

**AREA 30
MOTIONS
APPROVED
BY
ASSEMBLY
VOTE**

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On October 24, 2001 an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to research and record for reference purposes any and all motions that were presented to the assemblies and responded to with an affirmative vote.

The Area 30 Assembly Action Listing Committees collected as many copies of past assemblies as possible for this project. It will be augmented by the discovery of missing assembly minutes as well as copies of assembly minutes as they take place now and in the future. As with all of us in the fellowship, this booklet is a continuous work in progress.

The Area 30 Assembly Action Listing was accepted by the January 12, 2003 Area 30 Assembly. That assembly also voted that the listing should be updated by the Secretary of Area 30. On January 10, 2010 a second Ad Hoc Committee was formed to further update the booklet. Forty-one sets of additional minutes were reviewed and affirmative actions from those minutes were added.

The Area 30 Assembly Action Listing was again updated on November 16, 2015. The format was modified for consistency and the Table of Contents modified to allow for five entries per year. Those fields can be filled as additional minutes are discovered. Twenty-eight sets of minutes were reviewed and affirmative actions from those minutes were added. This document was approved for inclusion on the Area 30 website at the January 10th, 2016 Kick-Off Assembly.

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Assembly Date	Assembly Title	Motions	Page
1984			5
No Minutes	Budget		
March 25	Pre-conference	No	
June 3	Post-conference	No	
No Minutes	Workshop		
October 27	Election	No	
1985			5
No Minutes	Budget		
March 31	Pre-conference	No	
No Minutes	Post-conference		
October 20	Workshop	Yes	
No Minutes	Workshop		
1986			5
No Minutes	Budget		
March 9	Pre-conference	No	
No Minutes	Post-conference		
October 18	Workshop	No	
No Minutes	Election		
1987			5
No Minutes	Budget		
March 9	Pre-conference	No	
No Minutes	Post-conference		
No Minutes	Workshop		
No Minutes	Workshop		
1988			5
January 17	Budget	Yes	
No Minutes	Pre-conference		
May 15	Post-conference	Yes	
No Minutes	Workshop		
November 13	Election	No	
1989			6
No Minutes	Budget		
May 21	Post-conference	No	
July 30	Workshop	Yes	
September 24	Workshop	Yes	
October 29	Workshop	Yes	
1990			6
January 21	Budget	Yes	
March 18	Pre-conference	Yes	
No Minutes	Post-conference		
No Minutes	Workshop		
November 4	Election	No	

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1991			6
January 20	Budget	Yes	
No Minutes	Pre-conference		
No Minutes	Post-conference	Yes	
July 21	Summer	Yes	
No Minutes	Workshop		
1992			7
January 19	Budget	Yes	
April 5	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 7	Post-conference	Yes	
September 20	Workshop	Yes	
November 8	Election	Yes	
1993			8
January 14	Budget	Yes	
March 21	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 13	Post-conference	Yes	
September 19	Inventory	Yes	
October 31	Workshop	Yes	
1994			9
January 16	Budget	Yes	
March 20	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 5	Post-conference	Yes	
September 24	Workshop	No	
November 6	Election	No	
1995			10
No Minutes	Budget		
April 2	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 4	Post-conference	Yes	
September 24	Workshop	No	
No Minutes	Workshop		
1996			10
No Minutes	Budget		
March 31	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 2	Post-conference	No	
September 29	Workshop	Yes	
November 3	Election	No	
1997			11
January 19	Budget	Yes	
April 6	Pre-conference	No	
June 8	Post-conference	No	
September 21	Workshop	No	
November 30	Workshop	Yes	

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1998			11
January 18	Kick-off	Yes	
March 29	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 14	Post-conference	No	
September 20	Workshop	Yes	
November 1	Election	Yes	
1999			12
January 17	Kick-off	Yes	
March 20	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 6	Post-conference	No	
September 12	Workshop	Yes	
November 7	Workshop	No	
2000			13
January 9	Kick-off	Yes	
March 19	Pre-conference	No	
June 4	Post-conference	Yes	
September 10	Workshop	Yes	
No Minutes	Election		
2001			13
January 21	Kick-off	Yes	
April 1	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 3	Post-conference	No	
September 9	Workshop	Yes	
November 4	Workshop	Yes	
2002			15
January 20	Kick-off	Yes	
April 4	Pre-conference	No	
May 19	Post-conference	No	
September 29	Workshop	Yes	
November 3	Election	No	
2003			15
January 9	Kick-off	Yes	
April 6	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 8	Post-conference	No	
September 28	Workshop	Yes	
November 2	Workshop	Yes	
2004			16
January 11	Kick-off	Yes	
March 21	Pre-conference	No	
May 16	Post-conference	Yes	
September 12	Workshop	Yes	
November 7	Election	No	

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2005			18
January 9	Kick-off	Yes	
April 10	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 5	Post-conference	Yes	
September 11	Workshop	Yes	
November 6	Workshop	Yes	
2006			20
January 8	Kick-off	Yes	
April 2	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 4	Post-conference	Yes	
September 10	Workshop	Yes	
November 5	Election	No	
2007			20
January 7	Kick-off	Yes	
March 25	Pre-conference	No	
June 10	Post-conference	Yes	
September 9	Workshop	Yes	
November 4	Workshop	Yes	
2008			21
January 6	Kick-off	Yes	
April 13	Pre-conference	No	
June 1	Post-conference	Yes	
September 7	Workshop	Yes	
November 2	Election	No	
2009			22
January 4	Kick-off	Yes	
March 29	Pre-conference	No	
May 31	Post-conference	No	
September 13	Workshop	Yes	
November 1	Workshop	Yes	
2010			23
January 10	Kick-off	Yes	
March 28	Pre-conference	Yes	
May 23	Post-conference	Yes	
September 12	Workshop	No	
November 7	Election	No	
2011			23
January 9	Kick-off	Yes	
April 3	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 5	Post-conference	Yes	
September 18	Workshop	No	
November 6	Workshop	Yes	

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2012			24
January 15	Kick-off	Yes	
April 1	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 3	Post-conference	Yes	
September 16	Workshop	Yes	
November 4	Election	No	
2013			26
January 6	Kick-off	Yes	
April 7	Pre-conference	Yes	
June 2	Post-conference	Yes	
September 15	Workshop	Yes	
November 3	Workshop	Yes	
2014			27
January 5	Kick-off	Yes	
March 30	Pre-conference	No	
June 1	Post-conference	Yes	
September 7	Workshop	Yes	
November 2	Election	No	
2015			28
January 4	Kick-off	Yes	
March 29	Pre-conference	Yes	
May 17	Post-conference	Yes	
September 20	Workshop	Yes	
November 1	Workshop	No	
2016			30
January 10	Kick-off	Yes	
April 3	Pre-conference	Yes	
May 5	Post-conference	Yes	
September 11	Workshop	Yes	
November 11	Election	No	
2017			31
January 8	Kick-off	Yes	
March 26	Pre-conference	Yes	
May 21	Post-conference	Yes	
September 17	Workshop	No	
November 5	Workshop	Yes	
2018			32
January 14	Kick-off	Yes	
March 25	Pre-conference	No	
May 20	Post-conference	Yes	
September 16	Workshop	Yes	
November 4	Election	No	

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2019			34
January 6	Kick-off	Yes	
March 24	Pre-conference	No	
June 9	Post-conference	Yes	
September 15	Workshop	Yes	
November 3	Workshop	Yes	
2020			35
January 12	Kick-off	Yes	
May 3	Pre-conference	No	
May 31	Post-conference	No	
September 13	Workshop	Yes	
November 1	Workshop	YES	
2021			
January 10	Kick-off	YES	
April 11	Pre-conference	YES	
May 16	Post-conference	YES	
September 12	Workshop	YES	
November 1	Election	No	
2022			
January 9	Kick-off	YES	
April 10	Pre-conference	NO	
May 15	Post-conference	YES	
September 11	Workshop	YES	
November 6	Election	NO	
2023			
	Kick-off		
	Pre-conference		
	Post-conference		
	Workshop		
	Workshop		
2024			
	Kick-off		
	Pre-conference		
	Post-conference		
	Workshop		
	Election		
2025			
	Kick-off		
	Pre-conference		
	Post-conference		
	Workshop		
	Workshop		

1984 March 25 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1984 June 3 Post - Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1984 October 27 – Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

1985 March 31 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1985 October 20 Workshop Assembly

The following proposal is the result of a lengthy discussion at the Area Assembly regarding the use of pronouns in the Text of the 12 & 12. It was approved 46 to 28, to be forwarded for inclusion in the General Service Conference agenda of April 1986.

“With respect to our area’s discussion of the “gender neutral” issue in the body of the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (not the actual steps or traditions themselves), and with the hope that newcomers to A.A. in the second half of the century of our fellowship may more easily recognize that we are not exclusionary to anyone desiring our message of sobriety, that the following be included in the inside flaps of the books: Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:

The writings incorporated in this publication are the efforts of our co-founder, Bill Wilson, in consultation with the first hundred members of A.A. of the late 1930’s (and early 40’s with respect to the 12&12). Whenever masculine pronouns are used in the text of this book (these books), they are intended to be inclusive of both genders. We ask that you keep in mind the time in which this book (these books) was written and the importance of preserving the historical quality and original writings of the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

Idea and written expression are from Hope P.

1986 March 9 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1987 October 18 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

1988 January 17 Budget Assembly

Additional members to vote at assembly, “standing committee members...” Motion passed.

Motion to allow liaison to Central Service to vote was tabled, with 2 opposed.

Budget of \$32,000 was approved with 3 opposed (deduced from 2 key points.)

Motion to approve Guidelines and Policies & Procedures for CPC, Treatment and Grapevine committees was seconded and carried as presented.

1988 May 15 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion was made to table discussion and consideration of supplemental budgets until the July Assembly when a review can be made of 6 months of contributions. Motion to table carried.

1988 November 13 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

1989 May 21 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1989 July 30 Workshop Area Assembly

Policies and Procedures for Area 30 Joint Treatment Facilities Committee presented. Motion to accept the Policies and Procedures as presented. 46 in favor - 22 opposed – Motion passed.

