

AREA 75 PROPOSAL FORM

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Sponsor's service position: Past Delegate Panel 51

Votes on this proposal: Yes _____ No _____ Passed? _____ Defeated? _____

Provide complete details of your proposal (attach any supporting documentation)

That a permanent Area Finance Committee be established.

That the committee consist of six committee members, specifically:

- 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 THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Communication with and education of districts/groups via GSRs and DCMs, email, phone, and letter contact, in order 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

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well as review of the previous year's 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 will be made prior to presentation to the assembly.

List the primary benefits of your proposal. Who does it help? How?

The areas that have standing finance committees seem to have a consistent policy for area finances and the budgeting process. A committee will have more time to explain Area budget procedures to incoming committee heads. The establishment of a standing committee will assist the Treasurer in reducing expenses through closer attention to the budget and when necessary explanation to the fellowship of why additional funds are needed.

Total cost to Area 75 members?

We propose no additional cost to the area for this committee.

A copy of the Ad Hoc Committee report is attached.

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