meetings be held sometime during the months of January, April, July, and October.  |
| <b>42</b>  | 06/1976 | Amend the motion of September, 1972, regarding the months for meetings by adding the following: 'if change is necessary, the Committee officers must be consulted before a firm date in other months'.   |
| <b>62</b>  | 10/1978 | If possible, host districts should avoid having the Quarterly meeting on the last weekend of the month.  |
| <b>282</b> | 10/1994 | In order for all districts to have an equal opportunity to host a quarterly, no district which has been awarded a quarterly at the January bidding may bid to host a second quarterly until all other bidding districts have been satisfied. After this round of bids, any quarterlies remaining unhosted will be open to all districts. |
| <b>370</b> | 04/1998 | That Area 15 produce and adopt a form which will consolidate the following information (Hotel name, location, date, and price). These completed forms would be used as a presentation tool to expedite bidding at quarterlies every other January.   |

### **3.2 Time**

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| <b>356</b> | 10/1997 | In the interest of time and to make our Sunday morning business meeting the same starting time all the time, I propose we start at 9:00am for all Sunday morning business meetings. |
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### **3.3 Procedure**

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| <b>2</b>   | 05/1970 | Except for the three previous deviations, we shall follow the SERVICE MANUAL for elections.   |
| <b>101</b> | 07/1980 | Use Third Legacy Manual from the AA Service Manual (page 50) as guidelines for October Assembly election. (Prepared in 1976 guidelines. Motion is to continue in the manner.) |

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- 625      01/2008      The South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous conducts all Area Business Meetings in Assembly to allow full participation of the groups General Service Representatives.
- 661      01/2010      That Area 15 Quarterly bidding cycle be conducted every January for a one-year session consisting of 4 Quarterlies starting in July of the current year through April of the following year. In keeping with our Area 15 policy which gives all districts an equal opportunity to host Quarterly, districts that have hosted a quarterly in the previous 1 year session must wait to bid on a quarterly in the current bidding session until all other districts have had a chance to bid. After the first round of bids, any quarterlies remaining unhosted will be open to all districts for bidding. Respectfully submitted, Gwen G., Quarterly Coordinator, Panel 59 Area 15
- 687      01/2012      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional American Sign Language interpreter services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Saturday morning Special Needs Committee Meeting, the Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies for all Quarterlies. The other meetings, which are the Friday and Saturday night speaker meetings, will be interpreted as deemed necessary. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel funding will either be the half of the interpreter hourly rate, the standard IRS mileage rate, or lodging. Necessity will be determined by the Special Needs Committee Chairperson. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.

### 3.4 Voting

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- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame

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### **3.5 Agenda**

- 141**      10/1982      There be a two hour GSR Sharing Session chaired by a GSR, strictly for GSRs to share problems, questions, and other wonderful things that come out of this kind of workshop.
- 186**      03/1985      The Service Manual Workshop be made a permanent meeting or function of the South Florida Quarterly meeting or Assembly. This meeting be held on Saturday and, if possible, meeting should be conducted by a former Delegate from the South Florida Conference.
- 276**      07/1994      A 1-hour sharing session—"What's On Your Mind?"—be placed on the [Quarterly] agenda at a time not to conflict with any other meeting.
- 420**      04/2000      That the South Florida Area 15 add to its agenda a Concepts Workshop, co-chaired by two A.A. members well-informed on the 12 Concepts and selected by the host district, beginning with the July 2000 quarterly.
- 495**      01/2004      At future South Florida Area Quarterlies weekends, that the host district provide meeting space for the Spanish Speaking Workshops (Concepts, Traditions, Service Manual), Linguistic District Representatives and officers that meet and that information about the meetings be included in the South Florida Area Agenda
- 589**      04/2006      That the Current Practices Committee automatically updates the South FL Area 15 Quarterly Meeting Agenda as made necessary by motions passed by the Area 15 body.
- 639**      07/2008      That South Florida Area 15 Linguistic Committee meets from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.
- 640**      10/2008      The Delegate Sharing session, held every April, be changed to "The Conference Agenda Review."

### **3.6 Policy**

- 165**      07/1984      The host committee will continue to provide the necessary meeting room for Sunday and other items required for the business meeting to be held.

- 167**      07/1984      The host committee will adhere to the request made several years ago: 'That the basket be passed once (on Saturday night only) for the District. The Sunday collection is for the Area.'
- 168**      07/1984      The host district will make provisions of a light lunch to be served quickly in the hotel in order for the business meeting to reconvene without delay.
- 256**      07/1992      That the South Florida Conference discontinue the mailing of the [Quarterly] flyer sent out by the Host District.
- 264**      04/1993      A space to denote if one is handicapped be placed on future Quarterly registration handouts. (note: this should be part of both hotel and banquet sections of the form).
- 323**      04/1996      That Service Manuals be available for sale at all Quarterlies.
- 347**      07/1997      That the ballot slips for each round of balloting at all Third-Legacy elections be kept separate and not commingled or discarded until a clear winner is announced for the office being voted upon.
- 354**      10/1997      All committee meetings at South Florida Quarterlies are considered "open" to A.A. members. ONLY committee members, however, may vote on committee matters.
- 472**      01/2003      That a record of our attendance by district for GSRs, DCMs, and ACMs be maintained and reported to the Quarterly Coordinator.
- 617**      10/2007      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional language interpreter services for the Spanish and English languages for the Saturday meetings as deemed necessary, Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies as needed for all Quarterlies. Spanish Linguistic Districts in the South Florida Area will provide the equipment needed for the interpretation transmission. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel rates will be either half of the interpreter hourly rate and the standard IRS mileage rate. Lodging to be provided as deemed necessary by travel distance and meetings to be interpreted. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- 619**      10/2007      Area 15 allow a 7th tradition collection at the speakers meeting on Friday night to be passed and kept by the hosting district.
- 665**      04/2010      At South Florida Area 15 quarterly/assembly weekends the "Conferences of Young People in AA" be afforded a table for pre-registration and outreach. This is not to create any financial responsibility for Area 15.
- 686**      01/2012      That the Area ratify the actions of the Area 15 Grapevine / La Viña Committee in transferring responsibility for sale of Grapevine / La Viña literature to the host committee at each Area Quarterly.

**687**      01/2012      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional American Sign Language interpreter services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Saturday morning Special Needs Committee Meeting, the Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies for all Quarterlies. The other meetings, which are the Friday and Saturday night speaker meetings, will be interpreted as deemed necessary. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel funding will either be the half of the interpreter hourly rate, the standard IRS mileage rate, or lodging. Necessity will be determined by the Special Needs Committee Chairperson. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.