Issue of 3rd Tradition Long Form wording from May 21st Assembly moved to July Assembly. Motion passed to table until September Assembly passed.

Motion: We ask the Literature Committee to re-examine the text of the Third Tradition in the Twelve Traditions Illustrated to eliminate language which at first reading appears judgmental. Specifically, replace the words “negative” and “positive” in italics with “exclusive”: and “inclusive”. The motion passed.

1989 September 24 Workshop Assembly

Motion to take 3rd Tradition motion take off the table passed.

Final motion to eliminate paragraphs 3, 4, & 5 in their entirety passed.

1989 October 29 Workshop Assembly

Vote on schedule of 6 assemblies for 1990 passed with unanimous acceptance.

1990 January 21 Budget Assembly

Motion to accept 1990 budget of \$60,000 – passed.

1990 March 18 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion to accept the 1990 budget as proposed following the \$60,000 cap voted upon at January 21 Area Assembly. Motion passed with 1 opposed.

1990 November 4 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

1991 January 20 Budget Assembly

Motion to accept the following dates for the next 5 assemblies of this year: March 10, May 19, July 21, September 22, and November 3 passed.

Before lunch, a motion to approve signing for the hearing impaired at all assemblies at an approximate cost of between \$240 and \$280. Motion passed with 94 in favor and 24 against. The motion passed. However, after lunch a ruling by the Chair that a reconsideration vote be taken on the signing issue. An appealed decision of 73 for and 50 against did not carry the motion. After a lengthy discussion about how this process was handled, it was decided that the entire issue would be discussed at the March 10 assembly. The motion to table passed.

The Delegate reported on changes from the General Service Office, primarily proposed literature cost increases. The Delegate proposed a motion that “The Area 30 Eastern Massachusetts General Service Assembly expresses serious concern and reservation in regard to the proposed price increase in AAWS, Inc. literature by the AAWS Board of Directors without the consultation of and input from the AA Groups. The motion carried and will be presented by the Delegate to the General Service Office.

1991 July 21 Summer Assembly

In 1986 special Spanish District voted by assembly, in 1988 budget voted...in 1990 attention given that groups not being represented by the Spanish Committee. There are 2 factions...Spanish District & Spanish Intergroup. Motion to have 2 Spanish Districts – vote 63 in favor, 15 opposed.

Move that Area 30 request General Service Conference and Trustees review the process used for Group and DCM registration and that the Trustees consider the review of the registration process as an agenda item at the 1992 General Service Conference. Motion passed unanimously.

1992 January 19 Budget Assembly

Motion to reimburse Delegate \$401.20 and Alt. Delegate \$1,110.20 for out-of-pocket expenses. 20 in favor, 3 opposed, 4 abstentions. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the budget of \$44,641.00 with supplemental \$2,000.00 with review in April 1992.

1992 April 5 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Assembly approve a study of district structure and bring report to the November Assembly. The motion was approved unanimously.

1992 June 7 Post-Conference Assembly

Unanimously voted to have Conference & Trustee’s Literature committee review the AAWS pamphlet “GSR” for inconsistencies and update of text.

1992 September 20 Workshop Assembly

Assembly unanimously reaffirmed its position regarding changing the self-support pamphlet.

Motion: The General Service Area Assembly of Eastern Massachusetts Area 30 reaffirm its prior request that AAWS pamphlet entitled Self-Support through our own Contributions be reviewed for changes that would place more emphasis on the spirit of the Seventh tradition of self-support, that would be more clearly understood by A.A. groups and members, and that would be more general in presenting suggestions for A.A. group contributions to the various service entities. The motion passed.

1992 November 8 Election Assembly

Motion made to continue the Ad Hoc Structure Committee until the September 1993 Assembly and to report their findings and suggestions then. Motion carried.

1993 January 14 Budget Assembly

Approve \$45,112.00 budget as presented for 1993. Motion passed.

1993 March 21 Pre-Conference Assembly

Approval of \$600.00 for additional mailing by Treasurer to groups, 73 for, 17 opposed, 2 abstentions.

1993 June 13 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: The area assembly approve supplemental monies for Delegate for \$1,151.26 with monies coming whenever possible from other budgets, with the Finance Committee working on the transfers with the Area Committee's approval, to the extent of monies coming in. Motion passes by simple majority.

1993 September 19 Inventory Assembly

Unanimous approval of motion to accept Structure Study Ad Hoc Committee's report and dissolve committee.

Report of the Structure Study Committee – Frank G. welcomed all present to Cape Cod and the Islands. Thanked all who participated. Ad Hoc Structure Study Committee presented a report to Area 30 Chair for action by the September 19, 1993 Assembly. It is suggested that districts be guided by the following:

- 1) Districts should become aware of the fact that District structure is their responsibility.
- 2) Districts which feel that geographic size, number of groups, or meeting with another district is a concern they may want to consider:
 - a) ratio of number of groups to other Area 30 districts,
 - b) density of groups within the district, and
 - c) geography of the district/travel distances.
- 3) District structure exploration needs to address the ability to cover district conference committee responsibilities and its history of attracting and retaining GSR participation.
- 4) Assistance with the mechanics of structure change is available, upon request, from the Area Chairperson.
- 5) The effect of any structure change action upon other districts, or the Area, needs to be considered.

- 6) Upon consideration of the foregoing, if districts see a need to alter the makeup of cities/towns in their districts, they can do so with the condition that all districts to be affected participate in and agree with the changes.

Upon consideration of this report by the September 19, 1993 Eastern MA General Service Area Assembly, the Ad Hoc District Structure Study was approved. The Committee is dissolved.

1993 October 31 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Area 30 disapproves of the recent actions of AAWS and the General Service Board regarding the Circle and Triangle and all other trademarks, logos and symbols, and requests that AAWS immediately restore the same to all AA Literature. 56 for, 22 against, 2 abstain. The motion passed.

Unanimous vote to accept policies and procedures for the Literature Committee (listed below).

Recommendation for approval of Literature Committee's Policy and Procedures:

Literature Committee Scope, Purpose & Procedure

*Review AA Literature

*Assist AA Groups, districts, conference committees, Area committees, central office intergroups and other service committees as a resource, informing the fellowship within Area 30 of conference-approved literature, service materials, etc. particularly on any new or revised AA literature. Committee will work closely with an Area Delegate.

*Provide specific details of the procedures and processes of reviewing AA literature guided by the "Flow Chart of Conference Advisory Actions".

*Provide copy of the Area Literature Committee minutes to all districts, area officers, conference and standing committees, liaisons, central office/intergroups and GSO.

*Committee meeting to be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Roy Rogers Restaurant on Rte. 128S, Newton, MA.

1994 January 16 Budget Assembly

Approval of \$42,000.00 budget for 1994. The motion passed with 1 opposed.

Motion for Literature Committee to have its own budget of \$557.00. Motion passed with 2 opposed.

Motion to approve a Bulk Mail Stamp purchase for \$200.00. Unanimous approval.

Motion to appropriate \$1,000.00 for a mailing to groups. Motion passed with 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

1994 March 20 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion for the total 2/3 vote includes only the positives and negatives. 1 opposed, 1 abstained. The motion passed.

Motion to table discussion of ability of those who abstain to speak in the minority opinion and have the discussion brought to Area Meeting – then brought back to the assembly. 58 for, 2 against, 6 abstentions. The motion to table passed.

1994 June 5 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion that abstentions in vote be allowed to be part of the minority voice 25 for, 44 against, and 3 abstained. Motion made to table discussion for further investigation. The motion to table passed.

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1994 September 24 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

1994 November 6 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

1995 April 2 Pre-Conference Area Assembly

The Assembly voted on the Self-Support pamphlet: Keep the pie chart: 12 in favor, 28 opposed, 5 abstained; Use no pictures, just description: 30 in favor, 6 opposed, 5 abstained; prioritize the entities to reflect the inverted triangle with groups at the top. The motion passed with a vote of 34 in favor, 1 opposed, 7 abstained.

Motion: Area 30 make a proactive plan to reduce the cost of literature starting with the Big Book. The motion passed with a vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 8 abstained. The motion passed.

Motion: There will be a special emphasis in reducing the cost of the Big Book. The motion passed with a vote of 31 in favor, 5 opposed, and 8 abstained.

Under “Trustees”: Following the action of the conference on the censure, we stand in unity behind the discussion and move on: 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 8 abstaining. We agree with the GSO decision to look into censure: 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstaining. Motion to disband the Censure Subcommittee of Area 30: 27 in favor, 16 opposed, 7 abstaining.

1995 June 4 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Area Assembly to approve an Area mailing to be done for the budgeted amount of \$800.00 as soon as possible by A.A. members. The motion passed.

1995 September 24 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

1996 March 31 Pre-Conference Assembly

Under Report & Charter: “Consider the need for a footnote indicating that, with permission of AA World Services, other Twelve Step programs as well as AA Service Structures in other countries have adapted their own twelve Concepts, re-wording them in an appropriate manner to reflect their own government/legal requirements and service structures. John Mac, “I have two concerns: a) under current Conference Charter, page S31, ‘in countries where a General Service structure exists, the US/Canada Conference will delegate sole right to publish our Conference approved literature to the General Service Board of that structure.’ b) Twelfth Concept is actually Warranties. Warranties have same re-write status as Steps and Traditions. This would give permission to re-write Warranties without the three-quarters World approval needed. I move that Area 30 not support item 2C of the Conference agenda under Report and Charter.” Motion seconded. Voted 48 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Ed K, “Under item 1F Report and Charter – ‘Discuss whether or not the first 164 pages of the Big Book should have the same re-write status as the Steps, Traditions, and Warranties of Article XII of the Conference Charter.’ I move that Area 30 support this proposal. Motion seconded. Voted 35 in favor, 6 opposed 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

1996 June 2 Post-Conference Assembly. No motions were passed.

1996 September 29 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept proposed Literature Committee's policies and procedures. The motion passed.

Motion: Accept the draft of the Area Handbook for use in Area 30 with the following amendments: delete the box from the flowchart marked "sponsor" and include the flowchart of the evolution of an advisory action. The motion passed with a vote of 51 for, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Motion: The Alternate Area Chairperson is responsible for updating revisions to the handbook as they occur. The motion passed with a vote of 44 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions.

