

### DISTRICT 20



"There's Good Times Aplenty in District 20!"

#### **September 30, 2015**

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7:00 pm - Open Meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity

Reading of the "Long Form" of the Twelfth Tradition of the Month -I.

#### II. In Attendance:

NIG Office

Bill S. Mgr/PI/CPC **Burning Desire** Bruce M. **GSR** Gator Group/Burning Desire CJ Α Alt. GSR Three Legacies Faye R. **GSR** Girlfriends Web Gary G. Three Legacies Literature Guy R. **Living Sober** 

Treasurer Holly Three Legacies M. AA Member Jerry E. Living Sober Joey Guest Three Legacies John F. Chairperson Living Sober

John Alt. GSR F. Living Sober DCM - South Naples Kathryn G. PPG

Mary B. Secty/Grapevine Naples Group Mike B. **GSR/Treatments** Living Sober Ronny P. DCM - Central Naples **Beach Bums** 

K. Steve Alt. Chair PPG

Tim S. Corrections **Burning Desire GSR** Tom В. New Dawn

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- III. New General Service Representatives Tom B. New Dawn Group
- IV. New Committee Chairs None
- V. Visiting Past District or Area Officers, Visiting Delegates, or Trustees Jerry E., Past District Chair.
- VI. Officer Reports
  - A. Chairperson John F., No Report
  - B. Alternate Chairperson Steve K, No Report
  - C. Registrar Michele B., No Report
  - D. Secretary Mary B., Minutes Sent by email and are located on the District 20 Website. No changes. Motion to approve the minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.
  - E. Treasurer Holly M., Treasurer Report Attached. Motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded and passed unanimously.

#### VII. Committee Reports

- 1. District 20 Archives Report-Opportunity No Report
- 2. Corrections: Tim S., Report Attached
- 3. Current Practices Opportunity No Report
- 4. Finance Opportunity No Report
- 5. Grapevine Mary B. Report Attached
- 6. Literature Guy R. Report Attached
- 7. PI/CPC Bill S., Report Attached
- 8. Special Needs Bill M. Report Attached
- 9. Treatment Mike B. Report Attached
- 10. Website Gary G., No Report for September August Report Attached

#### VIII. District Committee Member Reports

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- A. Bonita Springs/North Naples/Golden Gate Jerry E. Report Attached
- B. 24-Hour Club Opportunity
- C. Central Naples Ronnie P. Report Attached
- D. East Naples/South Naples Kathryn G. Report Attached
- IX. GSR Reports CJ Reported for the 3 Legacies that they will be having their Anniversary Dinner on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Steve W from L.A. will be the speaker. They are sponsoring a "Movie Night" at the Serenity Club on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM. Bruce M., reported that the Gator Group which meets in Everglades City on Wednesdays at 5PM and also on Sunday's at Mackle Park on MI at 11:00 AM could use support.
- X. Summary of Motions: Motion to change the format of the 7PM Meeting on Sunday in Immokalee to a "Living Sober" meeting since there are so many new comers at that meeting. Seconded and passed unanimously.
- XI. Old Business Agenda Items and Motions for the Area Quarterly in Ft. Lauderdale for Oct. 2-4, 2015 Attached.
- XII. New Business Tom B asked for support of the 7PM Meeting on Sunday Night in Immokalee that Steve E. started. The pastor would like it to remain an "English Speaking" meeting. Discussion occurred about the format of the meeting and it was decided to change it to a Literature Meeting with a reading out of the "Living Sober" book. A sign up sheet will be posted at the 24 Hour Club for support. Each Sunday in October has a leader. The pastor at the First United Methodist Church 303 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Immokalee, FL is Pastor Thom Street. 239-848-8449 the Church # is: 239-657-2841. His email is: pastorThom@aol.com.
- XIII. Good and Welfare: Tom M. Anniversary on 4<sup>th</sup> of September, Gary G. Anniversary on 28<sup>th</sup> of September, Tom B. Anniversary on the 18<sup>th</sup> and Mike B. Anniversary on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- XIV. Announcements:
- XV. Close with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer @ \_\_8:10 PM\_

These minutes are respectfully submitted in love and service.