## 4 Special Functions

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### 4.1 Area and State

- 171**      10/1984      In order to make a bid for the Southeastern Conference, it is necessary to have the body's approval and a letter from the Committee. It is the unanimous agreement of this body to bid for the 1987 Conference.
- 439**      10/2001      That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.
- 512**      07/2004      That Area 15 fund any newly elected Area Officers to attend the Southeast Regional Forum (at \$600 per person) when it is held within the three month period immediately following the Area Elections.
- 637**      07/2008      That South Florida Area 15 co-host a hospitality suite at each AA International Convention with North Florida Area 14. Any costs associated with the hospitality suite would be paid for out of the International Convention Hospitality Escrow Account currently funded by Florida State Convention contributions

### 4.2 National

- 443**      04/2002      If both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are unable to attend the General Service Conference, the Chairperson will assume that duty. If the Chairperson is also unable to perform that duty, the Treasurer will assume that duty. If the Treasurer is also unable to perform that duty, the Recording Secretary will assume that duty. If the Recording Secretary is also unable to perform that duty, the Corresponding Secretary will assume that duty.

## **5 Area Committee - Officers**

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### **5.1 Delegate**

#### **5.1.1 Responsibilities**

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| <b>63</b>  | 10/1978 | The Delegate will be responsible for all requests for access to the Directories.  |
| <b>132</b> | 07/1982 | Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.     |
| <b>224</b> | 01/1990 | Any present or past DCM standing for an Area office must have 5 continuous years of sobriety at the time of election.   |
| <b>297</b> | 10/1995 | All past and present District Committee members are eligible to stand for Area office (added to the 3rd Legacy Procedure).  |
| <b>310</b> | 01/1996 | In addition to attendance at the General Service Conference each year, the Delegate is expected to attend the following functions: 1. All Area 15 General Service Committee Quarterly meetings; 2. Florida State Convention; 3. Southeastern Conference; 4. Southeastern Regional Forum; 5. International Convention. |
| <b>434</b> | 01/2001 | (Amendment to 07/1994 Motion) That the South Florida Area Chairpersons receive a copy of the April Conference Preliminary Agenda Items prior to the January Quarterly Business Meeting.   |
| <b>605</b> | 04/2007 | Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.  |
| <b>607</b> | 07/2007 | That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.   |
| <b>634</b> | 07/2008 | To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."   |

#### **5.1.2 Finances**

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| <b>116</b> | 07/1981 | The Delegate's expense report be presented at the January Quarterly each year and thereby become part of the minutes and available to all interested parties prior to the April Quarterly. |
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- 309      01/1996      Area 15 assumes financial responsibility for all expenses incurred by the Delegate in performing his/her duties.
- 422      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 480      04/2003      That Area 15 provide the Delegate with airfare to the U.S. Virgin Islands once a year to deliver the Delegate's Report.
- 578      01/2006      That the Quarterly flyers include ad hoc committee meetings and any new standing committee meetings.
- 579      01/2006      That Area 15 be responsible for the cost of the travel expenses incurred by the Delegate in traveling to any of the active Districts in Area 15 once a year in order to give each District a Conference Report, when this financial help is requested by the District Chairperson. It is suggested that when possible, Districts be self-supporting.
- 580      01/2006      That motions on the Area 15 Quarterly Business Meeting Agenda may include an explanation of no more than 150 words included by the motion presenter.

## 5.2 Alternate Delegate

- 132      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 224      01/1990      Any present or past DCM standing for an Area office must have 5 continuous years of sobriety at the time of election.
- 297      10/1995      All past and present District Committee members are eligible to stand for Area office (added to the 3rd Legacy Procedure).
- 317      04/1996      Area 15 assumes financial responsibility for all expenses incurred by the Alternate Delegate in performing his/her duties.
- 318      04/1996      In addition to attendance at the all Area 15 General Service Committee Quarterly meetings the Alternate Delegate is expected to attend 1) the Florida State Convention; 2) Southeast Conference; 3) Southeastern Regional Delegates Get-Together; 4) Southeast Regional Forum.
- 321      04/1996      Recommend that the "What's on Your Mind" meeting be chaired by the Alternate Delegate with an "Ask-It-Basket" format.

- 465**      01/2003      In the event that the Delegate position becomes vacant, The Alternate Delegate become Delegate and the position of Alternate Delegate becomes vacant, to be elected by prior resolution.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 634**      07/2008      To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."
- 638**      07/2008      That the Alternate Delegate serve as co-host of the Florida Hospitality Suite at each AA International Convention. This responsibility will become part of the duties of the Alternate Delegate position; therefore defraying the Alternate Delegates travel & expenses to attend. The Alternate Delegate will be responsible for organizing volunteers, scheduling them for greeting visitors of the Florida Hospitality Suite & handling any costs associated with hosting a Hospitality Suite utilizing the escrow account funded by Florida State Conventions contributions. The Alternate Delegate's expenses for attending the International Convention would be added as a line item to the Alternate Delegate's budget when applicable to be included in the Area 15 budget not to exceed \$2,500.
- 672**      10/2010      That a black & white copy and/or a PDF formatted document of the current State Convention flyer, be presented by the Area 15 State Convention Committee Chair to the Recording Secretary to be included as an insert in each printing and distribution of Area 15 quarterly minutes. Submitted by: State Convention Standing Committee.

### **5.3 Chairperson**

- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 224**      01/1990      Any present or past DCM standing for an Area office must have 5 continuous years of sobriety at the time of election.
- 274**      04/1994      Items for the Quarterly agenda be in the hands of the Area Chairman 30 days after each Quarterly meeting. Mailing labels be available 30 days after each Quarterly. Minutes be mailed no later than 45 days after each Quarterly meeting.

- 297**     10/1995     All past and present District Committee members are eligible to stand for Area office (added to the 3rd Legacy Procedure).
- 305**     10/1995     The Quarterly Coordinator and Finance Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Area Chairperson.
- 422**     04/2000     That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 439**     10/2001     That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.
- 443**     04/2002     If both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are unable to attend the General Service Conference, the Chairperson will assume that duty. If the Chairperson is also unable to perform that duty, the Treasurer will assume that duty. If the Treasurer is also unable to perform that duty, the Recording Secretary will assume that duty. If the Recording Secretary is also unable to perform that duty, the Corresponding Secretary will assume that duty.
- 605**     04/2007     Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**     07/2007     That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 634**     07/2008     To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."
- 667**     07/2010     The electronically transmitted Agenda for the South Florida Area 15 Assembly shall bear only first names and the first letter of the last name of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Officers of South Florida Area 15 and their email addresses as routed through the Area Website with the exception of the inclusion of P.O. Box addresses.