1996 November 3 Election Assembly. No motions were passed.

1997 January 19 Budget Assembly

Motion to approve the budget of \$42,728 as presented. Motion passed.

Motion to elect an Alternate Treasurer. Went to the hat after 5 ballots.

1997 April 6 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1997 June 8 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1997 September 21 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

1997 November 30 Workshop Assembly

Motion: The Policies and Procedures as amended for the CPC Committee be approved. Motion passed over 2/3 majority with 1 abstention.

Motion: Send a consensus opinion to GSO on behalf of Area 30 of having input on the creation of a Conference Archives Committee. Motion passed over 2/3, 5 opposed, 8 abstained.

1998 January 18 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion to accept 1998 budget of \$40,204 as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 51 in favor, 4 opposed.

Motion to increase Delegate's Conference contribution from \$1,000 to \$1,400. 29 in favor, 12 opposed.

1998 March 29 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Area 30 requests that GSO print all Groups in the Directory unless the group chooses not to be included. The motion passed with a vote of 35 in favor, 10 opposed, 4 abstentions.

Motion: Support taking the 1998 membership survey, eliminating the current question on race; and the survey shall be distributed in a manner that is more representative of Area 30. Motion passed with 2/3 majority with 1 opposed.

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Motion: Area 30 requests that the Directories be discontinued. The motion passed with a vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, 7 abstentions.

1998 June 14 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1998 September 20 Workshop Assembly

Motion made to rent translation equipment for the next two assemblies (to come from the Chairperson's budget). Motion passed with 1 opposed.

Motion made to purchase a PA system, specifically a new system. Motion passed with 4 opposed and 1 abstention.

Motion made to purchase a banner (from the Chairperson's budget). Passed with no opposed and 3 abstentions.

Motion made to grant the Literature Committee supplemental budget of \$900 for the purchase of display boards. 25 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions.

1998 November 1 Election Assembly

Motion made to have Canton and Norwood become part of District 10. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to grant a supplemental budget of \$700 to the Area Treasurer. Passed with 1 opposed and 3 abstentions.

1999 January 17 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Area 30 purchase 128 Grapevine/LaViña subscriptions to be sent on Area 30's behalf to inpatient detoxes, inpatient rehabs, post detox and D.U.I.L. programs within the boundaries of Area 30.

Motion: Area 30 purchase 81 Grapevine/LaViña subscriptions to be sent to corrections and pre-release centers within the boundaries of Area 30. In addition, that Area 30 purchase 41 bulk bundles of back issues of Grapevine/LaViña bi-monthly. These will be distributed to each of the correctional facilities within the boundaries of Area 30. Total cost of the motion will be \$8,079.00. The motion passed almost unanimously.

1999 March 21 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion made for the Treatment Facilities Agenda that BTG not become a conference committee. The motion passed with 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

Motion made for the Treatment Facility Agenda that the Workbook not be discontinued. The motion passed 3 abstentions.

Motion made for Report and Charter that "a proposal to add a footnote to Warranty 5, page 72, Twelve Concepts for World Service, stating that AA will continue to oppose unauthorized use of its registered trademarks" be opposed. The motion passed with 3 opposed.

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Motion made for the Public Information Agenda that they “consider request from a producer for permission to use footage from the film ‘Bill’s Own Story’ in a television biography program about Bill Wilson, which would include Dr. Bob Smith” be opposed. The motion passed with 4 opposed and 3 abstentions.

1999 June 6 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

1999 September 12 Workshop Assembly

The Chairperson requests a \$300 increase in the Supplemental Budget for the Chairperson. The motion passed with 3 abstentions.

1999 November 7 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

2000 January 9 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Approve a temporary budget until the Finance Review Committee can present a full budget presentation at the next Assembly of \$45,000. Motion passed with 1 opposed and 4 abstentions.

2000 March 19 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2000 June 4 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion made for \$800.00 supplemental budget for Area Chair. Passed with 1 abstention.

Motion made for supplemental budget of \$239 for PI to pay for 1999 bills left unpaid by treasurer. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Motion made to accept members standing for new Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to take a tape of Delegate’s presentation and put it in Archives to keep on file. Passed unanimously.

2000 September 10 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept the revised Area Handbook. 40 in favor, 2 opposed.

Motion: Delete mention of smoking area at assemblies. The motion passed with a vote of 34 in favor, 20 opposed, 3 abstained.

2001 January 21 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Accept the budget of \$46,512 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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Motion: Purchase translation equipment for language/hearing impaired for \$1,958.48 for use by Area 30 at Assemblies. The motion passed with 1 opposed.

Motion: Add a separate line item of \$4,000 named NERAASA fund for 20 General Service workers to be funded up to \$200 each to attend NERAASA. The motion passed with 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

Motion made to cover \$868.34 shortfall for Count On Us renewals of Grapevine and LaViña subscriptions from the 2001 program. The motion passed with 1 opposed.

2001 April 1 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion made for Literature Conference Agenda that the 4th Edition Procedural Motion – that Area 30 request that the Conference Literature Committee be solely responsible for the creation of the 4th edition of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* and that the GSC votes to or not to bring into print a 4th edition of this book without further review. The motion passed with a vote of 35 in favor; 1 opposed.

Motion: Area 30 support the Grapevine Agenda items to continue publishing La Vina. The motion passed with a vote of 41 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions.

Motion made for the CPC Agenda to add pamphlet “Bill W. Speaks to three Medical Societies” to the CPC workbook. The motion passed with a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed; 6 abstentions.

Motion made to recommend that the 2001 GSC reaffirm the use and distribution of the AAWS, Inc. Conference approved pamphlet “Problems Other than Alcohol”. The motion passed unanimously.

2001 June 3 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2001 September 9 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Election of new Alternate Secretary.

Motion: Accept a request of \$500 to allow an Archives Committee member to attend a national Archives event and \$700 to allow a Treatment Facilities Committee member to attend the Bridging the Gap weekend. Motion passed with 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.

2001 November 4 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept the Area 30 Handbook with recent revisions presented to the Assembly. After much discussion on the revisions and changes that were made the motion passed with a vote of 42 in favor; 15 opposed; 2 abstentions.

Motion: Approve a supplemental budget request of \$650 for the Area 30 Delegate reimbursement for attending the Southwest Regional Forum and the BTG Weekend. The motion was approved by a vote of 49 in favor; 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

2002 January 20 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Accept a budget of \$49,340 for 2002. Passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve a one-time request of \$1,000 for the Grapevine Count-on-Us program. The motion passed unanimously; 4 abstentions.

Motion: Approve \$750 for attending Bridging the Gap Workshop weekend. The motion passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

Motion: Approve \$4,800 for the NERAASA fund. The motion passed 53 in favor; 4 opposed; 3 abstentions.

2002 April 14 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2002 May 19 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2002 September 29 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept changes proposed to the Area 30 Handbook in entirety. The motion passed with 51 for, 3 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Motion: Accept the Assembly Action Listing booklet proposed with listing of past approved Assembly actions. The motion passed with a vote of 54 in favor, 1 abstention.

Motion: Service Seminar requests additional funding to finish work set until end of the year. This is to finish this year's budget. Request to increase from \$650.00 to \$950.00. Motion passed.

Motion: Reallocate monies remaining in the 2002 budget in the NERAASA fund to be used by 9 AA members for the 2003 NERAASA. Monies cannot be carried over and money goes back into the general fund if not used. This does not affect the 2003 budget. The motion passed.

2002 November 3 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

2003 January 9 Kick-off Assembly

The ad hoc committee put together positive actions of Area Assemblies from 1984 to present with holes. This is not a policy manual but a sense of the committee. The committee has disbanded because its work has been completed. It is recommended that the Area Secretary update and maintain it as needed. The motion passed with one abstention.

Motion: Accept the 2003 budget as presented. The motion passed with 4 abstentions.

Motion: Make a separate line item of \$4,000 named NERAASA Fund. This \$4,000 will be earmarked as a stipend for up to 20 general service workers who would not otherwise be able to attend NERAASA. The service worker is eligible to receive up to \$200. \$2200 will be earmarked for the 2003 NERAASA and \$1800 will apply to the 2004 NERAASA. The motion was amended to accept \$2200 for the 2003 NERAASA. The motion passed and *discussion on \$1800 for 2004 NERAASA was tabled until the November Assembly*. After discussion the motion passed by a vote of 46 yes, 6 no, 3 abstained. See November 2, 2003 Assembly.

Motion: Make a separate line item for one person to travel to the 8th National Archives Workshop in the amount of \$890. After discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 34 yes, 2 no, 13 abstained.

Motion: Make a separate line item to cover the Grapevine distribution shortfall up to \$1500. After discussion, a motion was made to table until the April assembly. After more discussion, the motion to table was removed. Finally, the original motion passed with a vote of 54 yes, 1 no, 2 abstained.

Motion by the Ad Hoc Web Site committee: Recommend the Chair form a subsequent ad hoc committee whose purpose and scope would include implementing the recommendations contained in this report and also to provide the area with a recommendation on the future maintenance of the web site. After discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 59 yes, 1 abstention.

2003 April 6 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Table selection of dates for the 2004 Kickoff and Pre-Conference assemblies until the June 8 Assembly. The motion to table passed.

2003 June 8 Post-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2003 September 28 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept the Pre-Conference date of March 21, 2004. The motion was accepted by majority vote.

Motion: Accept the Workshop Assembly date of September 12, 2004. The motion was accepted by majority vote.

2003 November 2 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Fund NERAASA the 2004 balance of \$1800 back on the table to allot \$1800 for interested AAs to submit their names to be drawn at random out of a hat. After discussion, the motion was passed with a vote of one opposed one abstention. See January 12 Assembly.

2004 January 11 Kick-Off Assembly

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Hold the Election Assembly on November 7, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Accept the total budget request for 2004 of \$47,410. Motion passed with a vote of 71 for and 4 opposed.