Mary B. Secretary District 20 239-777-8066

#### **District 20 Treasurer Report September 30th, 2015**

Transactions		Beginning Balance
		\$4,021.18
Contributions		
Bonita Springs Morning Group	\$52.80	
Burning Desire	\$100.00	
Language of the Heart	\$5.00	
One Day at a Time	\$60.00	
Tables of Naples	\$26.07	
Three Legacies	\$50.00	
Unity Group	\$40.00	
Total	\$333.87	
Expenses		
Total	\$0.00	
Net Income	\$333.87	Ending Balance \$4,355.05

9-30-15

Corrections Report for District 20

My Name is Tim S. I'm an alcoholic, my home group is Burning Desire, and I'm honored to serve as the Corrections Committee Chairperson.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the quiet room at the 24 Hour Club at 5:30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Our volunteer's take AA meetings, and supply AA literature in the jails for the men and women in our area. All our meetings are currently being covered, but we are always in need of more volunteers to carry the message to those in our correction facilities.

The Corrections Committee is also currently busy preparing for our annual picnic fundraiser to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Vineyards Community Park. We will be having food, music, and our speaker will be Keith G from NYC. Tickets are 10.00.

We had a previous balance of \$ 4,098.52. In September we received 50.00 from the Three Legacies Group, 30.50 from the Survivors Group, and 500.00 from the New Dawn Group. We also received 200.00 in ticket sales toward our annual picnic. We had expenses of 180.00. Our ending balance for September 2015 is \$ 4,699.02.

Thank you to each and all for your support of the Corrections Committee.

In love and service,

Tim S.

Sept. 30, 2015

Hello Everyone,

My name is Mary and I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as the Grapevine Chair for District 20. Our committee is saddened to say that one of our committee members, Steve E. passed away on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> after spreading his love of AA to other alcoholics at a meeting he started in Immokkalee that evening. Our committee would like to have you keep Steve's family and friends in your prayers as they mourn the loss of this extraordinary AA Angel.

Our District 20 Committee met on September 15th. There were 2 members in attendance. Our treasurer reported \$85.00 in our account.

The October Grapevine is now available. The theme is all about "Resentments". There is a link at <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org">www.aagrapevine.org</a> to listen to the stories from this issue. Additionally, the Grapevine has published its newest book: "Forming True Partnerships" which may be purchased for \$10.99.

The "Subscription Challenge" is still continuing. There is a spreadsheet available at <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org">www.aagrapevine.org</a> which shows how all of the States, Provinces and Territories are doing. At this time (through August), Florida has added 628 new subscriptions for The Grapevine and 88 new La Vina subscriptions. We are second in sales for the The Grapevine behind California and for La Vina, we are in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

We will give away a subscription to The Grapevine as a door prize at Serenity By The Sea this coming Halloween weekend on Saturday. Come by our display and "Guess the Grapes". You may even get a glimpse of "Grapeman"!

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve. I may be reached at 239-777-8066 or at the Grapevine email: <a href="mailto:GrapevineDistrict20@yahoo.com">Grapevine@district20@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Grapevine@district20aa.org">Grapevine@district20aa.org</a>. Please encourage your groups to send a representative to our monthly meeting and become a part of this enthusiastic committee.

The Grapevine Committee meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the 24 Hour Club in the Quiet Room. Our next meeting is October 20th. All are welcome.

In love and service, Mary B.

September 30, 2015

Hello my name is Guy R., the District 20 Literature Representative .My home group is , the Living Sober Group at the Serenity Club of SWFL.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve. At the upcoming Area 15 assembly two topics will be discussed from the last assembly: #1 Service manual large print book does not meet national standards & #2 A pamphlet to address concerns of AA members with mental health issues and to address concerns of sponsors of members with mental health issues . Scope to define what AA does and does not do regarding alcoholics with mental health issues. Please share with me any thoughts you may have on these subjects.

In Love and Service

Guy R.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee report to District 20 and Naples Area Intergroup. October, 2015

Our one member of the committee moved up North leaving the Chairperson all alone again.

We continue to build our mailing data base of medical Doctors in the Naples Area for future mailings of AA information.

We were contacted recently by a Student Affairs Person from Ave Maria University enquiring about the AA meeting held there on Tuesday evening. We were able to clarify who can attend that meeting and was also able to offer to send her assorted AA literature explaining what AA is and what it is not.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee, please contact me any time.

Bill S.

September 30, 2015

Special Needs Committee:

We are not sure we will be able to attend the District meeting this evening.

September has been quiet for us . We are still in contact with a member who recently left the hospital and is interested in meetings but the circumstances are not appropriate at this time . We continue to spread the message to everyone we meet . If anyone is in need , please let us know !