## **5.4 Treasurer**

- 39**     04/1976     A full Financial Report be made on an annual basis from January 1st through December 31st. This report to be presented to the Committee at the Second Quarterly of each year.
- 132**     07/1982     Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.

<b>167</b>	07/1984	The host committee will adhere to the request made several years ago: 'That the basket be passed once (on Saturday night only) for the District. The Sunday collection is for the Area.'
<b>224</b>	01/1990	Any present or past DCM standing for an Area office must have 5 continuous years of sobriety at the time of election.
<b>265</b>	04/1993	Eliminate the reading of each group's contribution during the Treasurer's report. Instead, have the information in written form with copies to each District at the Conference. The Treasurer would report just totals from each District.
<b>297</b>	10/1995	All past and present District Committee members are eligible to stand for Area office (added to the 3rd Legacy Procedure).
<b>358</b>	10/1997	Move that South Florida Area's contribution to the host district be increased from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
<b>386</b>	01/1999	That, in the interest of time, the Treasurer dispense with the reading of both the District contributions and the list of checks, since the information is distributed to everyone in written form.
<b>422</b>	04/2000	That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31 <sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
<b>439</b>	10/2001	That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.
<b>443</b>	04/2002	If both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are unable to attend the General Service Conference, the Chairperson will assume that duty. If the Chairperson is also unable to perform that duty, the Treasurer will assume that duty. If the Treasurer is also unable to perform that duty, the Recording Secretary will assume that duty. If the Recording Secretary is also unable to perform that duty, the Corresponding Secretary will assume that duty.
<b>484</b>	04/2003	That South Florida Area retain 5 years past, plus current year's Financial records. All financial records for the period prior to 5 years past plus present current year's Financial records will be destroyed annually by the Archives Committee at the discretion of the Area Treasurer after June 1
<b>493</b>	11/2003	That an executed (signed) copy of the Charter of South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous as amended January 14, 2001, source document for Area 15's Application to Mail at Nonprofit Standard Mail Rates, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Application for Consumer's Certificate of Exemption (Florida Sales and Use Tax), be ratified and entered in the appendix of Area 15's Book of Current Practices and that a 'Duplicate Original' be maintained by the Area 15 Treasurer, Area 15 Archives Committee and the Accountant representing Area 15.

- 512**     07/2004     That Area 15 fund any newly elected Area Officers to attend the Southeast Regional Forum (at \$600 per person) when it is held within the three month period immediately following the Area Elections
- 605**     04/2007     Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**     07/2007     That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 619**     10/2007     Area 15 allow a 7th tradition collection at the speakers meeting on Friday night to be passed and kept by the hosting district.
- 634**     07/2008     To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."

## **5.5 Registrar**

- 68**     07/1979     Include all Southeastern Regional Delegates (a total of 12 at present) on the South Florida Conference's mailing list.
- 133**     07/1982     No mailing list shall be given out to anyone for any reason other than the Host District of the General Services Conference of South Florida without the permission of this body.
- 132**     07/1982     Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 224**     01/1990     Any present or past DCM standing for an Area office must have 5 continuous years of sobriety at the time of election.
- 297**     10/1995     All past and present District Committee members are eligible to stand for Area office (added to the 3rd Legacy Procedure).
- 439**     10/2001     That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.
- 443**     04/2002     If both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are unable to attend the General Service Conference, the Chairperson will assume that duty. If the Chairperson is also unable to perform that duty, the Treasurer will assume that duty. If the Treasurer is also unable to perform that duty, the Recording Secretary will assume that duty. If the Recording Secretary is also unable to perform that duty, the Corresponding Secretary will assume that duty.

- 489**    11/2003    That Area 15 officer position of "Corresponding Secretary" be changed to 'Registrar'.
- 508**    04/2004    Effective April 4, 2004, the South Florida Area 15 Registrar mail, in addition to those currently receiving a set of Area minutes, to each District Officer in South Florida Area 15. District Officers include the Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary/Registrar, Recording Secretary and DCM Coordinator of each District. Printing & postage not to exceed \$150 annually
- 512**    07/2004    That Area 15 fund any newly elected Area Officers to attend the Southeast Regional Forum (at \$600 per person) when it is held within the three month period immediately following the Area Elections.
- 605**    04/2007    Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**    07/2007    That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 634**    07/2008    To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."

## **5.6 Recording Secretary**

- 107**    01/1981    In the future all motions be delivered to the Secretary in writing to insure accuracy.
- 132**    07/1982    Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 224**    01/1990    Any present or past DCM standing for an Area office must have 5 continuous years of sobriety at the time of election.
- 232**    04/1991    At all Quarterlies in the future, the total attendance at a Quarterly and the number of GSRs in attendance be made part of the minutes of that Quarterly. These figures to come from the registration books kept by the host district.
- 295**    10/1995    A summary of all motions and the actions taken be included at the end of the Quarterly minutes.
- 297**    10/1995    All past and present District Committee members are eligible to stand for Area office (added to the 3rd Legacy Procedure).

- 422**     04/2000     That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 439**     10/2001     That South Florida Area 15 increase the amount allocated for the Area Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary by \$50.00 each for a total of \$600.00 each to attend the Southeast Regional Forum.
- 443**     04/2002     If both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are unable to attend the General Service Conference, the Chairperson will assume that duty. If the Chairperson is also unable to perform that duty, the Treasurer will assume that duty. If the Treasurer is also unable to perform that duty, the Recording Secretary will assume that duty. If the Recording Secretary is also unable to perform that duty, the Corresponding Secretary will assume that duty.
- 512**     07/2004     That Area 15 fund any newly elected Area Officers to attend the Southeast Regional Forum (at \$600 per person) when it is held within the three month period immediately following the Area Elections.
- 515**     07/2004     That the South Florida Area Recording Secretary employ an internet bulk mail service. Minutes would be sent by email or US Postal Service as requested, to the GSR's, DCM's, District Officers, Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs and DCM Coordinators or their alternates if those positions are vacant and Past Delegates. Other members may request to be added to the mailing. The minutes to be mailed or e-mailed no sooner than the 31st day after the business meeting and no later than 45 days after the business meeting.
- 568**     10/2005     That the Area Minutes prepared in electronic format contain a watermark stating "Confidential", and a footer which states, "For use by groups and members, and not for public domain.
- 605**     04/2007     Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**     07/2007     That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 634**     07/2008     To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."
- 663**     01/2010     To establish, by resolution, that the Recording Secretary scrub the electronic minutes and the agenda of last names, replacing full last names with the first letter of the last name only. Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia L. website committee chair
- 667**     07/2010     The electronically transmitted Agenda for the South Florida Area 15 Assembly shall bear only first names and the first letter of the last name of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Officers of South Florida Area 15 and their email addresses as routed through the Area Website with the exception of the inclusion of P.O. Box addresses.