Motion: To allot the NERAASA fund budget request of \$2,200 and to table an additional \$1,800 to go towards the 2005 NERAASA fund (as it was done in 2003). The motion passed.

Motion: Accept the Bridging the Gap weekend budget proposal as written. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve the one time budget request for the Archives weekend. Motion passed.

Motion: Area Chair explained that we fund the program covering for a \$1,000 short-fall. To accept the GV Count on Us Program budget item as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 66 for and 1 opposed.

2004 March 21 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2004 May 16 Post-Conference Assembly

All concerning the Area Website:

Motion: Add links to 4 of GSOs web pages to the Area Web Site current Service Page. Motion passed.

Motion: Add 36 Spiritual Principals page (Step/Traditions/Concepts). Motion passed.

Motion: Include standard forms (in PDF format) and data available from Area 30 or GSO. Motion passed.

Motion: Translate all information on the Area 30 Web pages into Spanish. Motion passed.

Motion: Accept the four documents produced by the committee (*a Backup Policy, 10 Simple rules for Email Use, Meeting Info Reply, and Web Site History*). An amendment to *10 Simple Rules* to strike the part of #2 which states “does nothing to support Area 30 business” and #9 “That is NOT what we are about”. Also, a second friendly amendment to #10 to change to “Please do not abuse your Email privileges”. Another amendment added to change “rules” to “guidelines” in both the title and guideline of #10. The motion passed.

Motion made to create a standing committee for the website starting on January 1, 2005. Motion passed.

Motion: Accept two 2005 Assembly dates of January 9 and April 10. The motion passed.

2004 September 12 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept the Ad Hoc Special Needs Committee final report. Motion passed.

Motion: Area 30 establish a Special Needs standing committee. Motion passed.

Motion: Area 30 support a request from District 6 that the “Language of the Heart” be published in large print. Motion passed.

2004 November 7 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

2005 January 9 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Hold Post-Conference Assembly on June 5, 2005. Passed.

Motion: Accept the proposed budget of \$49,617. Passed.

Motion: Approve the NERAASA fund budget request of \$2,200. Passed.

Motion: Accept the Bridging the Gap weekend budget proposed of \$750 as written. Passed.

Motion: Approve the one-time budget request for the Archives weekend. Passed.

Motion to approve the one time budget request for the Archives workshop. Passed.

Motion to accept the GV Count on Us Program budget as presented. Passed.

2005 April 10 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Accept the proposed Assembly dates of September 11, November 6, 2005 and January 8, 2006. Passed.

2005 June 5 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Change Page 9, the line of who has a voice changed from “Any person attending has a voice” amended to read “Any *AA member* attending has a **Voice**”. Motion passes.

Motion: Change Page 20, Section 9 from “The structure starts with group conscience – with the AA group. Group representatives (GSRs) pass the group conscience to the DCMs and the Area Delegate” to read “The structure starts with *an informed* group conscience – with the AA group. Group representatives (GSRs) pass the informed group conscience to the DCMs and the Area Delegate”.

Motion to table - passed.

Motion made to change on Page 28 Standing Committee from “A continuing committee servicing Eastern Massachusetts General Service Area 30 other than a Conference Committee. The Standing Committees are (a) Convention, (b) Messenger, (c) Registrar, (d) Service Seminars” to read “A continuing committee servicing Eastern Massachusetts General Service Area 30 other than a Conference

Committee. The Standing Committees are (a) Convention, (b) Messenger, (c) Registrar, (d) Service Seminars, (e) Special Needs, and (f) Website.” Motion passes.

A floor motion was made for the assembly to fund the display of the 12 Steps, Twelve Traditions, and XII Concepts in some form at the Area Assemblies and Area Committee meetings. Motion passed with a vote of 45 for, 13 opposed.

2005 September 11 Workshop Assembly

Proposed changes to the Area Handbook, changes for each page to be read and voted on separately. Motion made to change on Page 4 the first paragraph which reads “In order to receive all mailings and notices as a GSR, you can register with your local DCM and they in turn can pass the necessary information along to the Area 30 Registrar. The DCM can collect and pass on updated information on groups and GSRs to the Area 30 Registrar and the Registrar *can* then send along the updates to the General Service Office for AA Directories and mailings to groups. *The DCMs may also send along updates directly to GSO*” to read: “In order to receive all mailings and notices as a GSR, you can register with your local DCM and they in turn can pass the necessary information along to the Area 30 Registrar *and the General Service Office*. The DCM should collect and pass on updated information on groups and GSRs to the Area 30 Registrar and the General Service Office for AA Directories and mailings to groups. The motion passed.

Motion tabled from last assembly to change Page 9 section on Standing Committees currently from “Six Standing Committee Chairpersons: Mass State Convention (One year position of for the Immediate Past Delegate), Messenger, Registrar, Service Seminars, Special Needs and Website” to read Five Standing Committee Chairpersons: Messenger, Registrar, Service Seminars, Special Needs and Website. The motion to table passed.

Motion: Change section on Liaisons which reads “Liaisons from MSYPAA, ICYPAA, Boston Central Service, Intergroups and other interested members of the fellowship” to Liaisons from MSCYPAA, ICYPAA, Boston Central Service, Intergroups, *Mass State AA Convention* and other interested members of the fellowship. The motion to table passed.

2005 November 6 Workshop Assembly

Motion tabled from last assembly to change Page 9 section on Standing Committees currently from “Six Standing Committee Chairpersons: Mass State Convention (One year position of for the Immediate Past Delegate), Messenger, Registrar, Service Seminars, Special Needs and Website” to read Five Standing Committee Chairpersons: Messenger, Registrar, Service Seminars, Special Needs and Website.

Section on Liaisons reads: “Liaisons from MSCYPAA, ICYPAA, Boston Central Service, Intergroups and other interested members of the fellowship to read “MSCYPAA, ICYPAA, Boston Central Service, Intergroups, Mass State AA Convention, and other interested members of the fellowship”.

After discussion it was revealed that the Mass State Convention is really a standing committee, not a liaison position. Motion was withdrawn in the light of new information.

Motion made to add to the Glossary on page 27 “La Viña bimonthly Spanish Language magazine published by the A.A. Grapevine. Motion passed.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion made to send a letter to request that Report and Charter reconsider including the graphic of the inverted triangle into the Service Manual. Motion passed.

2006 January 8 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion to accept the budget as proposed. The motion passed with a vote of 69 for, 2 against, 1 abstain.

2006 April 2 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Area 30 propose a bid to be the contact point for hosting NERF 2009. Motion passed.

2006 June 4 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Approve the Archives Committee policies and procedures. Motion to table passed.

2006 September 10 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept Archives policies and procedures as presented to the Assembly. The motion passed.

CPC made a supplemental budget request for \$650 to attend a conference. Motion passed.

2006 November 5 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

2007 January 7 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Accept the proposed 2007 budget of \$46,693. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request to fund up to \$1,400 for seven people to attend NERAASA 2007. Motion passed.

2007 March 25 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2007 June 10 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Approve for Area Delegate a one-time expenditure not to exceed \$864 to attend the National Archives Workshop, due to his Archive Committee Chair assignment at the General Service Conference. Motion passed.

2007 September 9 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Change the Area 30 map in the Area 30 Handbook to reflect the actual cities and town in Districts 21, 26 and 24. Motion passed.

Motion: Add \$140 to the budget to support assemblies and outreaches. Motion passed.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Corrections moved that policies and procedures changes for supporting meetings in corrections facilities be accepted. Motion made to table this issue until the November assembly. Motion to table passed.

2007 November 4 Workshop Assembly

The Messenger Chair requested \$600 supplemental budget allocation to print the January issue of the Area newsletter. Motion passed.

2008 January 6 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion made to accept the proposed 2008 budget of \$51,191, which will increase our prudent reserve to \$5,100. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request for the Joint Treatment Committee of \$350 for a Joint Corrections/Treatment workshop. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request of \$850 for Archives Committee to send one person to the National Archives Workshop in September. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time expense of \$2400 to help fund Alternate Chairs of the seven Area Conference Committees and five of the Area Standing Committees to attend NERAASA at \$200 each. This to be called NERAASA Fund A. Motion passed.

Motion made for NERAASA Fund B of \$2400 for one additional person from each of the Conference and Standing Committees to attend NERAAASA at \$200 each. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a Grapevine Committee one-time request for \$800 to host a one-day event on February 16th. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve for the Corrections Committee a request for a supplemental \$1500 to help inform people of the pre-release program initiative. Motion passed.

A floor motion was made to allocate \$3,000 to support up to 15 general service workers to attend NERAASA, to be determined by lot from the hat. Motion passed.

A floor request to consider fully funding the Area Conference contribution to have the Delegate attend the General Service Conference be increased by \$2,900 to a total of \$4,900. Motion passed.

A floor motion proposed the Area purchase 100 subscriptions of the Grapevine at a total cost of approximately \$1750 to meet the challenge presented to each Area to obtain 100 new subscriptions. Motion made to table. Motion to table passed.

2008 April 13 Pre-Conference Assembly. No motions were passed.

2008 June 1 Post-Conference Assembly

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion made to adjust mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.28 to \$0.36 per mile. Motion passed.

Archives Committee requested \$700 supplemental allocation to conduct an Archives Workshop. Motion passed.

Chairperson requested a \$1200 supplemental allocation to cover expenses of inviting up to three guest speakers for the September Workshop Assembly. Motion passed.

Motion made requesting a one-time allocation of \$940 for the Corrections Chair to attend the Bridging the Gap Conference in Kansas City. Motion passed.

2008 September 7 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Allocate \$550 for CPC to buy a second display for conducting outreaches. Motion passed.

Motion: Allocate a one-time expense of \$950 for Corrections to bring a Class A Trustee to speak at their September Seminar. Motion passed.

The Finance Committee moved that 11 AA service workers be advanced a sum of \$200 each to help partially fund the cost of attending NERAASA in February 2009. Motion passed.

Motion: Request that the General Service Conference include the Unity Statement in the Conference Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board, Inc. Motion to table passed - tabled until January.

Motion made in favor of more discussion on creative ways to make Archives more accessible. Motion passed.