Love & Service Bill & Patti



#### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

treatment@district20aa.org

9/30/15

REPORT

#### COMMITTEE CHAIR

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KEVIN A. (WILLOW VISION AND D.L.C.)

JOHN G. AND ALI E

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Open the meeting with The Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity; I. "This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT П.

Tom makes motion to pass last month's meetings. Jerry second's this motion. Motion passes.

Tom- Hazelden beginners meeting moved to Thursday's at 6:30.

Jerry- Discussion over DLC detox being a 6 month commitment. Cordinator confirmed spirit of rotation. Detox needs a group to commit to the Sunday Night following the New Dawn group's commitment. Kevin will look into it.

Mike B- There are 60 groups in this district and only 3 GSR reps, 1 DCM. Please go back to home groups and urge participation. Mike met with NCH employees and all seem to be happy with AA's bringing in meetings. NCH is currently out of big books. George C was in contact with Mike and would like to be able to fill in for commitments and

The 10 am Saturday meeting at DLC has reportedly having issues with timing, ie: running late, interfering with the 11 am schedule for detox. Discussion about moving the time, this commitment has been held by the Naples Young People's Bid for FCYPAA.

Jerry- Received a request from hazelden to bring another meeting in. Tom to attend meeting with Heather Burton and by request from Hazelden, the intergroup rep, Mike Bo. Tom-concerns regarding HIPPA laws for Hazelden, signing in with front desk, and whether or not the meeting is an open meeting. Tom & Jerry will meet with Hazelden and report back at the next meeting,

Kevin-PHP (Partial Hospitalization Program) at the Willows. There will be an informal meeting Thursday at 7:00 on the 1st and 3rd week of every month. They are in need of a coordinator for that commitment. Jordan-interested in the coordinator position, will get together with Kevin to discuss possibly taking the commitment.

Bridging the Gap-John-We received 5 calls last month, 5 were bridged. 2- woman, 3-men.

- TREASURE'S REPORT Charlie B. as of 9/25/15 beginning balance \$3,121.99 Three Legacies donated \$50.00 Leaves a total of \$3,171.99
- SECRETARY'S REPORT None IV
- COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND BRIDGING THE GAP

ALL GOOD

- Old Business: THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPROVED TO BRING IN NEW SATURDAY 1 P.M.MEETING INTO HAZELDEN Tom & Jerry facilitated all the particulars. (Liveing sober group to carry the commitment until January.
- New Business: 1- John G to pick up Willough commitment (Golden Gate Group) and Charlie B to stand for Treasure.

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Close with the Responsibility Pledge
"I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

And The Lord's Prayer

#### Website Report August 26, 2015

I'm an alcoholic, my home group is the Three Legacies Group, I serve as the Website Chairperson for District 20, and my name is Gary G.

The minutes from the last business meeting are on the website in the secure area that can be found under the "About AA" tab on the menu bar. The password to enter the secure area is: district20aa

As soon as the minutes from this meeting have been sent to me I'll add them to the website.

Our website district20aa.org is still receiving a great number of visitors each month.

Here are the last 30 day stats for our website:

We had 2,177 sessions with 1,713 of them first time visitors. The site received 3,474 page views and the average time on the site is 2 minutes and 17 seconds.

The meeting app is current. We had a problem with the hosting and I haven't been able to update the meeting schedule on the website but it will be updated in the next 24 hours.

Last month we had a motion approved to add an email form on the website and that is still in development stages. I will hopefully report next meeting that the form is live.

I would ask that the committee chairs and volunteers please visit the website and see if there is anything that needs to be added or changed so that we can continue to grow the website as a useful service tool for our district and the local Naples area.

Please make the announcement to your groups about our website, and District 20 phone app.

Remember that the new app has 6 different pieces of AA literature that can be located on the app. (AA Big Book, AA 12 & 12, Daily Reflections, All AA Guidelines, All AA Pamphlets, and the 2015 AA Service Manual). If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. I'm honored to serve as your District 20 website chairman.