**672**      10/2010      That a black & white copy and/or a PDF formatted document of the current State Convention flyer, be presented by the Area 15 State Convention Committee Chair to the Recording Secretary to be included as an insert in each printing and distribution of Area 15 quarterly minutes. Submitted by: State Convention Standing Committee.

## 6 Archives

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- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 293**      07/1995      A single recording, not to be duplicated, of the Area Business meetings, along with the Recording Secretary's minutes be forwarded to the Area Archives Committee for permanent retention.
- 315**      01/1996      That the cassette tapes of the Quarterly minutes be kept in the Archives six (6) months after they have been typed and accepted and are forwarded from the Recording Secretary.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 438**      10/2000      That the secretaries of Standing Committees who do not receive funding to South Florida Area quarterlies from any other source be given one night's lodging at each quarterly.
- 484**      04/2003      That South Florida Area retain 5 years past, plus current year's Financial records. All financial records for the period prior to 5 years past plus present current year's Financial records will be destroyed annually by the Archives Committee at the discretion of the Area Treasurer after June 1
- 493**      11/2003      That an executed (signed) copy of the Charter of South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous as amended January 14, 2001, source document for Area 15's Application to Mail at Nonprofit Standard Mail Rates, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Application for Consumer's Certificate of Exemption (Florida Sales and Use Tax), be ratified and entered in the appendix of Area 15's Book of Current Practices and that a 'Duplicate Original' be maintained by the Area 15 Treasurer, Area 15 Archives Committee and the Accountant representing Area 15.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame

- 600**      10/2006      That Area 15 discontinue updating the Book of Resolutions and that a current copy of this document be placed in the Historical Documents section of the Current Practices binder.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 641**      10/2008      Area 15 annually defray expenses for a member of the Archives Committee to attend the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop. The amount not to exceed \$850.00 per year.
- 671**      07/2010      The Historical Documents section be removed from the Current Practices binder, and turned over to the Archives Committee for permanent preservation. Also, a copy of this document will be added to the secured section of our area 15 website.

## 7 Corrections

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- 100**      07/1980      The Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Standing Institutions Committee be nominated by the Institutional Committee and the nomination be approved or rejected by the Conference as a whole. This means that the Conference would not be involved in the election of the Institution Committee Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer. The officers would be presented to us for acceptance. The Institution Committee would be responsible to the Conference as it is now and the Chairman of the Committee would have a vote at the Committee meetings and at the Assemblies.
- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 192**      01/1986      Change the name of the South Florida Institutions Committee to South Florida Corrections Committee.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 593**      07/2006      That the Area #15 Corrections Committee become a funded standing committee of Area #15 and as such will be funded for Quarterly room nights as specified in our current practices and be allotted an annual operating budget of \$500 and that the pink cans will no longer be at the Quarterly meetings.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 618**      10/2007      That the South Florida Area 15 Corrections Committee participate in the North/South Florida Corrections Workshop held annually in Sanford, Florida. The expenses for the workshop include rental of the facility, refreshments, and mileage for the 3 officers not to exceed \$800 annually. Rent and refreshment costs are alternated each year between Area 14 and Area 15.

## 8 Current Practices

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 268**      07/1993      A Committee on Current Practices, consisting of the two immediate Past Delegates and four current DCMs to be selected by the Past Delegates, be established for the purpose of a.) reviewing the *Book of Resolutions* for completeness, b.) reviewing the generalized Guidelines covering the Area's and its Officers' and Committees' practices in matters of elections, duties, financing, and Committee composition.
- 273**      01/1994      The Current Practices Committee be a permanent standing committee of the South Florida Area. The two immediate past Delegates will co-chair and rotate out as each is no longer immediate past and be replaced by the current Delegate. The four DCMs will rotate out after a regular 2 year period. The Area chairman will act *ex-officio* as a tie-breaker.
- 396**      04/1999      That Area 15 include the "Quarterly Fact Sheet" as part of their current practices. This will be added to the Current Practices notebook as part of the appendix. (Appendix, page 24)
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area 15 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame
- 589**      04/2006      That the Current Practices Committee automatically updates the South FL Area 15 Quarterly Meeting Agenda as made necessary by motions passed by the Area 15 body.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.

- 615**      10/2007      That we remove all last names where they appear, in the Book of Motions and Book of Current Practices and replace them with the first initial of the last name, when posted on the website.
- 669**      07/2010      Establish, by resolution, the Current Practice Committee will submit the updated current practices, along with an updated book of motions to the web site committee yearly, by January 31st.
- 670**      07/2010      Whereas, the Book of Motions is available on the Area 15 website, Area 15 will no longer print this section.
- 671**      07/2010      The Historical Documents section be removed from the Current Practices binder, and turned over to the Archives Committee for permanent preservation. Also, a copy of this document will be added to the secured section of our area 15 website.

## 9 Finance

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 134**      07/1982      To establish an ongoing Finance Committee made up of several people in the Area one of whom would be the Treasurer. Having the Committee meet quarterly to go over expenses and make a report at each Quarterly meeting to be included with or in conjunction with the Treasurer's Report.
- 196**      04/1986      The [Finance] Committee will consist of the following people:
- 1)    The Incumbent Treasurer,
  - 2)    The Immediate Past Delegate,
  - 3)    Chairperson as appointed by the Area Chairperson, and
  - 4)    Two members from the floor as appointed by the Finance Committee Chairperson with the South Florida Conference approval.
- 197**      04/1986      The [Finance] Committee will operate by the principles of Concept IX, 'The Finance and Budgetary Committee,' as closely as appropriate. It will lend itself to assist the Treasurer in any manner possible and will make itself available to review the procedures of Committee funds if the Conference Body so instructs.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 228**      10/1990      Presentation of the budget for fiscal year 1992 (and each year afterward) be presented at the October Quarterly.
- 286**      04/1995      All requests for non-budgeted funds be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval before being submitted to the Treasurer for payment.
- 417**      01/2000      To change the month that the South Florida Area sends its excess funds to GSO from July to January.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 484**      04/2003      That South Florida Area retain 5 years past, plus current year's Financial records. All financial records for the period prior to 5 years past plus present current year's Financial records will be destroyed annually by the Archives Committee at the discretion of the Area Treasurer after June 1

- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 604**      04/2007      It is requested that any motion requiring non-budgeted funds be discussed with Finance Committee, by the motion maker in person, prior to the motion being presented at the South Florida Area Business Meeting.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 654**      10/2009      To list annual Standing Committee events/travel expenses in a single line item in all future budgets. Line item title will be indicated as Annual Standing Committee event / Travel Expenses: \$ Respectively submitted, Dutch V, Finance Committee Chair, Panel 59 Area 15
- 655**      10/2009      To add a line item to Area 15 Annual budget named "Records Storage Expense." The Archives Committee will continue to be responsible for selecting and maintaining the storage facility for Area 15. Respectively submitted, Dutch V, Finance Committee Chair, Panel 59 Area 15

## 10 Grapevine/La Viña

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- 18**      07/1972      The South Florida General Service Committee establish an Area Grapevine Committee using the area and district service structure to achieve the goal of a Grapevine Representative in every Group.
- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 188**      03/1985      The Grapevine Committee be allowed to handle the funds from the sale of literature for reordering literature turning excess monies in to the Area Treasurer.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 428**      10/2000      That the secretaries of Standing Committees who do not receive funding to South Florida Area quarterlies from any other source be given one night's lodging at each quarterly.
- 436**      07/2001      That the South Florida Area Grapevine Committee be permitted to pass a basket at our Quarterly Grapevine Committee Meeting in order to fund the South Florida Area Grapevine Committee, which is self-supporting and receives no funds from the South Florida Area.
- 445**      07/2002      For the Grapevine Committee to elect a Chairperson to be responsible for Grapevine Committee, thus relinquishing the Alternate Delegate as Chairperson of the Grapevine.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area 15 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 518**      07/2004      In keeping with the spirit of The Twelve Traditions, The Twelve Concepts and in following the suggestion provided by New York GSO; South Florida Area 15 respectfully requests, with the one exception of the AA Service Manual, that the South Florida Area 15 Grapevine Committee discontinue the sale of all items not produced by AA Grapevine Inc.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.

- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 642**      10/2008      That the Area 15 Grapevine Committee become a funded standing committee of Area 15 and that the committee be allotted an annual budget of \$750.00. The committee will no longer pass the 7th Tradition basket at its business meeting. The committee will continue to provide Grapevine items at cost at the Area 15 Quarterlies. This would become effective January, 2009.
- 650**      04/2009      That the name of the Area 15 Grapevine Committee be changed to Area 15 Grapevine/La Viña Committee.
- 686**      01/2012      That the Area ratify the actions of the Area 15 Grapevine / La Viña Committee in transferring responsibility for sale of Grapevine / La Viña literature to the host committee at each Area Quarterly.

## 11 Intergroup/Central Offices

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 212**      07/1987      At future South Florida Area Quarterly weekends, the host district provide meeting space for Intergroup or Central Office representatives and officers to meet and that information about the meeting be included on Quarterly weekend flyers.
- 217**      01/1988      To grant standing committee status to the Intergroup-Central Office Committee.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area 15 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 649**      04/2009      In the spirit of cooperation, the Area 15 website shall include links to any Intergroup/District located within the Area that wishes to include their website on the Area 15 website. A disclaimer shall be located on the same page as the links.

## 12 Linguistic Committee

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame
- 560**      4/2005      That Area 15 funds the translation of the Area Book of Motions and Legacy of Service into Spanish with a one-time fee not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- 561**      4/2005      Area 15 create a Standing Area Linguistic Committee for the general purpose of translating Area written materials (including but not limited to Area minutes, Agenda and Quarterly flyers), assisting with the coordination of interpreting services for Area Quarterlies; and providing information as needed to the General Service Office, the South Florida Area and the South Florida Area Delegate. Area Funding would include a balance of the year budget of \$400.00; committee-meeting time would be Saturday from 1:30-3:50pm.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 617**      10/2007      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional language interpreter services for the Spanish and English languages for the Saturday meetings as deemed necessary, Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies as needed for all Quarterlies. Spanish Linguistic Districts in the South Florida Area will provide the equipment needed for the interpretation transmission. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel rates will be either half of the interpreter hourly rate and the standard IRS mileage rate. Lodging to be provided as deemed necessary by travel distance and meetings to be interpreted. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.

**639**      07/2008      That South Florida Area 15 Linguistic Committee meets from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

## 13 Literature

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 524**      11/2004      Motion: That Area 15 create a Standing Area Literature Committee effective January of 2005 for the general purpose of reviewing AA Literature and providing information as needed to the General Service Office, the South Florida Area, and the South Florida Area Delegate. Area Funding would include an annual budget of \$100.
- 527**      01/2005      That Area 15 Literature Committee requests a meeting time of 9 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on Saturday morning at all Quarterlies.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 643**      10/2008      That South Florida Area 15 approve the pamphlet "Area 15 Special Needs Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous."

## 14 Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 177**      01/1985      The General Service Conference establish a standing Public Information Committee composed of one representative from each district desiring to participate. The Committee shall select bi-annually its own chairperson and secretary/treasurer subject to the approval of the South Florida Committee.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 428**      10/2000      That the secretaries of Standing Committees who do not receive funding to South Florida Area quarterlies from any other source be given one night's lodging at each quarterly.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 631**      04/2008      All budgeted funds to place billboards by Area 15 be held until such time as the Area 15 PI/CPC Committee can submit at least three examples of proposed billboards, in English and Spanish. The proposed designs are to have been voted on by the PI/CPC Committee and passed with substantial unanimity. The examples then are to be brought to the Area Committee for a vote by the Assembly, before Area budgeted funds or any future funds are released for any and all billboards

**673**      10/2010      That South Florida Area 15 perpetually provides PICPC committee \$600.00 to be available upon request from Area 15 PICPC Committee to assist any district PICPC committee with facilitating a request from our General Service Office or Area 15 PICPC Committee where there are fees for event booths. This funding shall be listed as a separate line item in the annual budget. Lou D Area 15 PICPC Chair.

## 15 Quarterly Coordinator

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 216**      01/1988      To establish the position of Quarterly Coordinator as a permanent position in the South Florida Committee.
- 305**      10/1995      The Quarterly Coordinator and Finance Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Area Chairperson.
- 370**      04/1998      That Area 15 produce and adopt a form which will consolidate the following information (Hotel name, location, date, and price). These completed forms would be used as a presentation tool to expedite bidding at quarterlies every other January.
- 376**      04/1999      That Area 15 include the "Quarterly Fact Sheet" as part of their current practices. This will be added to the Current Practices notebook as part of the appendix.
- 389**      04/1999      All members of the Area Committee have a right to vote at Area Business Committee meeting. 'Members' are defined as:
- 1) the Delegate,
  - 2) the Alternate Delegate,
  - 3) the Area Chairperson,
  - 4) the Area Treasurer,
  - 5) the Area Recording Secretary,
  - 6) the Area Corresponding Secretary,
  - 7) Chairpersons of the following Area Standing Committees:
    - a) PI/CPC,
    - b) Corrections,
    - c) Treatment,
    - d) Archives,
    - e) Accessibilities,
    - f) Finance,
    - g) Intergroup/Central Office,
    - h) Quarterly Coordinator,
    - i) Current Practices Co-Chairs (1 vote each),
  - 8) Alternate Standing Committee Chairpersons (if the Chairperson is absent),
  - 9) District Chairpersons,
  - 10) Alternate District Chairpersons (if the Chairperson is absent),
  - 11) DCMs (District Committee Members),
  - 12) ACMs (Alternate Committee Members) if DCM is absent.
- At Area Assemblies (April and October), all members of the Area Committee, as defined above, along with GSRs (General Service Representatives) have the right to vote. Alternate GSRs vote if their GSR is absent.

- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 472**      01/2003      That a record of our attendance by district for GSRs, DCMs, and ACMs be maintained and reported to the Quarterly Coordinator.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area 15 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 610**      10/2007      That the Area 15 Quarterly Coordinator be funded two nights lodging, beginning in January 2008 at each South Florida Area 15 Quarterly Meeting.
- 660**      01/2010      That the Quarterly Coordinator meeting on the Area 15 Agenda be moved from 10:00 pm on Saturday to 3:00 pm on Saturday. Respectfully submitted, Gwen G., Quarterly Coordinator, Panel 59 Area 15
- 665**      04/2010      At South Florida Area 15 quarterly/assembly weekends the “Conferences of Young People in AA” be afforded a table for pre-registration and outreach. This is not to create any financial responsibility for Area 15.

## 16 Redistricting

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- 88**      04/1980      Part of any District request on redistricting be given the next consecutive number, for instance, if District 1 sometime in the future wants to split, they could wind up being District 1 and District 14 rather than renumbering the whole system each time.
- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 191**      10/1985      Invite the Virgin Islands to be District 13 of the South Florida Conference.
- 258**      10/1992      That the Bahamas become District 16 of the South Florida Area.
- 324**      07/1996      A standing committee be formed for redistricting with the Alternate Delegate as Chairperson and all District Chairpersons as members.
- 325**      07/1996      Any request for redistricting will be made to the Redistricting Committee and their recommendations will be made to the Area Committee for final action.
- 346**      07/1997      That within Glades County, FL, everything Northeast of Fisheating Creek be allocated to District 6 and everything Southwest of Fisheating Creek be allocated to District 7.
- 376**      07/1998      That a Hispanic Linguistic District, District 17, be created within Area 15 General Service Committee. [Out of Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.]
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 491**      11/2003      That Area 15 approve the formation of a new linguistic District consisting of Palm Beach and Martin Counties
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 657**      01/2010      That Area 15 approves the reformation of District 17 with geographical boundaries of Broward & Miami- Dade Counties and the portion of Monroe County, which lies in the Florida Keys. Submitted by the Redistricting Committee Joni E. Chair
- 658**      01/2010      That Area 15 invite The Cayman Islands to become District 19 in response to their request. Submitted by the Redistricting Committee Joni E. Chair

## 17 Special Needs

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 371**      04/1998      To form a standing committee for Accessibilities in Area 15.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 425**      10/2000      That the secretaries of Standing Committees who do not receive funding to South Florida Area quarterlies from any other source be given one night's lodging at each quarterly.
- 437**      07/2001      That Area 15 Accessibilities Committee be renamed [Special Needs Committee].
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area 15 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 643**      10/2008      That South Florida Area 15 approve the pamphlet "Area 15 Special Needs Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous."
- 687**      01/2012      That South Florida Area 15 fund professional American Sign Language interpreter services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the Saturday morning Special Needs Committee Meeting, the Sunday business meeting, and Assemblies for all Quarterlies. The other meetings, which are the Friday and Saturday night speaker meetings, will be interpreted as deemed necessary. Interpreter rates are not to exceed \$75 per hour per interpreter. Travel funding will either be the half of the interpreter hourly rate, the standard IRS mileage rate, or lodging. Necessity will be determined by the Special Needs Committee Chairperson. Annual expenses are not to exceed \$5,000.00.

## 18 State Convention Committee

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- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 575**      01/2006      State Convention Committee

### Scope:

- Provide oversight of the legal and financial activities of the Florida State Convention when held in the geographic area of South Florida.
- Define and manage the Site Selection Process.
- Insure that the South Florida Convention remain self supporting, utilizing the existing 501c(3), and the Advisory Committee for continuity and cooperation with North Florida Area 14.
- Receive and monitor financial statements of the local hosting committee..
- Receive full disclosure of any minutes and/or treasury information as requested.
- Receive final report at conclusion of convention.

### Procedure:

- Committee meets every quarterly on Saturday.
- Committee chairperson gives a report at the Sunday morning business meeting.
- Approve, deny, or request revision to bids.
- Monitor budget and provide suggestions.
- Once all expenses from the State Convention are paid in full the State Convention Committee will make recommendations as to how to distribute any excess funds
- Informs Area 15 of any major transgressions during convention and preparation process.
- Alternate Delegate participates on the Advisory Committee in conjunction with North Florida, Area 14.

\*Area 15 Member with State Convention organizational experience.

- 675**      1/2011      Composition:
- Alternate Delegate (Chairperson)
  - Current/Incoming State Convention Chairperson (Local Committee Chairperson)
  - Area 15 member with State Convention experience (Secretary/Treasurer)

- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 613**      10/2007      That anyone seeking to make a bid for the Florida State Convention from Area 15 must submit a completed Area 15 Florida State Convention bid Questionnaire to the Area 15 State Convention Committee by the January Quarterly for review, possible revisions, and recommendations.
- 629**      04/2008      That the Area 15 State Convention Committee be allotted an annual budget of \$75.00.
- 672**      10/2010      That a black & white copy and/or a PDF formatted document of the current State Convention flyer, be presented by the Area 15 State Convention Committee Chair to the Recording Secretary to be included as an insert in each printing and distribution of Area 15 quarterly minutes. Submitted by: State Convention Standing Committee.

## 19 Treatment

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 193**      01/1986      To establish a Treatment Facility Committee separate and apart from the South Florida Institutions Committee. This Committee will be self-supporting and recognized by this body as a standing committee of the South Florida Area of General Service.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 306**      10/1995      The Treatment Facilities Committee shall be a budgeted committee.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 428**      10/2000      That the secretaries of Standing Committees who do not receive funding to South Florida Area quarterlies from any other source be given one night's lodging at each quarterly.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 623**      01/2008      That the South Florida Area 15 perpetually fund the Treatment Facilities Committee Bridging The Gap (BTG) Coordinator to attend the annual Bridging The Gap National Workshop. The funding would cover Workshop Registration, Travel, and up to 3 days lodging, total cost not to exceed \$800.00 per year. Any monies not spent will be returned to the Area.