2008 November 2 Election Assembly - No Minutes written.

2009 January 4 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2009 budget of \$52,381. Motion passed.

A one-time expense was requested for \$250 for NERF 2011 was made. Motion passed.

2009 March 29 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2009 May 31 Post-Conference Assembly No motions were passed.

2009 September 13 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Add the Area 30 web address, www.aemass.org, on Page 6 next to the triangle in the Area 30 Handbook. Motion passed.

2009 November 1 Workshop Assembly

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Approve \$3,356 to GSO in order to fully fund our Delegate to the 59th General Service Conference. Motion passed.

Motion: Add \$400 to the Officers Convention Pool budget in order to reimburse the Immediate Past Delegate for attendance at NERAASA and NERF. Motion passed.

2010 January 10 Kick-Off Assembly

The Finance Committee budget was passed as presented.

One-time requests were passed: \$250 for NERF 2011 outreach, \$1,000 for a PI/CPC Workshop 2010; \$250 for the International Convention Hospitality suite for decorations and snacks and such as needed.

A motion was made and seconded that 15 lottery names be drawn today for \$200 stipends each to enable all A.A. area members to better attend NERAASA in February. This was passed.

The Registrar presented a one-time request for the Alternate chair to be reimbursed for travel to Assemblies, citing the Handbook specifying expenses incurred while doing Area business and the Right of Decision. The expenses incurred were \$65.52, with remaining funds in the Registrar's budget of only \$54.52. A friendly amendment to fully fund the \$65.52 was made and seconded. This motion passed.

2010 March 28 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: The Area is to undergo the suggested provisions for an inventory. It was then moved and seconded to be tabled until the September Assembly. The motion to table carried.

2010 May 23 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: That the Area buy a recording device to record all Area meetings, Assemblies, and any other Area function where it would be deemed necessary. Read and seconded. Called the question. 2/3 majority by sight in favor, no count requested. Call the question passed. 2/3 majority by sight in favor, 6 opposed, Minority opinion, 0 swayed. The motion passed.

Motion: Add to the Area Handbook under D) Third Legacy Procedure (Continued on next page). Suggested Third Legacy Procedure format for General Service Area 30 Assembly Elections: 3) Using the current Area 30 roster, the Chairperson calls out the names of those who are eligible to stand for election to an Area 30 position. a) Each individual, *who is present*, state their intention to stand for each position. (See addition in italics and highlight.) In favor 63, opposed 12. The motion passed.

2010 September 12 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

2010 November 7 Elections Assembly – No motions were passed.

2011 January 9 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2011 budget as presented. Motion passed.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Approve \$1,250 for NERF 2011 Hospitality Suite, Coffee, and Ice Cream Social. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$250 for NERF outreach. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve 20 lottery names to be drawn today for \$200 stipends each to enable AA area members who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a NERAASA, to attend NERAASA 2011. The motion passed.

2011 April 3 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Accept the following dates for the 2012 Assemblies: Kick-Off January 15, Pre-Conference April 1, Post-Conference June 3, Workshop, September 16, and Election November 4. All proposed dates were passed.

2011 June 5 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Unify the two districts, Spanish District 1 and Spanish District 2 into one Spanish District. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve a one-time request for \$1,000 for a Treatment and Corrections workshop. The motion passed with a vote of 61 for, 1 opposed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request for \$750 to send one person to attend the Bridging the Gap weekend. Motion passed.

Motion: In the Area 30 Handbook, Section D. Third Legacy Procedure, page 17, Item 3, using the current Area 30 roster, the Chairperson calls out the names of those who are eligible for election to an Area 30 position. The list includes all Area Officers, Area Conference Committee Chairs and their Alternates, Standing Committee Chairs and their Alternates, all DCMs and their alternates. Add: All past Area 30 Committee Members are also eligible to stand. Motion passed with a two-thirds majority.

2011 September 18 Workshop Assembly - No motions were passed.

2011 November 6 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve a one-time request for \$324 for a Corrections display board. Motion passed with substantial unanimity.

Motion: Fund 10 \$200 stipends for Area 30 members attending the Assembly to attend NERAASA in March 2012. Motion passed with substantial unanimity.

2012 January 15 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Accept January 6, 2013 for the Kick-Off Assembly. Motion passed unanimously.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Accept the 2012 budget request for \$52,600. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request of \$2000 for 10 AAs to receive \$200 each to attend NERAASA as first time attendees. Motion passed.

Motion: Update the Area 30 Handbook page with the map of the Districts. Change the word from “two” to “one” in front of “Spanish District”. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Update Section V. “Who Are All These People at the Area Assembly?” “District Committee Members (DCMs) from the 26 Districts plus “one Spanish District”. Motion passed unanimously.

2012 April 1 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Accept the following dates for the 2013 Assemblies: Pre-Conference Assembly, April 7; Post-Conference Assembly, June 2. Motion passed.

2012 June 3 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: In the Area 30 Handbook, add the following to Section VIII Finance- “Each committee is asked to present what they think they will need to spend in the upcoming year. These normal everyday expenses make up the General operating budget. Occasionally, there may be an item which must be purchased, which may have value beyond the current year, or for a workshop, event or other special item requested by a committee or officer. These expenses are considered one-time requests, and after approval by the Finance Committee, will need to also be approved by an Area assembly. In the instance where someone expects to exceed their approved budget in any given year, a supplemental budget request must be made and approved by the Assembly.” Motion passed with a show of hands.

Motion: In the Area 30 Handbook, add to the Glossary of Terms – “General Operating Budget – The section of which presents the total funds needed for normal operations.” Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion: In the Area 30 Handbook, add to the Glossary of Terms – “One-time Budget Item or Request – The section of the budget which includes any additional items, which may have value beyond the current year, or for a workshop, event or other special item requested by a committee or area officer. The request must be approved by an Area assembly.” Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion: In the Area 30 Hand book, add to the Glossary of Terms – “Supplemental Budget Request – An amount requested by a Committee or Area Officer who feels they may need to exceed their general operating budget. The request must be approved by an Area assembly.” Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

2012 September 16 Workshop Assembly

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Approve \$2000 to fund 10 first-time attendees to NERAASA 2013. Only first-time attendees would be eligible to put their names in the raffle which will be drawn at the November Assembly. Motion passed.

Motion: The Area should approve a one-time retroactive, one-time request for \$467 to pay for the printing of a new bi-fold Area literature service piece that contains a list of suggested literature for groups to make available at meetings. Motion passed.

2012 November 4 Election Assembly - No motions were passed.

2013 January 6 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Accept the following dates for the 2013 Workshop Assemblies: September 15th and November 3rd. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve the 2013 budget. Motion passed.

Motion: Fund as a one-time request, \$2000 for the 2013 NERF to help first-time attendees. Names will be pulled during the April Assembly. Motion passed.

Motion: Change the formula to calculate the Prudent Reserve. The Prudent Reserve would be increased by \$1,400. The motion was amended to keep the changes in the formula except that the original amount of the Conference Contribution would stand. Motion passed.

Motion: Change the Prudent Reserve to \$5,610 and delete the word 'formula' in the motion. Motion passed.

2013 April 7 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Approve an additional 10 stipends at \$200 for a total of \$2000 to attend NERF in June 2013. Stipends are available to all in attendance and names to be drawn at this assembly. Motion passed.

Motion: Allot up to \$700 for the Alternate Treatment Chair to attend the Bridging the Gap Convention being held in Schaumburg, Illinois from September 6-8, 2014. Motion passed.

Motion: Allot up to \$1,700 for the Area Archives Chair and Archivist to attend the National Archives Workshop being held in Springfield, Illinois from September 12-15, 2013. Motion passed.

Motion: Allot the Area 30 Treasurer up to \$600 to purchase either new accounting software or for an upgrade to the current accounting software currently being used. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve up to \$100 for the Secretary to purchase a new voice recorder for use at Area assemblies, Area meetings, and other Area events as required. Motion passed.

2013 June 2 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Accept the following proposed dates for 2014 Assemblies: Post-Conference – June 1st; Workshop – September 7th; Election – November 2nd. The motion passed.

2013 September 15 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve up to \$150 for the Corrections Committee to purchase a new display board. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve up to \$150 for the Service Seminar Committee to purchase a new display board. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve up to \$150 for the Public Information Committee to purchase a new display board. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve up to \$150 for the Special Needs Committee to purchase a new display board. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$720 for the Public Information Committee to purchase 90 Public Service Announcements (80 in English and 10 in Spanish) from AA World Services to be distributed to local community television stations. Motion passed.

Motion: The Area 30 Finance Committee makes a motion to send a \$4,000 contribution to GSO to bring the total conference contribution for 2013 to \$6,500; this is the estimated cost, per delegate, for the 63rd Annual Conference. Motion passed.

2013 November 3 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve \$405.64 for the Grapevine Committee to purchase 12 one year subscriptions of the *Grapevine* and *La Vina* to be given to correctional facilities in Eastern Massachusetts with the cooperation of the Corrections Committee and Outside Sponsors. Motion passed.

Motion: Area 30 will express willingness to host a hospitality suite at the 2015 International Convention. In Atlanta, GA. Motion passed.

2014 January 5 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Accept the 2014 Area Budget. The motion passed.

Motion: Fund the Literature Committee \$250 for the purpose of printing 2,000 folded copies of the Area 30 Service pamphlet “Some Information about AA for Parents and Guardians”. The motion passed.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Approve 10 stipends for first time attendees at \$200 for a total of \$2000 to attend NERAASA in Warwick, RI. Names to be drawn at this assembly. The motion passed.

2014 March 30 Pre-Conference Assembly - No motions were passed.

2014 June 1 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Approve up to \$150 for the Treatment Committee to purchase a new display board. Motion passed.

Motion: Allot up to \$1,000 for Area 30 Joint Corrections Facility Committee to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop to be held September 5-7, 2014. Motion passed.

Motion: Allot \$815 to the Grapevine Committee for the purpose of holding a “Grapevine 70th Birthday Workshop & Celebration” to be held on September 27. Motion passed.