In love and service,

Gary G

SUBDISTRICT A DCM REPORT 093015

Good evening, my name is Jerry E., I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) for Subdistrict A. I am identifying meeting changes for the various meeting schedules (on paper and online). Some specific updates include the discontinuance of the Sunday noon "Old-timers" and the Wednesday 10:00 p.m. "Twelve at Ten" meetings; and the transition of the Saturday noon women's meeting into "Sisters In Serenity." These changes will complete the Golden Gate update to the Intergroup website and meeting schedule. There are more corrections needed to the District 20 website, and I'll send them to our district webmaster. The only North Naples/Bonita meeting that I've attended recently has been the Wednesday 8:00 p.m. meeting of the "Keep It Simple" Group at the Community Congregational Church last week when Gary G. spoke. It was an intimate gathering of a dedicated and enthusiastic group. All of us were saddened by the sudden loss of our good friend Steve E., but we can take heart knowing the group he started in Immokalee, the Sunday, 7:00 p.m. meeting of "Language of the Heart" at the First United Methodist Church, is continuing. Heather and Ralph W. reported that they visited the meeting this past Sunday and many local members attended. I will be traveling to the Area Assembly this weekend in Fort Lauderdale, and I am grateful for this opportunity to serve. In Love and Service, Jerry E.

September 30, 2015

DCM Report - Subdistrict C

Most of the meetings were talking about Steve E and how much he will be missed. He touched a lot of people.

Beach Meetings – always full. Hazelden clients come as volunteers. They choose to be there.

Brown Bag – moved across the pavers to their new location. Easy to find. Still needs support.

Naples Group – Cookie Meeting – Standing room only and it isn't even season yet. There are new home group members each week. That is a great showing of support. Saturday BB meeting hovers around 30 people each week.

3 Legacies: Packed. It is well run and has good speakers. Young Peoples meeting is a literature meeting and has around 30 people each week.

Trinity-by-the-Cove: 2 speaker format. Recruits speakers from the 7AM New Dawn meeting often.

Common Solutions: Has Girls from Justin's Place coming to the Monday New Comers Meeting.

In love and service,

Ronnie P.

#### District 20, Sub district D, DCM Report

#### September 30 2015

Dear Trusted Servants,

September was a good month for my service commitments—I had time to visit the clubs.

Peggy Elkins of the Primary Purpose helped me and we have updated contact information for the Gator Group. The Primary Purpose Group is continuing construction of their new club. The Alono club is gearing up for its membership campaign— that is non AA but does support the PPG meeting and club structure.

I participated in the Tuesday 7pm meeting at St. Matts and have updated contact information. The meeting was well attended with half long time AA members and half newcomers from St. Matts. They have an Intergroup rep but no GSR and said they want to remain a meeting not a group.

The New Attitudes Club received an evacuation notice and is relocating as we speak. We will have an updated address for the New Attitudes Club as of tomorrow. I was able to attend once, all the regularly scheduled meetings. The 8am meeting is requesting women with long term sobriety available to be sponsors to attend their meeting. They have a good quantity of men sponsors attending---but are in real need of women sponsors. The New Attitudes Club is committed to supporting St. Matts. The new location will be in walking distance or biking distance from St Matts. I was able to obtain new contact information for 6 of their meetings and report 3 meetings non active. Stephen P. the GSR from the Morning Reflections meeting has attended our District 20 meetings with Steve and is planning to attend this quarterly in Ft. Lauderdale. Would all of the GSRs attending this meeting tonight please report back to your groups that the New Attitudes Club is relocating and they are in need of women sponsors at the 8am meeting.

Lastly I was able to attend the 3 Legacies business meeting. They are a very strong meeting. Having lost their Group Chair Jerry E. brought an agenda and opened the business meeting and conducted elections. Debby M. is the new temporary Chair until their annual elections. They have an active GSR, Court and an active ASR, C.J. and in the elections time they filled almost all of the service positions. They are a very strong active group planning a group inventory, and continual fun events for their members.

I will be attending the Area 15 Assembly this weekend in Ft. Lauderdale. If I can be of assistance to any of our group members please do not hesitate to ask.

In loving service,

Kathryn,

239-455-5436

# RECOVERY

## South Florida Area 15 2015 General Service Committee 2016 South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten, & Cayman Islands

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Business Meeting October 5, 2015 Fort Lauderdale Marriott - Hosted by District 9 This is a Closed business meeting open to members only