## 20 Website

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- 132**      07/1982      Anything presented from the floor will be limited to two (2) minutes. Oral District reports are limited to three (3) minutes and written reports are limited to one (1) 8½" by 11" double-spaced page. Each person be limited (on any subject) to one (1) presentation and one (1) rebuttal or twice to the mike.
- 215**      01/1988      The standing committee chairpersons be paid one night's lodging at the Quarterlies.
- 422**      04/2000      That returns of all unspent budgeted funds by Area Officers and Committees be returned to the Area Treasurer by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that budgeted year.
- 505**      04/2004      That the following members of the South Florida Area, Area I5 who vote at the Sunday Morning business meeting be able to place a motion before the South Florida Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, and all District Committee Members. All motions must be submitted in the current time frame.
- 557**      7/2005      The content of the website shall include the most up to date copy of the Area 15 "Book of Current Practices" and the "Legacy of Service." These shall be available for download in Adobe Acrobat format.
- 566**      10/2005      That the Book of Motions be added to the Area 15 website.
- 598**      10/2006      That the Website Committee shall elect its own chair.
- 605**      04/2007      Motions coming out of Area 15 Standing Committees or from Area Officers may be placed on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body.
- 607**      07/2007      That no voting member of the South Florida Area, Area 15 be allowed to hold more than one position that carries a vote.
- 634**      07/2008      To amend the website committee scope to include: "Individual pages for Area 15 officers as they may request."
- 635**      07/2008      To amend the website committee scope to include: "a page with the ability to search by group, GSO number, district and town."
- 644**      01/2009      That the Website Committee Policy/Scope/Procedure become:
- Scope:
- Content shall include and be limited to:
- 1) The following AA literature:
    - a. 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts;
    - b. A.A. Preamble; "I Am Responsible" and "Declaration of Unity" statement;
  - 2) Information on Area Assemblies, including the upcoming host district's

- flyer;
- 3) Hyperlinks to any AA World Services websites, such as the
  - a. General Service Offices, located at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org);
  - b. The Grapevine, located at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)
- 4) A disclaimer to be found upon exiting the website to the above listed links;
- 5) Anonymous e-mail addresses of all Area 15 Officers and district chairs (e.g. [delegate@area15aa.org](mailto:delegate@area15aa.org), [treasurer@area15aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area15aa.org), etc.);
- 6) A "Delegates Corner" to be used by the Area Delegate for communication with the Area;
- 7) Individual pages for any Area 15 Standing Committees and area officials;
- 8) Information on Area 15 events, workshops and activities;
- 9) Group GSO number search page;

#### Composition;

- 1) To create an Area Standing Committee responsible for the creation and maintenance of the website;
  - a. This committee shall select a chair, alternate chair, secretary/treasurer and web servant; each carries one vote within the committee;
    - i. Chair / Alternate Chair - three (3) years sobriety and at least one (1) year of serving on this Committee. These members should be DCM's, or ACM's. If necessary, GSR's may serve. All members should be familiar with A.A.'s Traditions. Some technical knowledge about the internet is advantageous, but not required.
    - ii. Secretary / Treasurer - 2 years sobriety, past/present GSR and 1 year participation in the committee.
    - iii. Web Servant - 2 years sobriety, past/present GSR and 1 year participation in the committee, with sufficient technical knowledge to maintain the area 15 website.
    - iv. [Removed by motion to divide]
    - v. Each District may select a representative; each carries one vote;
    - vi. Some technical knowledge about the internet is a plus;
    - vii. These members will not be funded by the Area;
    - viii. The Alternate Delegate shall be a member, ex officio;
    - ix. [Removed by motion to divide]

#### Procedure:

- 1. In the spirit of cooperation, the web servant would be responsible for preparing a quarterly report to be presented for consideration to the PI/CPC committee which shall include:
  - a. updates to the website,
  - b. website activity,
  - c. summary of requests and correspondence;
  - d. Any major change or addition of the website's content must be approved by the Area 15 body;
  - e. The website committee will be given a maximum of 7 days to vote among themselves (email/phone to chair) to 'Approve' or 'Deny' the posting or

changing new materials for the Area 15 web site and then 7 days for the web servant to do the update for a total of 2 weeks processing time.

- f. The web committee chair person shall also present a report to the Area body during the Area Business Meeting;
- g. The website shall be maintained in accordance with the Traditions, the Concepts and Area 15's current practices.

- 645**      01/2009      Website committee yearly budget for maintenance to be \$250
- 646**      01/2009      The website committee chair, secretary/treasurer and web servant shall receive one night's lodging, unless otherwise funded.
- 649**      04/2009      In the spirit of cooperation, the Area 15 website shall include links to any Intergroup/District located within the Area that wishes to include their website on the Area 15 website. A disclaimer shall be located on the same page as the links.
- 662**      01/2010      To create a secure password protected section in our Area 15 website, to post information from our Area Officers, Area Committee Chairpersons, Delegate or the General Service Office that have been reviewed for anonymity issues by the website committee prior to posting. Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia L. website committee chair
- 667**      07/2010      The electronically transmitted Agenda for the South Florida Area 15 Assembly shall bear only first names and the first letter of the last name of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Officers of South Florida Area 15 and their email addresses as routed through the Area Website with the exception of the inclusion of P.O. Box addresses.
- 668**      07/2010      Post the scrubbed Area 15 minutes and agenda each quarter in the password-protected section of the Area 15 Web Site.
- 669**      07/2010      Establish, by resolution, the Current Practice Committee will submit the updated current practices, along with an updated book of motions to the web site committee yearly, by January 31st.
- 670**      07/2010      Whereas, the Book of Motions is available on the Area 15 website, Area 15 will no longer print this section.
- 671**      07/2010      The Historical Documents section be removed from the Current Practices binder, and turned over to the Archives Committee for permanent preservation. Also, a copy of this document will be added to the secured section of our area 15 website.