2014 September 7 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Accept the following proposed dates for 2015 Assemblies: Pre-Conference – March 29th; Post-Conference – May 17th. The motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$30 to have pins made reading, ‘Ask me about Service Sponsorship’ for willing Service Sponsors. Motion passed.

Motion: Allot up to \$150 to the Service Seminar Committee to purchase a display board of AA’s upside triangle for use at Area 30 assemblies, meetings, and other service related events. Motion Passed.

Motion: The Spanish District requests that the following suggestion be placed on the agenda for the 2015 General Service Conference: That AAWS make available the ‘Twelve Concepts for World Service’ in audio format in English, Spanish, and French. Motion Passed.

2014 November 2 Elections Assembly - No motions were passed.

2015 January 4 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2015 budget for \$55,556. Motion passed.

Motion: Update all footnotes in the Area 30 Handbook referring to the 2000-2001 edition of the Service Manual and its corresponding pages to the most current edition of the Service Manual and its corresponding pages as needed with each new issue of the Service Manual at the time of a new printing of the Area 30 Handbook. These changes will be the responsibility of the Alternate Chair and/or the Service Seminar Chair and do not have to be presented and voted on by the Assembly. Motion passed unanimously.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Accept the following proposed dates for 2015 Workshop Assemblies: September 29, November 1. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$250 to support the Northeast Region Hospitality Suite at the 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous (2015 ICAA) in Atlanta GA. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$2000 for 10 stipends of \$200 to first time attendees to NERAASA. Names to be drawn at lunch. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$2200 for 11 \$200 stipends to Alternate Area Committee Chairs to attend NERAASA. Motion passed.

2015 March 29 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Area 30 will purchase twelve one year subscription renewals to the *Grapevine* and twelve one year subscriptions to *La Vina* for the Corrections Committee and Outside Sponsors to bring into correctional facilities for a cost not to exceed \$500. The motion passed with 115 votes for, 4 votes against, and 1 abstention.

Motion: Table two Finance motions due to time constraints. The motion to table passed.

2015 May 17 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Fund the Alternate Chair of the Treatment Committee to attend the Bridging the Gap workshop in Salt Lake City in September 2015 with a cost not to exceed \$950. The motion passed.

Motion: Fund the purchase of a soft carrying case for the Cooperation with the Professional Community display board at a cost not to exceed \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

2015 September 20 Workshop Assembly

Motion: The Area fund the Archivist to attend the National AA Archives Workshop in Cleveland, September 24-27 with a cost not to exceed \$850. The motion passed.

Motion: The Area fund the Website Chair to attend the National AA Technology Workshop in St Louis, October 2-4, with a cost not to exceed \$700. The motion passed.

Motion: The Area 30 Handbook Committee will update the Handbook to correct existing grammatical, punctuation, spelling, and pagination errors as identified. The motion passed.

2015 November 1 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve a one-time request of \$400 to obtain liability insurance for the location of the January Assembly. Motion passed with substantial unanimity.

Motion: Delete the highlighted phrase in the following passage from the forward of the Area 30 Handbook: “As a general rule, we follow the suggestions for an area committee as outlined in the AA Service Manual. **However, in the more than forty plus years of our existence,** Area 30 has developed a body of principles, practices, and procedures appropriate to the specific needs of Eastern Massachusetts.” This motion failed but was followed by two motions: one to reconsider and one to table the original motion until the 2016 January Kick-Off Assembly. Both motions were approved.

2016 January 10 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Change the following paragraph from the forward of the Area 30 Handbook from: “As a general rule, we follow the suggestions for an area committee as outlined in the AA Service Manual. **However, in the more than forty plus years of our existence,** Area 30 has developed a body of principles, practices, and procedures appropriate to the specific needs of Eastern Massachusetts.” to “As a general rule, we follow the suggestions for an area committee as outlined in the AA Service Manual. **However, in the many decades of our existence,** Area 30 has developed a body of principles, practices, and procedures appropriate to the specific needs of Eastern Massachusetts.” The motion passed with a vote of 55 for, 24 against.

Motion: Approve the 2016 budget for \$56, 751. The motion passed with a vote of 78 for, 3 against.

Motion: Area 30 will fund up to \$200 each for ten first time attendees from Area 30 to attend NERAASA 2016. The motion passed 83 for, 1 against.

Motion: Add the “Area 30 Motions Approved by Assembly Vote” to the Area 30 website on the Area Documents page. The motion passed with a vote of 68 for, 1 against.

2016 April 3 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Area 30 will fund up to \$200 for the Area 30 Grapevine Committee to purchase a new display board. The motion passed with two opposed.

2016 May 22 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Accept the following proposed dates for the 2017 Assemblies: January 8, March 26, and May 21. The motion passed.

AREA 30 MOTIONS APPROVED

Motion: Area 30 will secure a General Liability policy for \$754.00 which will provide the first year's annual premium. The following back-up and clarification of terms was provided: the limit of liability is \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate; it covers five Area Assemblies and 12 monthly Area meetings, and any Area 30 committee facility service workshops. The motion passed.

2016 September 11 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve a supplemental budget request for the Website Committee for \$300.00 to purchase an additional hosting account and WordPress installation for one year starting 10/01/16 to 09/30/17 to support the implementation of the Spanish Translation of Area 30 Web pages. The motion passed.

2016 November 11 Election Assembly – No motions were passed.

2017 January 8 Kick-Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2017 budget for \$56,751.00. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a request to fund Alternate Committee Chairs up to \$250 to attend NERAASA 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve \$2500 for 10 Stipends of \$250 to first-time attendees to NERAASA 2017. Names to be drawn at lunch. Motion passed.

Motion: Accept the following proposed dates for remaining 2017 Assemblies: September 17 and November 5. Motion passed.

2017 March 26 Pre-Conference Assembly

Motion: Approve a Corrections Committee purchase of up to \$500 for 12- one year subscriptions to *Grapevine* and 12- one year subscriptions to *La Vina* for the committee and outside sponsors to bring into correctional facilities Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$250 for the Corrections Committee to purchase a display board. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$500 for the Literature Committee to purchase 2 display boards. Motion passed.

2017 May 21 Post-Conference Assembly

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Motion: Archives Committee to be allocated up to \$800 to replace 2 existing displays. Motion Passed

Motion: Website Committee chair be allocated up to \$1100 to attend National AA Technology workshop Sept 8-10, 2017 in Sacramento, CA. Motion passed.

Motion: Corrections Committee chair be allocated up to \$1000 to attend the 1st annual National AA Corrections Conference, November 10-12, 2017 in St Louis, MO - Motion passed.

2017 Sept 17 Workshop Assembly

none

2017 November 5 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Archives Committee to be allocated up to \$300 to reserve a room at the Framingham Sheraton Hotel to be used during the MA State Convention as a recording area for the Area 30 old-timers Oral History project. Motion passed.

Motion: Allocate the Treasurer \$600 to upgrade Area 30 accounting software. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve increasing the Prudent Reserve to \$6716 from \$5610. Motion passed.

2018 January 14 Kick Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2018 budget for \$62,095. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve \$3750 for 15 Stipends of \$250 to first-time attendees to NERAASA 2018. Names to be drawn at lunch. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a request to fund Alternate Committee Chairs or one other Committee member from each of the Area Committees up to \$250 to attend NERAASA 2018 (Maximum cost \$3,000). Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a motion to begin the process in April 2018 to bring NERF 2021 to Area 30. Motion passed.

2018 March 25 Pre-conference Assembly

none

2018 May 20 Post-Conference Assembly

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Motion: Approve the following proposed dates for 2019 Assemblies: January 6, March 24, and May 19. January and May Motion passed. March date tabled until September.

2018 September 16 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve the following proposed dates for 2019 Assemblies: March 24 and June 9. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request for up to \$500 for storage and moving supplies for the relocation of the Area 30 monthly meeting from Watertown to Belmont. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request with a maximum \$500 for Correction Committee to buy 12 one year subscriptions to GV and 12 one-year subscriptions to La Vina for the committee and outside sponsors to bring into correction facilities. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request for 4 stipends for a maximum of \$250 each (maximum \$1000) for members of the Corrections Committee to attend National AA Corrections Conference, Nov 2-4, Portland, Maine. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a one-time request for a maximum \$940 for Area Archivist to attend National Archives Workshop, Sept 28-30, Lombard, IL. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve an increase in mileage reimbursement from \$.36 to \$.44. Motion to amend presented. Motion: Approve an increase in mileage from \$.38 to \$.52 (as GSO has theirs). Motion passed. Effective January 1, 2019.

Motion: Approve deletion of wording "Northeast Regional Committee" on page 23 in Area Handbook. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a revision on page 28 of Area Handbook from "Special Needs" committee to Accessibilities Committee. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a revision to Area Handbook on page 28 of liaison. Replace with "a nonvoting representative sent to or received from another service entity..." Motion passed.

Motion: Approve an Area Handbook revision on page 8 to the orientation time for new GSR's to 9:15am. Motion passed.

Motion: Approve a launch of the Area 30 Archives website which will operate according to Area 30 Archives website guidelines. \$17.99/month to maintain the site. Area30archives.org. Motion approved.

2018 November 4 Election Assembly

none

2019 January 6 Kick Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2019 budget for \$64,027.00. Motion approved.

Motion: Approve the following proposed dates for 2019 Assemblies: September 15 and November 3, 2019. Motion approved.

2019 March 24 Pre-Conference Assembly

None

2019 June 9 Post-Conference Assembly

Motion: Approve a \$1200 payment to translate completely the Spanish section of aaemass.org. There will be three payments of \$400 spread over the second half of 2019, as funds are available. Motion approved.

2019 September 15 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve the following dates for 2020 Assemblies-January 12, March 22, and May 31. Motion approved.

2019 November 3 Workshop Assembly

Motion: Approve a one-time request of not more than \$600 for the purchase of a new projector and a spare light bulb for use at Assemblies. Motion approved.

2020 January 6 Kick Off Assembly

Motion: Approve the 2020 budget for \$64,021. Motion passes.

Motion: Approve a one-time request (from 2018) to provide \$250 outreach funding for NERF 2021 which Area 30 is hosing. Motion passes.

