

The following is the recommendation from Area 75 AdHoc Committee “to recommend an improved method of budgeting and administering the Area finances”.

Final meeting was held October 23rd, 2004

Committee Members: Leo M. Past Del, Barb W. Area Treasurer, Nancy G. DCM, Ron B. DCM, and Jeff J. GSR

Recommendation:

There was a unanimous vote of this Ad Hoc Committee to recommend the formation of a permanent Area 75 Finance Committee.

COMPOSITION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

After a thorough discussion, it was agreed that the six committee members be:

- Current Area 75 Treasurer. Whatever limited expenses are necessary will be included in the treasurer’s budget.
- One Past Delegate
- One Past Treasurer
- 3 additional members from the current Area Committee pool of DCMs and GSRs – these members will be selected by the Area Treasurer prior to the 1st Agenda Planning meeting of the rotation. There is a strong suggestion that the 3 additional members be from varying geographic areas.
- The committee chair will be elected by the committee and will not necessarily be the Treasurer however the Treasurer will be the only voting member of the Area Committee

DUTIES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Communication with and education of districts/groups via GSR's and DCM's, email, phone, and letter contact to encourage self-support for both Area needs and those of GSO. Expenses are to be kept to a minimum; i.e., no reimbursements for mileage, conferences, meals etc.
- Establish annual budgets for the Area officers and Standing Committee chairs, as well as the overhead budget. This will be done with input from the Area officers and Standing Committee chairs as well as previous years expenditures, with emphasis on the necessity to have funds available to facilitate our primary purpose and promote 12-step work. The committee, with input from each committee chair, establishes a maximum amount to be available for each committee. The committee then plans their program for the year based on the funds available. If a need for additional money arises the committee chair or officer must present the need to the finance committee, and then, with the finance committee recommendation, to the assembly. All funds are paid out only upon receipt of a reimbursement request form.
- Oversee and administer all financial concerns of the Area Committee. Agenda proposals needing financial support will be referred to the Finance Committee for review and a recommendation of financial feasibility prior to presentation to the assembly.

Action: Barb W. outgoing Area Treasurer will present a proposal to carry out the recommendation at the January 2005 Agenda Planning meeting.