#### Listening devices for Spanish and hearing impaired available

DELEGATE Graham G. P.O. Box 561715 Miami, FL 33256-1715	1. Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer Preamble Reading of the 12 Traditions Proceedings of the 12 Concepts	
Delegate@area15aa.org  ALTERNATE DELEGATE Annie C. P.O. Box 650699 Vero Beach, FL 32965-0699 Altdelegate@area15aa.org	Reading of the 12 Concepts  2. Chairperson's Remarks:  3. Registrar: Roll Call:  4. Recording Secretary:  5. Treasurer's Report:  6. Finance Committee Report:	Shirley P. Cary W. Tom W. Dutch V. N. Jack B.
CHAIRPERSON Shirley P. P.O. Box 206 Bradenton, FL 34206-0206	7. District Reports: Reports are limited to three (3) minutes 8. Delegate's Report: 9 Alternate Delegate's Report: 10. Quarterly Coordinator:	Graham G. Annie C. Lisa D.
Chair@area15aa.org TREASURER	11. Grapevine/La Viña Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Peter D. Mina D.
Dutch V.N. P.O. Box 690275 Vero Beach, FL 32969-0275 Treasurer@area15aa.org	12 Corrections Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Rhonda L. Gracie M.
REGISTRAR Cary W. P.O. Box 56	13. Treatment Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Ricardo M. Mario P.
Sebring, FL 33871 Registrar@area15aa.org	14. Archives: A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Barbara R. Bart C.
RECORDING SECRETARY Tom W. P.O. Box 8511 Delray Beach, FL 33482-8511	15. PI / CPC Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Michael W. Tom M.
Secretary@area15aa.org	16. Intergroup/Central Office:	Kathy G. Don F.
	18. Special Needs Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Sig S. Marian A.
	19. Literature Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Alt. Chair/Secretary/Treasurer:	Karen A. James S.

20. Web Site Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Maggie M.C. Casey K.
21. Spanish Linguistic Committee:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Rafael P. Juan O.
22. Area 15 State Convention Committee:	Annie C.
23. Remote Communities:  A. Chairperson:  B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Bill D'A. Kim K.
<ul><li>24. Old Business:</li><li>25. New Business:</li></ul>	

Motion A: That the Area 15 Delegate introduce an item for consideration at the 2016 General Service Conference to update the pamphlet "Young People and AA" to remove the story of Tina D, as she has publicly identified herself as a non-alcoholic. Respectfully Submitted by Karen A., Literature Committee Chair (on behalf of the Area Literature Committee)

**Background:** Tina Dupuy is a syndicated columnist and stand up comedian. She has publicly discussed her past membership in AA on NPR's "This American Life" and stated she is not an alcoholic and that her story as written in the pamphlet is untrue. The committee believes the integrity of our literature is at stake if her story remains in the pamphlet. To be vital, AA literature must always do its best to present factual stories and experiences of members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Motion B: That the Area 15 Delegate introduce an item for consideration at the 2016 General Service Conference requesting AAWS revise future printings of the large print "Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service" to meet the criteria of the National Association of Visually Handicapped (NAVH). Respectfully Submitted by Karen A., Literature Committee Chair (on behalf of the Area Literature Committee)

**Background:** The National Association of Visually Handicapped recommends criteria for both font type and font size to assist persons with impaired vision to read typed text. While other AAWS publications meet the suggested criteria for font size, the Service Manual doesn't meet criteria for size or font type and some AA members with vision impairment have found it difficult to read. Using larger text would assist AA members with impaired vision to participate fully in AA service.

**Motion C:** To add a line item to Area 15 Annual Budget of \$200 to be used specifically for the "Annual Florida A.A. Archives Workshop" held in Florida. This money will be used to defray expenses not covered by a registration fee. The expenses for the workshop include facility rental, lunch, paper goods and printing. Respectfully submitted, Barb R., Area 15 Archives Chair

**Background:** Area 15 Archives is collaborating with Area 14 to establish an Annual Florida A.A. Workshop. Our goal is to be self-supporting by having a registration fee to cover expenses so the funds will not be used but the committee members felt that it needs to be available just in case. The expenses include facility rental, food, paper goods, and printing. Area 14 and Area 15 will share the expenses not covered by the registration fee. It is important to have Area 15's full support for this opportunity to exchange vital information that will educate

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**Background Motion C continued:** 

and help Area and District Archive Committee members on the collection and preservation of their A.A. History, past and present.