## 21 Area 15 Quarterly Meeting Agenda

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Friday	8:30 PM	Speaker Meeting
	10:00 PM	Night Owl Meeting
	10:00 PM	Spanish Night Owl Meeting
Saturday	7:00-8:00 AM	Early Bird Meeting
	7:00-8:00 AM	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
	8:30-10:50 AM	Treatment Facilities Committee
	8:00-9:00 AM	Concepts Workshop
	8:00-9:00 AM	Spanish Concepts Workshop
	8:00-9:00 AM	Remote Communities Sharing
	9:00-10:50 AM	Archives Committee
	9:00-10:50 AM	Current Practices Committee
	9:00-10:50 AM	Grapevine Committee
	9:00-10:50 AM	Literature Committee
	9:00-10:50 AM	PI/CPC Committee
	9:00-10:50 AM	Special Needs Committee
	9:00-10:50 AM	State Convention Meeting
	11:00-12:00 AM	Traditions Workshop – Note 1
	11:00-12:00 AM	Spanish Traditions Workshop – Note 1
	12:00-1:30 PM	Website Committee
	12:30-1:30 PM	District Chairpersons Meeting
	12:30-1:30 PM	District Treasurers Meeting
	12:30-1:30 PM	District Secretaries/Registrars Meeting
	12:30-2:00 PM	Linguistic Committee
	1:30-3:50 PM	Correctional Facilities Committee
	2:00-3:50 PM	Finance Committee
	2:00-3:50 PM	Intergroup/Central Office Committee
	2:00-3:50 PM	GSR Sharing
	2:00-3:50 PM	DCM Sharing
	3:00-4:00 PM	Quarterly Coordinator's Meeting – Notes 2, 3
	4:00-5:00 PM	Service Manual Workshop – Notes 1,2
	4:00-5:00 PM	Spanish Service Manual Workshop – Notes 1,2
	5:00-6:00 PM	“What's On Your Mind” – Notes 1,2
	7:00-8:00 PM	Banquet
	8:30-9:30 PM	Speaker Meeting

	10:00-11:00 PM	Night Owl Meeting
	10:00-11:00 PM	Spanish Night Owl Meeting
Sunday	7:00-8:00 AM	Early Bird Meeting
	7:00-8:00 AM	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
	9:00AM	South Florida Area Business Meeting
	1:00 PM (approx)	South Florida Area Assembly – Note 4

Note 1            There can be no meetings or workshops which conflict with Traditions Workshops, Service Manual Workshop or “What’s On Your Mind.”

Note 2            Replaced by Conference Agenda Review.

Note 3            At the April Quarterly this meeting will be held Saturday 8:00 –9:00 AM

Note 4            Assembly is held every April and in October of even numbered years and begins approximately one (1) hour after the conclusion of the Business Meeting.

## **22 Charter of South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous**

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South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous (also hereinafter referred to as “South Florida Area 15 Conference”, “South Florida Area 15”, “South Florida Area”, “Area 15 Conference”) is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to provide services free of charge for those who should be seeking the means for arresting the disease of alcoholism through this South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

By this Charter and other internal operating regulations as may be further voted by the membership the undersigned form an unincorporated, Non-Profit Conference under the Law of Florida and do hereby certify:

### **Article 1: Name**

The name of this organization is South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.

### **Article 2: Definition of Alcoholics Anonymous Organization**

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution, does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

### **Article 3: Purpose**

South Florida Area 15 Conference shall be an unincorporated non-profit organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to promote social welfare by furthering the aims of Alcoholics Anonymous as stated in Article Two.

South Florida Area 15 Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is the guardian of the world services and of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous as presented in Articles Ten and Eleven. The Conference shall be a service body only; never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous.

South Florida Area Conference shall convene in Area assemblies every two years for the purpose of election of area committee members, from which is elected a delegate to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Such area assemblies are concerned only with the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.

South Florida Area 15 Conference shall be entitled to at least one Assembly, but will be entitled to additional assemblies, as provided by “The A.A. Service Manual,” or by any further amendment thereto.

South Florida Area 15 Conference shall receive and administer funds and to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986, or comparable provisions of subsequent legislation and to give funds and property from time to time to other organizations to be used or held for use directly in carrying out one or more such purposes.

South Florida Area 15 Conference shall do such things and to perform such acts to accomplish its purposes as the members may determine to be appropriate and as are not forbidden by Section 501(c)(3) of the code, with all powers conferred on nonprofit organizations under the laws of the State of Florida.

Upon dissolution, South Florida Area 15 Conference assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

No part of the net earnings of the South Florida Area 15 Conference shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons, except as the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this article hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, South Florida Area 15 Conference shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any further federal tax code, or (b) by a not for profit organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **Article 4: Composition**

South Florida Area 15 Conference, designed as an Area assembly, shall be composed of the elected General Service Representatives of all AA groups within the South Florida boundaries desiring to participate, District Committee members, and Area committee officers from each District of the South Florida Area 15 Conference.

But no South Florida Area District shall ever be placed in authority over another. All joint action shall be taken only upon a two-thirds vote of the combined Districts. Within its boundaries, each District ought to be autonomous. Only matters seriously affecting AA's worldwide needs shall be the subject of joint consideration.

#### **Article 5: Electing Area Committee Members**

Elected members of the South Florida Area 15 Conference Committee are so elected by written ballot without personal nomination from among the Conference membership by a two-thirds written ballot or by lot as provided in the Third Legacy Procedure of The A.A. Service Manual.

### **Article 6: Terms of Office of Area Committee Members**

Unless otherwise directed by the Conference the terms of Area committee members shall be concurrent and two years' duration each, with elections to be held for terms beginning in odd years as further described in The A.A. Service Manual.

### **Article 7: South Florida Area 15 Conference Relation to A.A.**

South Florida Conference will act for A.A. in the perpetuation and guidance of its world services, and it will also be the vehicle by which the AA movement can express its view upon all matters of vital A.A. policy and all hazardous deviations from A.A. Tradition. District committee members should be free to vote as their conscience dictates; they should also be free to decide what questions should be taken to the group level, whether for information, discussion or their own direct instruction.

### **Article 8: South Florida Area 15 Conference Relation To The General Service Board And It's Corporate Services**

The conference will replace the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, who formerly functioned as guides and adviser to the General Service Board and its related service corporations. South Florida Area 15 Conference will be expected to afford a reliable cross section of A.A. opinion within the South Florida Area for this purpose.

### **Article 9: General Warranties of South Florida Area 15 Conference**

In all its proceedings, South Florida Area 15 Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform an acts of government; and that like the Society of Alcoholics it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

### **Article 10: Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous**

- 1) We admitted we were powerless over alcohol-that our lives had become unmanageable
- 2) Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- 4) Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- 5) Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- 6) Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7) Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- 8) Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9) Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

- 10) Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

#### **Article 11: Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous**

- 1) Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- 2) For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- 3) The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- 4) Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
- 5) Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6) An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7) Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions
- 8) Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9) A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10) Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11) Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
- 12) Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

**This Amendment herewith to South Florida Area 15 Conference Charter of April 1985 was adopted by unanimous vote of the South Florida Area Conference business meeting January 14, 2001. The principles on which it operates are outlined in “Twelve Concepts for World Service, “which should be read.**

Dated this 14th day of January, 2001, we have subscribed our names hereto:

Chairperson and Treasurer