



South Florida Area 15

2021 General Service Committee 2022

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,
 Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands
 1st Quarter Business Meeting January 16, 2022
 Hyatt Regency Sarasota - Hosted by District 5
 This is a Closed Business Meeting Open to Members Only
Interpretation available for Spanish and ASL

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1. Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
 - Preamble
 - Reading of the 12 Traditions
 - Reading of the 12 Concepts
2. Chairperson's Remarks..... Lisa D.
3. Registrar: Roll Call..... Donna W.
4. Recording Secretary..... Karen V.
5. Treasurer's Report..... Wayne H.
6. Finance Committee Report... **(After Report Close Vote Count)**..... Alex V.
7. District Reports.....Reports are limited to three (3) minutes
8. Delegate's Report Tom W.
9. Alternate Delegate's Report Cary W.
10. Quarterly Coordinator Committee.....
 - A. Chairperson Ray S.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Shelby B.
11. Grapevine/LaViña Committee
 - A. Chairperson Frank S.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Enrique S.
12. Corrections Committee
 - A. Chairperson Robin L.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Mike B.
13. Treatment Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Ken J.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Alan D.
14. Archives:
 - A. Chairperson JoAnn B.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Marcy I.
15. PI/CPC Committee
 - A. Chairperson Suzanne B.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Nancy C.
16. Intergroup/Central Office: Timothy S.
17. Current Practices Committee:
 - Co-Chair..... Annie C.
 - Co-Chair..... Shirley P.
18. Accessibilities Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Melissa L.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Ashley O.
19. Literature Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Robin P.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Isabel P. C.
20. Web Site Committee:
 - A. Chairperson Abby K.
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer Shannon D.

21. Spanish Linguistic Committee:	
A. Chairperson	Lucio H.
B. Secretary/Treasurer	Roman L.
22. Area 15 State Convention Committee:	Cary W.
23. Remote Communities:	
A. Chairperson	Pablo B.
B. Secretary/Treasurer	Paul K.
24. Outreach Committee:	
A. Chairperson	Fawn S.
B. Secretary/Treasurer	Sharon W.
25. AdHoc Technology Committee:	Sue H.
26. Old Business:	
2022 Budget	Alex V.
Assembly Bid Cycle July 2022 thru April 2024.....	Ray S.
27. New Business:	

Motion A:

District 10 moves that Area 15 affirms the 71st General Service Conference Advisory Action #32, recommended by the General Service Policy and Admissions Committee, and will adhere to recognizing and encouraging online Groups’ participation within the area 15 Service Structure. Forthwith encouraging these Online Groups wishing to be listed within GSO’s Fellowship Connection Database as belonging to Area 15 by written request from Group’s General Service Representative to the Area 15 Registrar who will then forward that request to the appropriate General Service Database Administrator. District 10, Anna G. DCM

Background: In November 2020, District 10: approved Early Risers Online Group as a voting member in District 10 and then proceeded, as did many others, to request that the 71st General Service Conference grant Online Groups the same “Right of Participation” as any other Group. The result was the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions’ Advisory Action #32 which states “The U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group’s preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group’s primary contact.” This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as “International Correspondence Meetings.” At present, there is no documentation that Area 15 concurs with this Advisory Action. This motion makes clear that Area 15 acknowledges and welcomes the participation of Online Groups.

Motion B:

All members of the South Florida Area 15 Committee may place motions on the floor at the Area Business Meeting only if the motion requires immediate attention as determined by substantial unanimity of the entire body. District 10, David M. DCM

Background: South Florida Area 15 Motion 605 reads “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.” If passed, this motion gives District Chairs and District Committee Members the same ability as Area Officers and Area Committee Chairs to place motions on the floor at Area Business meetings. The change provides inclusion for all members of the Area Committee, as the Right of Participation in Concept IV advises, to present time sensitive motions at Area Business meeting with the approval of the Body present.

Motion C:

District 10 moves that, going forward, Area 15 include in *The Book of Motions*, the **background** material associated with Motions presented to Area 15. District 10, Ric B Chair

Background: In reviewing Area 15's Current Practices and Book of Motions the intent and context of many motions has been lost. Finding historical information from meeting minutes and members who were present when these motions were deliberated can be difficult or impossible. Further, knowing the background which initiated these motions, is key to understanding the need felt at that time when the motion was presented. If passed, this motion will, hence forward, require the Current Practices Committee to include all Background submitted with any motion which is placed in the Area 15 Book of Motions. Passing this motion will increase the body's ability and ease with which their "due diligence" is accomplished. There will be no additional costs or effort associated with passing this motion since Area 15's Book of Motions is produced and used almost exclusively in electronic format.