Motion: Approve the increase in the Prudent Reserve by \$210 to reflect increases in PO Box rental, Archives repository fee, and Treatment Committee rent. The Prudent Reserve will be set at \$6,926. Motion passes.

Motion: Approve the removal of the GV line "revenue" in the 2020 operating budget so that total expenses matches the figures that came out of the Finance Committee meeting, as well as reporting GV expenses to maintain transparency. Motion passes.

Motion: Approve a one-time request of not more than \$2,500 for the purchase of new translation/hearing assist equipment. Motion passes.

Motion: Approve a request to allot 11 stipends of \$200 each for first-timers to attend NERAASA 2020 for a total of \$2,200. Motion passes.

Motion: Approve the following proposed dates for 2020 Assemblies: Workshop-September 15; Election-November 1. Motion passes.

2020 May 3 Pre-Conference Assembly-virtual

None

2020 May 31 Post-Conference Assembly-virtual

None

2020 September 13 Workshop Assembly-virtual

Motion: Change the cover page of the Handbook due to a change in Microsoft word. Motion passes.

Motion: Change the pronouns in the Handbook from his/her, he/she, and man/woman to their/they/them and person. Motion passes.

Motion: Update the Handbook by amendment to change the wording to liaisons from MSCYPAA, NECYPAA, EACYPAA, ICYPAA, Boston Central Service, etc. (pg8). Motion passes.

2020 November 1 Election Assembly-virtual

None

2021 Kick-off Assembly - January 10, 2021

Motion: To reimburse Alt Committee Chairs for registration of NERAASA and 20 new GSRs by raffle for total of \$420 no greater in total. **Motion passes.**

2021 Pre Conference Assembly - April 11, 2021

Motion to purchase for Treasurer a cloud-based subscription of QuickBooks for a monthly cost of \$35. **Motion passed.**

Motion to translate and publish to the website the Area 30 Handbook in Spanish for a cost not to exceed \$3,000. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2021 Post Conference Assembly - May 16, 2021

Treasurer brought forth a **motion** to upgrade the Area Financial Quickbooks software for \$800. **The motion was passed.**

Workshop Assembly – 9/12/2021

Finance Committee Motion 1:

Motion to increase the Assembly stipend to \$2200 for the one in-person assembly to be planned and paid for out of the 2021 budget (Jan 2022).

Motion passes.

Finance Committee Motion 2:

Motion to add Finance Software/Subscription Fees as a line item to the Area 30 Annual Budget as a planned operating expense going forward, starting with the 2022 budget.

Motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 1:

Page ii.

The General Service Assembly of Eastern Massachusetts first adopted this Handbook on September 29, 1996 and subsequently approved its first revision on September 10, 2000 a second revision on November 4, 2001, the third revision on September 29, 2002, the fourth revision on November 6, 2005, the fifth revision on September 9, 2007, the sixth revision on September 13, 2009 the seventh revision on May 23, 2010, the eight revision on January 4, 2015, the ninth revision on September 20, 2015, and the tenth revision on January 10, 2016.

Be revised to read:

The General Service Assembly of Eastern Massachusetts first adopted this Handbook on September 29, 1996 and subsequently approved its 12th revision on November 10, 2020.

Motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 2:

Page 1

The District Committee is the vital link between the AA groups and AA as a whole. A district is a geographical region within an area containing a number of groups.

Be revised to read:

The District Committee is the vital link between the AA groups and AA as a whole. A district is a geographical or linguistic region within an area containing a number of groups.

Motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 3:

Page 1

Be revised to: add to the numbered Districts

27. Spanish Linguistic

Motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 4:

Page 4

In order to receive all mailings and notices as a GSR, you can register with your local DCM and they in turn can pass the necessary information along to the Area 30 Registrar and the General Service Office. The DCM should collect and pass on updated information on groups and GSRs to the Area 30 Registrar. The Registrar will then send along the updates to the Area Registrar and the General Service Office for AA Directories and mailings to groups. By providing your mailing address at Assemblies, the Area Secretary can then mail minutes of that Assembly to you. The "Change of Information" and "New Group Registration" forms may be obtained from your DCM or the Area Registrar. Your group service number may be found by consulting the "Eastern United States AA Directory" or by asking the Area Registrar, the Area Treasurer, or your DCM.

Be revised to Read:

In order to receive notices as a GSR, you can register with your District DCM who will pass this along to the Area Registrar. You can also attend an Area Assembly and register directly with the Registrar who will pass this information along to the General Service Office (GSO). The "AA Group Change" and "New Group Registration" forms may be obtained from your DCM or the Area Registrar. Your group service number may be found by asking the Area Registrar, the Area Treasurer, or your DCM. You will need your group service number for transactions with the Area or the New York office.

Background and discussion, friendly motion passes to amend as:

In order to receive notices as a GSR, you can register with your District DCM who will pass this along to the Area Registrar. You can also attend an Area Assembly and register directly with the Registrar who will pass this information along to the General Service Office (GSO). The "AA Group Change" and "New Group Registration" forms may be obtained from your DCM or the

Area Registrar. Your group service number may be found by asking the Area Registrar, the Area Treasurer, [online at aaemass.org](http://aaemass.org), or your DCM. You will need your group service number for transactions with the Area or the New York office.

Amended motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 5:

Page 5

The basic responsibilities of a DCM can be summed up by:

1. Holding regular monthly meetings of all GSRs in the district.
2. Assisting the delegate in obtaining group information in time to meet the deadline for the appropriate AA directory.
3. Keeping GSRs informed about General Service Conference activities.
4. Getting GSRs acquainted with "The AA Service Manual" and with Box 4-5-9.
5. Making sure subscriptions are coming to GSRs.
6. Keeping groups informed about Conference-approved books and pamphlets.
7. Holding workshops on almost any service activity.
8. Helping make the Conference reports to groups, in situations where the delegate could not.
9. Getting GSRs acquainted with the guidelines from GSO, and
10. With "Twelve Concepts for World Service," the conference committee workbooks, and any other service material.
11. And, of course, making a regular practice of talking to groups (new and old) on the responsibilities of general service work.

Be revised to read:

1. Holding regular monthly meeting... (no change).
2. Delete the whole sentence.
3. Keeping GSRs informed... (no change).
4. Getting GSRs acquainted... (no change).
5. Delete the whole sentence.
6. Sentences 6-11 remain the same.

Motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 6:

Page 8

Readings:

Daily Reflections, Tradition, and Concept

Be revised to read:

Daily Reflections, Step, Tradition, and Concept

Motion passes.

Handbook Committee Motion 7:

Page 9

Six Standing Committee Chairpersons.

Accessibilities,

Be revised to Read:

Five Standing Committee Chairpersons...

Eight Conference Committee Chairpersons and Alternates

Add Accessibilities

Motion passes

November Workshop Assembly, November 7, 2021

Motion: One-time approval for the PI committee of up to \$14,000 for PSAs to be aired on the radio stations during the 2021 Holiday season.

(**Background:** The PI Chair presented the draft proposal based on the work the PI Committee has done to air PSAs in Area 30 around the 2021 holidays. The PI Chair gave an overview of all the intensive effort they have put into finding the best radio stations to do the PSAs, looking for diverse demographics, etc. Overall, they described the 3 different radio station proposals they have targeted and why for the proposed PSAs, etc.)

Motion Passes.

Proposed Motion: The Area 30 Finance Committee proposes to adopt the following additional guiding principles and definitions to be effective immediately and added to the Area 30 Handbook at the time of the next update.

Background: Area 30 currently holds funds beyond the scope of the prudent reserve. Area 30 does not have a policy/tradition for how to handle excess funds beyond the prudent reserve. Proposed Additions to Area 30 Finance Guiding Principles and Definitions

Overview: This page presents proposed additions to the Area 30 Finance Guiding Principles and Definitions. The following pages provide an example of how these proposed changes will look, if approved, in the context of the Area 30 Handbook.

Proposed Motion: The Area 30 Finance Committee proposes to adopt the following additional guiding principles and definitions to be effective immediately and added to the Area 30 Handbook at the time of the next update.

New Guiding Principles

- The Area budget should be managed with an Operating Reserve to ensure all expenses may be met (refer to Glossary for definition of Operating Reserve)

- The Prudent Reserve is established by Area Assembly (refer to Glossary for definition of Prudent Reserve)
- Funds acquired over the Operating Reserve and Prudent Reserve shall be managed via the Surplus Funds Distribution (refer to Glossary for definition of Surplus Funds)

New Glossary Definitions

Operating Reserve: The operating reserve is a principle to ensure the Area has adequate funds to pay for its expenses for the current month and the next month. Since contributions and expenses are not always equal, this principle allows the Area to meet all financial obligations on a timely basis regardless of a specific month's contributions. The Area 30 Operating Reserve is equal to the prior year's monthly operating expenses average plus 10%. All amounts are rounded up the nearest \$500. If the Treasurer notes that funds are accumulating in the Operating Budget beyond this Operating Reserve, the Treasurer will follow the "Surplus Funds" process (see Surplus Funds definition).

Prudent Reserve: Area 30 maintains a Prudent Reserve in alignment with general AA principles. The Area 30 Prudent Reserve is designed to allow Area 30 to operate for approximately 6 months and includes enough funds for Area 30 to pay one assembly, one Treasurer's mailing to groups, the minimum General Service Conference contribution for the Delegate's expenses, and six month's rent for each of the following: the Area's post office box, area monthly meetings, all area committee monthly meetings, and the archives repository. All amounts are rounded up the nearest \$500.

Surplus Funds: Surplus funds are defined as funds that have accumulated in the Area 30 operating account beyond the limits set by the Operating Reserve and Prudent Reserve for at least 3 months. Once the Treasurer has identified that there are Surplus Funds, the Treasurer will notify the Area at the next Area Assembly that a distribution of the Surplus Funds will be made to AA General Service Office at the end of the calendar year, with a specific date set. The purpose of this notification is to allow Area 30 officers and committee members the opportunity to spend the surplus funds in carrying out the primary purpose of Area 30 in alignment with general AA principles. Should the surplus funds still exist at the date designated by the Treasurer, the surplus funds will be distributed by the Treasurer to General Service Office on behalf of Area 30 at that time. All amounts are rounded up the nearest \$500. The first distribution of Surplus Funds, should they exist, would be in January 2023.

