



# South Florida Area 15

## 2021 General Service Committee 2022

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,  
 Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands  
 3rd Quarter Business Meeting July 24, 2022  
 Marriott Miami Dadeland - Hosted by District 10  
 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.....
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 ..... Enrique S.
  - B. Secretary/Treasurer ..... Micah D.
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 ..... Gina L.
15. PI/CPC Committee:
  - A. Chairperson ..... Suzanne B.
  - B. Secretary/Treasurer ..... Nancy C.
16. Intergroup/Central Office: ..... Brian L.
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. Ad Hoc Virtual Conferencing Committee: ..... Tom S.
- 27. Old Business:
  - Hosts for July 14-16 2023 (Tampa), October 6-8, 2023  
(Boca Raton), January 5-7, 2024 (Sarasota), April 5-7, 2024  
(Boca Raton) Ray S.
- 28. New Business:

**Motion A:**

All Motions that appear on the Area 15 agenda plus motions that occur at the Area 15 business meeting be included in the Area 15 minutes, Book of Motions and Book of Current Practice, if warranted. This will include all motions heard, discussed, or not discussed with a final disposition of passed (original or as amended), failed, postponed, rescinded, tabled, and withdrawn motions. Respectfully submitted Carol H. DCM District 6

**Background A:**

All motions with a pass/fail disposition belong in the Book of Motions. Time sensitive motions are now being referred to as requires immediate attention. These are motions. If one fails the requirements for immediate attention, it was heard, it belongs in the Book of motions. Withdrawn motions also belong in the Book of Motions. Currently per #728 they were stopped. Before this they were included. Currently both the failed immediate attention and the withdrawn motions disappear and are not recorded. Having all motions in the Book of Motions is helpful in research items when considering putting a motion into the area. It may turn out a motion may or may not already exist. Motions for the agenda at Area 15 business meetings have already been discussed in our groups, our districts, our district and area committees except for motions brought forth at the area 15 business meetings.

**Motion B:**

That Area 15 transition from its current Azure database to Airtable, a secure, supported, and sustainable custom-built database, to ensure ongoing access and management of Group, District, and Area information. Area Registrar will continue to manage data with District Registrars having the capability to make updates and run reports associated with their districts. One-time cost to build the database, including migration of all current Area 15 files, will not exceed \$3,750. Annual cost for 20 licenses – one for the Area Registrar and one for each District Registrar – will not exceed \$2,880. Ongoing support, as needed, provided by the vendor at an annual cost not to exceed \$900, will be billed on an as-needed basis. License and support costs will be part of the Area Registrar budget in subsequent years. This motion is being presented with unanimous and wholehearted support from Panel 71 District Registrars. Respectfully submitted, Donna W, Area 15 Registrar, Panel 71

**Background B:**

Area 15's database for management of group and trusted servant records, which dates to 2012, was progressive for its time, but has become cumbersome to use and labor-intensive to support. As the scope of the registrars' role has grown, data entry has become difficult, and the likelihood of inaccuracies has increased. These deficiencies reduce District Registrars' ability to provide accurate information for DCMs and hinders the Area Registrar's ability to enter information on groups and trusted servants in the GSO database, thus delaying timely communication to Area 15's trusted servants. Adopting a more nimble database would address these issues, while ease of use would afford more members of the fellowship the opportunity to fulfill the registrar role, encouraging inclusivity. Meanwhile, contracting with the vendor for ongoing support as necessary rather than depending on A.A. member volunteers will ensure uninterrupted database performance and smooth workflow.

**Motion C:**

That Area 15 annually defray expenses for the chairperson or Co-chair of the Corrections Committee to attend the *National Corrections works for Alcoholics Anonymous*. The amount is not to exceed \$950.00 per year.

**Background C:**

Brief description of the National Corrections Workshop. The Correction committee will travel to the destination of the annual workshop to learn ways to carry the message to the suffering alcoholics behind the wall. The approved amount will include travel expenses and event registration. Any funds not spent will be returned to Area 15. Submitted By: Robin L. Corrections Chair - Area 15

**Motion D:**

That Area 15 invite the host district and/or local Intergroup to sell Conference approved A.A. literature at the Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies.

**Background D:**

As per Area 15 Current Practice, Motion 323 dated 4/1996, Service Manuals are sold at Quarterly Assemblies. Respectfully Submitted, Bron F. – DCM District 8, Gary A. – DCM District 8

**Motion E:**

That the Area 15 Saturday agenda at the Quarterly Assemblies alternate the time slots for the Concepts & Traditions Workshops. Starting in Panel 73 (January 2023) the Traditions Workshop will meet at 8:00am and the Concepts Workshop will meet at 11:00am. The following year (January 2024) those times will switch. This alternating will continue with each ensuing year.

**Background E:**

Some attendees at our Quarterly Assemblies only attend one evening (Saturday) thus arriving on Saturday morning. The 8:00am time is difficult for members to attend if they are not staying Friday evening. Because of this, there are members that are not able to make the Concepts Workshop which has always met at 8:00am. By rotating the Concept's and Tradition's Workshops more members can participate and the Concepts Workshop would be more accessible. Respectfully Submitted, Gary A. – DCM District 8, Bron F. – DCM District 8

**Motion F:**

I make a motion to have all standing Area Committees meet monthly via the virtual platform.

**Background F:**

Since Area 15 (and AA as whole) started using virtual meetings, we have capitalized on a tremendous opportunity to get together. We have overcome so many challenges of getting to meetings, making attendance inarguably easier for many and more convenient for most. The exchange of information, the progress of committee members' advances toward goals, the methodologies shared among members, the brainstorming, the team-building, the possible growth in numbers of participants and thus inclusiveness, and are all fantastic outcomes monthly meetings would inspire. Remote Community members would be afforded a real opportunity to participate on a regular basis, in General Service, from afar. This is groundbreaking. We can all make great use of this opportunity to serve, to carry the message, and ultimately to reach the still suffering alcoholic. Thank you, ILAS, Beth B District 14 Chair St Thomas, VI

**Motion G:**

That Area 15 submit the following proposed agenda item for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference: The plain and simple language Big Book only be published after receiving the same approval as other Conference-approved literature. Respectfully submitted, Bron F. – DCM District 8

**Background G:**

None

29. Adjourn