Motion D:

That an Ad Hoc Committee be formed by Area 15 to review options to enable Area 15 Business Meetings, Conference Agenda Review assemblies and Area 15 Delegate and Officer election assemblies, to include a virtual conferencing technology component in conjunction with the in-person attendance. The Committee should include individuals members in Area 15 with an interest and experience in virtual conferencing technology. Composition to include a Chairman and four other members: one member from the Ad Hoc Technology Committee, one DCM and two GSR's. An Area 15 officer of the Area Committee may be selected as an ex-officio member. The Ad Hoc Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Area Chair, and the other members shall be chosen by the Committee Chair and Area Chair. The Ad Hoc Committee should consider, but not be limited to such options as:

- Use of audio visual/computer/ internet resources provided by the host hotel or other selected venue
- The purchase of needed equipment by Area 15 to offer a virtual component to Business Meetings
- The hiring of an independent vendor to facilitate a virtual component for the Business Meetings.

The committee will begin work immediately. Any recommendations would be brought to the Area 15 entire voting body for consideration. Committee recommendations should include estimated costs, ease of implementation and required needs for volunteer technical support. The Ad Hoc Committee will be able to bring motions to the Area 15 body. The Committee may meet for up to twelve months.

The Ad Hoc Committee meetings will utilize conferencing technology so there should not be a monetary impact on the Area. Respectfully Submitted on behalf of District 4, Alan T, District 4 Chairperson

Background: The virtual component will permit trusted servants who are unable to participate in person the ability to actively participate in Area 15 Business Meetings, Conference Agenda Review assemblies and Area 15 Delegate and Officer election assemblies. A number of GSR's, DCM's, Committee Chairs cannot attend in person Business Meetings due to finances, family responsibilities or accessibility issues. However, their voice is vital to obtaining an informed Group Conscience on all Area 15 business. Our Concept IV literature states..."there is a spiritual reason for the 'Right of Participation'." "All of us desire to belong. In A.A., no members are 'second class'."

By offering the ability to participate in the Area 15 Business Meetings, Conference Agenda Review assemblies and Area 15 Delegate and Officer election assemblies virtually, all voting trusted servants can actively participate in the business of the Area regardless of their ability to attend Business Meetings in person.

Motion E:

That the Area 15 Treasurer is authorized to set up online contributions on behalf of Area 15 for fees not to exceed 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. Respectfully submitted on behalf of District 2, Vicki R., District 2 Chairperson.

Background: The Area 15 Treasurer has begun to investigate mechanisms for accepting online contributions and has identified some viable options.

Motion F:

That the Quarterly Coordinator Committee present for approval and sign one year of contracts (Oct 2022, Jan 2023 and April 2023 (July 2022 is already approved and signed)); rather than the full two years, in order to better assess the Area's future Quarterly needs. Submitted by the Quarterly Coordinator Chair, on behalf of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee

Background: It would be prudent to sign only one year of contracts, rather than two, so that the Quarterly Committee can take time to explore contractual options for our future Area 15 Quarterlies.

Motion G:

That Area 15 completes an Area Inventory prior to the end of Panel 71 with the option to hold a solutions session hosted by the inventory facilitator.

SCOPE: The purpose of the inventory will be to cultivate findings based on a cross-section of the Area 15 membership. The Area 15 Chair will choose the facilitator that meets the following parameters: Not be a current or past trusted servant in the Southeast Region, not have resided in Area 15, have experience facilitating Area Inventories, is either a past Delegate or past Trustee. The facilitator will choose the inventory questions based on what they have found most effective in their experience with Area Inventories. The inventory sessions will be closed to Area 15 trusted servants as described in the composition.

PROCEDURE: The inventory questions will be distributed by the Area 15 Secretary no later than April 1, 2022. The inventory will take place on Zoom via the Area 15 Zoom account. The inventory sessions will take place on selected dates chosen by the Area 15 Chair, based on a sense of the Area 15 body and the facilitator's availability. The anticipated time for the Area Inventory sessions will be a minimum of two sessions with a maximum duration of two hours each. Additional sessions may be required to complete the inventory, pending the facilitator's availability. The inventory sessions must conclude before the end of Panel 71.

The facilitator will appoint a secretary or note-taker from outside of Area 15 to capture the findings from the inventory. The facilitator will decide the inventory agenda and format. After each session, the inventory findings will be emailed to the Area 15 Secretary for immediate distribution to Area 15 trusted servants.

COMPOSITION: The inventory participation will consist of all Area 15 trusted servants, including GSRs / Alt GSRs, DCMs / ADCMS, District Committee Chairs, District Officers, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Past Delegates or Trustees.

Background: As a result of Covid-19, Area 15 has experienced shifts in our current practices and procedures. For this reason, conducting an inventory of our present condition will allow us to improve how we serve the groups in Area 15. Taking an inventory with our current trusted servants will allow the inventory findings to reflect our experience rather than opinions without experience in our next rotation. Delay is dangerous. Respectfully submitted, Bronwyn F. DCM District 8 Sub-district 12

28. Hosts for Assembly Bid Cycle July 2022 thru April 2024

29. Adjourn