Overview of How Proposed Additions Will Look in the Area 30 Handbook

The content below is faithfully re-presented from the 2020 Area 30 Handbook and proposed new

content is presented in gray highlight. No next has been deleted.

Area 30 Handbook: Page 21, VIII. Finance

In the spirit of the 7th Tradition, the General Service Committee of Eastern Massachusetts Area 30 Committee is funded solely through the contributions of the AA Groups within its boundaries. The Finance Committee acts in an advisory capacity, whose voting members include: elected Area Officers and their Alternates, Conference and Standing Committee Chairpersons or their alternates, and the Immediate Past Delegate. Alternate Chairpersons are encouraged to participate on this Committee. The Area Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee. Minutes are kept of meetings and are available to anyone

upon request. Each year the Finance Committee prepares a budget proposal for presentation in November to the Area Committee. It is then brought back to the Districts and groups for discussion and review. A formal presentation is then made at the first Area Assembly of the year held in January. The Area Treasurer, as Finance Committee Chairperson, makes the presentation. By vote of the Assembly, the Budget is approved, rejected, or modified. The Budget then becomes the active operating plan for Area 30. Each committee is asked to present what they think they will need to spend in the upcoming year. These normal everyday expenses make up the General operating budget. Occasionally, there may be an item which must be purchased, which may have value beyond the current year, or for a workshop, event or other special item requested by a committee or officer. These expenses are considered one-time requests, and after approval from the Finance committee, will need to be also approved by an Area assembly. In the instance where someone expects to exceed their approved budget in any given year, a supplemental budget request must be made and approved by the Assembly.

Guiding Principles:

- All officers and committees are endowed with the traditional "right of decision" as well as the responsibility to manage funds in a prudent manner - with reports being made and kept.
- Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority with the scope of such authority well defined. Final authority rests with an informed group conscience.
- Service is its own reward.
- The ability to perform service should not be limited by personal funds.
- Expenses incurred while conducting business at the request of the Area should be fully reimbursed.
- The choice to be reimbursed should be left to the individual.
- The intent of the Area is to encourage anyone, who is willing and able to perform service, to do so by removing personal finances as a limiting factor.
- The Area budget should be set at adequate and reasonable levels to cover expected expenses.
- The Area budget should be managed with an Operating Reserve to ensure all expenses may be met (refer to Glossary for definition of Operating Reserve)
- The Prudent Reserve is established by Area Assembly (refer to Glossary for definition of Prudent Reserve)

- Funds acquired over the Operating Reserve and Prudent Reserve shall be managed via the Surplus Funds Distribution (refer to Glossary for definition of Surplus Funds)

See also page 29 for Glossary of Budget Terms Area 30 Handbook: Page 29, Glossary of Budget Terms (Continued from page 21, VIII. Finance.)

General Operating Budget: The section of the yearly budget which represents the total funds needed for normal operating expenses.

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One Time Budget Item or Request: The section of the budget which includes any additional items, which may have value beyond the current year, or for a workshop, event or other special item requested by a committee or area officer. The request must be approved by an Area assembly.

Operating Reserve: The operating reserve is a principle to ensure the Area has adequate funds to pay for its expenses for the current month and the next month. Since contributions and expenses are not always equal, this principle allows the Area to meet all financial obligations on a timely basis regardless of a specific month's contributions. The Area 30 Operating Reserve is equal to the prior year's monthly operating expenses average plus 10%. All amounts are rounded up the nearest \$500. If the Treasurer notes that funds are accumulating in the Operating Budget beyond this Operating Reserve, the Treasurer will follow the "Surplus Funds" process (see Surplus Funds definition).

Prudent Reserve: Area 30 maintains a Prudent Reserve in alignment with general AA principles. The Area 30 Prudent Reserve is designed to allow Area 30 to operate for approximately 6 months and includes enough funds for Area 30 to pay one assembly, one Treasurer's mailing to groups, the minimum General Service Conference contribution for the Delegate's expenses, and six month's rent for each of the following: the Area's post office box, area monthly meetings, all area committee monthly meetings, and the archives repository. All amounts are rounded up the nearest \$500.

Supplemental Budget Request: An amount requested by a committee or Area officer who feels they may need to exceed their general operating.

Surplus Funds: Surplus funds are defined as funds that have accumulated in the Area 30 operating account beyond the limits set by the Operating Reserve and Prudent Reserve for at least 3 months. Once the Treasurer has identified that there are Surplus Funds, the Treasurer will notify the Area at the next Area Assembly that a distribution of the Surplus Funds will be made to AA General Service Office at the end of the calendar year, with a specific date set. The purpose of this notification is to allow Area 30 officers and committee members the opportunity to spend the surplus funds in carrying out the primary purpose of Area 30 in alignment with general AA principles. Should the surplus funds still exist at the date designated by the Treasurer, the surplus funds will be distributed by the Treasurer to General Service Office on behalf of Area 30 at that time. All amounts are rounded up the nearest \$500. The first distribution of Surplus Funds, should they exist, would be in January 2023. **Motion Passes.**

Kick-off Assembly Jan. 9, 2022

1. Motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. Treasurer read long form of Tradition 7. Proposed budget was presented. She provided overview of Area 30 expenses and spending, and

reviewed reasons for increases. Net results is a healthy balance for funding recent and new projects. Online contributions being worked on. There is a plan in place to handle any excess that may accrue at the end of the year. **Comment:** The 2020 operating budget shows in full on the website in Spanish but not English. It needs to be refreshed. **Question:** Officer's Convention pool went down from \$9599 to \$900. Why? **Answer:** Due to being virtual some expenses were not needed. **Question:** When is the self-storage contract up and can we do a price comparison? **Answer from Archives:** The self-storage was just switched a few years ago due to price increases and a price comparison was done then. **Question:** Why are there disparities in the stipends for the various committees? **Answer:** The Treasurer reviewed examples of different expenditures listed on the document provided in the Assy Documents. **The Motion Passed.**

2. Motion to give 20 stipends of \$250 each to 20 first-time NERAASA attendees. Discussion ensued. NERAASA in general was explained by a past Delegate. It was asked if having only attended a virtual NERAASA, was that considered as having attended one prior? Motion made to amend the motion to allow virtual attendees to the prior NERAASA to be considered first-timers to in-person NERAASA and thus eligible for the stipends. Further discussion held. Poll launched and the amendment was approved.

Amended Motion: To give 20 stipends of \$250 each to 20 first-time in person NERAASA attendees. The Motion Passed.

3. Website Motion: Hire a web designer to redesign the Area 30 website at a cost not to exceed \$7500. The website chair presented reasons for the request and actions taken thus far such as obtain quotes and benchmark from other Area websites. **Question:** Can we have an advisory committee drawn from other interested people within Area 30 and can the design be capable for the other committees to have their own web page on the new website? **Answer:** The advisory committee recommendation is something the website committee can look at. They do plan on dropping a google form in the chat to obtain further feedback. Also, the new website will have an information page for each committee that can be updated by that committee's chair. Everyone is invited to the website committee meetings which meets the last Thursday of every month on zoom. **Comment:** The new website should be easy to use for technically untrained and accessibilities standpoint. **Answer:** Yes the committee is looking into this and have looked at best practices of other Area Websites. **Comment:** User testing will be essential. **Question:** What would a plan for a district page look like? It would be ideal for all Districts to have uniform websites. **Question:** What platform will the domain be hosted on and cost? **Answer:** The website is a word press based website. Looking at District portion – this is a future discussion. **Question:** What is the time table for this project to be up and running? **Answer:** Hoping for a demo at the April Assy and then go live shortly after that. **The Motion Passed.**

1.Prudent Reserve Motion: Set a new Prudent Reserve that reflects the increased costs of the Archives Repository, post office box rental and increased stipend for hosting Assemblies. (Up to \$7736). **Question:** When was the prudent reserve last increased? **Answer:** The last treasurer made small increases. **Question:** Are we looking to put in a place holder for insurance? **Answer:** No. The \$657 for insurance is not part of the \$7736.

The Motion Passed.

Post-Conference Assembly May 15, 2022

The Service Seminar committee seeks a one-time request of \$1,500. Substantially more service materials (such as the AA Service Manual and Area 30 Handbook) were mailed out in 2022 than anticipated; the pandemic has shifted how we typically distribute those materials (would usually have been more in person distributions than mailings).

Motion: Area 30 to approve a one-time request of \$1,500 to cover the remainder of postage, supplies, and printing costs that are expected to be incurred during 2022.

The Motion passed.

September Workshop Assembly, September 11, 2022

Finance Committee motions:

Motion: Approve a one-time request of up to \$15,000 for GSO-created video and audio Public Service Announcements to be distributed in Area 30.

Discussion followed along with questions to the PI chair if the people depicted are actors (yes!) and we were informed that the numbers of people watching can be tracked. **Motion passes.**

Motion: Increase the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.52 to \$0.625 effective January 1, 2023.

After a short discussion, **Motion** passes unanimously.

Motion: Motion made to increase for NERF 2023 Hospitality support to up to \$3000.00. Information was presented about the new hotel and the increased costs of hospitality for the weekend. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion: 2022 GSO Conference: One time request for \$4000 as a 2022 GSO Conference contribution. **Motion amended:** One time request for \$5300 as a 2022 Conference contribution. Amendment Motion passes.

Motion: From the floor: All Area 30 Assemblies be hosted in a hybrid format beginning no later than the 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly. **Motion Passes.**

Area 30 Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Report: Full report can be found at aaemass.org under aaemass.org under Area 30 Chair Documents, 20220911 Area Assembly. The report reviewed the scope and findings of the ad hoc committee. Needed would be

- Audio/Video Equipment for Area Meetings and Assemblies
- Communication Technology
- Technology Training and Education
- Virtual/Hybrid Platform
- Management of the virtual platforms
- Equipment Storage
- Budget Recommendations

Motion: That Area 30 creates a new Committee called the Technology Committee to start in 2023. **Motion Passes.**

Election Assembly, November 6, 2022

None