Motion D: That the South Florida Area, Area 15, enthusiastically agree to allow Don F. and the numerous volunteers already recruited, and to be recruited, to prepare and make a bid to the Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA) for the 2017 SSAASA, to agree to help us to provide volunteers to assist with the Assembly, and to provide such other support as needed, besides the expenditures of any money. In Grateful Willingness, Love and Service, Donald E. F., Co-Chair, Current Practices Committee

Background: SSAASA was created to provide a service assembly full of workshops and presentations by and for each service position in General Service. SSAASA has Alternate GSRs, GSRs, ACMs, DCMs, District Chairs, Treasurers, Registrars and Secretaries, and Area Chairs, Treasurers, Registrars and Secretaries chair meetings and discuss additional ways of carrying out their duties in their positions, and to learn more and better ways to carry the message. SSAASA also includes meetings chaired by General Service Trustees and possibly General Service Office employees. This is a great opportunity for the South Florida Area folks in General Service to get hands on experience from others in the same positions, and also to learn how the General Service Office can be of assistance in whatever position you may hole or be interested in holding.

Motion E: That Area 15 support a request for a Conference agenda item to add to the eligibility requirements for candidates applying for the GSO General Manager position as provided in Nominating Procedure No. 9. The addition would be that any candidate who served as a Trustee on the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous must have rotated from the General Service Board at least one year prior to his or her application for the General Manager position. Kathy G. Co-Chair Current Practices Committee

Background: A one-year rotation requirement for General Manager candidacy is consistent with the nominating procedure for Regional Trustees, which requires that Delegates be rotated a minimum of one year from their Delegate term. The Selection Committee for the 2015 candidates for the GSO General Manager put forth two seated Trustees and one current GSO employee for General Service Board consideration. This is in keeping with the current procedure; however, it does not afford equal opportunity for other well-qualified, perhaps better-qualified, candidates to be selected.

Motion F: That the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly hotel contract acquisition and District Host process be as follows:

The Quarterly Coordinator Committee will be responsible for procuring hotel contracts for the Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies. The hotel locations eligible will be those meeting the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly meeting space and guest room requirements. Hotel contracts will be procured for a 2-year cycle consisting of at least 3 rotating hotel locations spread throughout Area 15. The Quarterly Coordinators Committee will present their recommendation for approval in October of each odd year, with an exception being made for the 2015 approval which will be delayed until the January 2016 Area Quarterly Assembly.

#### **Continued Motion F:**

Area 15 will be responsible for signing the hotel contracts and will be financially responsible for the Quarterly Assembly, except for the banquet event or any food and beverage minimum, if applicable. In the event a banquet or food and beverage minimum are included in a hotel contract for a Quarterly Assembly, it will be the

Host District's responsibility to meet the required minimum. Hosting Districts will be given disbursement money of \$750.00 for hosting the Quarterly Assembly.

Districts will be elected to host Quarterly Assemblies by Third Legacy at the January assembly of each even year. In order for all Districts to have an equal opportunity to host a Quarterly Assembly, any District which has been awarded hosting a Quarterly Assembly at this January election may not stand to host a second Quarterly Assembly unless no other District stands to host the open Quarterly Assembly, or all eligible Districts have been satisfied.

The requirements to bid to host an Area Quarterly are as follows:

- 1. Form a District Quarterly Host Committee and submit a list of a minimum of five members with their contact information of those willing to serve on the District's Quarterly Host Committee to the Area 15 Quarterly Coordinator Committee.
- 2. It is recommended that if a District is bidding to host and has not hosted within the past 5 years, that it co-host with another District.
- 3. In the event that no District is willing or eligible to host a particular Quarterly Weekend, and the event is left without a Host Committee at the end of elections, the Quarterly Coordinator Committee will be responsible for coordinating Districts to help with those particular Quarterly Assembly events responsibilities. Respectfully submitted, Panel 65 Area 15 Quarterly Coordinator Committee

Background: There is a growing trend in which many Districts are unable to submit bids to host Assembly weekends that meet the criteria of the Quarterly Coordinator Committee, such as financial feasibility, proper room block, etc. By giving the Quarterly Coordinator Committee the responsibility for securing the contracts, the process would alleviate the difficulty of District members being the go between with the Hotel and Quarterly Coordinator Committee prior to being awarded the ability to host. Also, this motion would give Area 15 more negotiating power by allowing for the Quarterly Coordinator Committee to be in direct contact with hotels when discussing particulars of the contracts and potentially negotiating for multiple contracts within the two-year cycle. Local District Hosting is still vital in attracting people into service. This process will alleviate the pressure of Districts in securing contracts, while allowing all Districts to participate in the Hosting duties.

26. Adjourn: Area Business Meeting close with the Unity Statement and the Lord's Prayer

#### **Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

Declaration of the 35th Anniversary International Convention, 1970, Miami, Florida