

SECTION ONE—THE AREA ASSEMBLY

1.1 THE ASSEMBLY—MEETINGS

A) Area Assemblies in the Western Area will be held on a quarterly basis during the months of January, March, June and September whenever possible.

Addition to Section 1.1 (A):

To Read As

Area Assemblies in the Western Area will be held on a quarterly basis during the months of January, March, June and September whenever possible with the purpose of the March meeting to prepare the Area Delegate for Conference, and the September meeting in even numbered years for the election of incoming Area Officers.

Recommendation: Change

B) The meetings will be at locations and on dates selected by the Area Chairperson. These will be announced as far in advance as possible.

Addition to Section 1.1 (B):

To Read As

The meetings will be at locations and on dates selected by the Area Chairperson. These will be announced at least one year in advance.

Recommendation: Change

H) If any Area officer, Area standing committee chairperson, D.C.M or GSR is absent from any two consecutive Area Assemblies and is not represented by an alternate, the Area Chairperson, upon notification from the Secretary, may contact the absent member or the appropriate group or district to seek a remedy to the absence or to ask for the selection of a qualified replacement.

Change to Section 1.1 (H):

To Read As:

If any Area Officer, Alternate Area Officer, Standing Committee Chairperson or D.C.M. is absent from any two consecutive Area Assemblies and in the case of the D.C.M. is not represented by an alternate, the Area Chairperson, upon notification from the Secretary will contact the absent member or the appropriate district or the assembly to seek a remedy to the absence or to ask for the selection of a qualified replacement.

Recommendation: Change

1.2 THE ASSEMBLY—MEMBERSHIP

A) Voting members of the Assembly, elected for two year terms will be Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, all Area Standing Committee Chairpeople, all DCMs, and the GSRs of all registered groups in the Western Area of Missouri. Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Standing Committee Chairpeople, Alternate DCMs, and Alternate GSRs may vote for voting members if the voting members are not present. Additional voting members are all former Western Area of Missouri Delegates, any Trustee elected by the Western Area of Missouri and the Western Area Archivist. No one person shall have more than one vote.

Therefore, it is recommended that no one person hold more than one voting position at Western Area Assembly.

**Change to Section 1.2 (A):
To Read As**

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Recommendation: Take no action at this time

1.3 THE ASSEMBLY—OFFICERS

**Addition to Section 1.3 (B):
To Read As**

(Add as #4) The Delegate should attend the following Alcoholic Anonymous events, the General Service Conference, Southwest Region Delegates Assembly, Southwest Regional Service Assembly, Southwest Region Forum, Western Area of Missouri Convention, Missouri State Convention and Western Area Institutions Weekend. Funding for mileage and rooms will be furnished, upon request, by the Area Assembly.

Recommendation: Change

**Addition to Section 1.3(C):
To Read As**

(Add as #6) The Alternate Delegate should attend the following Alcoholics Anonymous events, Southwest Region Delegates Assembly, Southwest Regional Service Assembly, Southwest Region Forum. Funding for mileage and rooms will be furnished, upon request, by the Area Assembly

Recommendation: Change

**Addition to Section 1.3(C):
To Read As**

(Add as #7) The Alternate Delegate will chair the D.C.M. sharing session and give a report to the Area Assembly.

Recommendation: Change

Addition to Section 1.3(D):

To Read As

(Add as #7) The Area Chairperson should attend the Western Area of Missouri Convention, Missouri State Convention and Western Area Institutions Weekend. Funding for mileage and rooms will be furnished, upon request, by the Area Assembly.

Recommendation: Change

Addition to Section 1.3(E):

To Read As

(Add as #8) The Alternate Chairperson will chair the G.S.R. sharing session and give a report to the Area Assembly.

Recommendation: Change

Change to Section 1.3(F)(9):

To Read As

The Secretary will have a petty cash fund not to exceed the quarterly allotment, to be replenished quarterly.

Recommendation: Change

Addition to Section 1.3(F):

To Read As

(Add as #11) The Area Secretary will take minutes and assist the Area Alternate Chairperson at the G.S.R. sharing session.

Recommendation: Change

Addition to Section 1.3(G):

To Read As

(Add as #7) The Area Alternate Secretary will take minutes and assist the Area Alternate Delegate at the D.C.M. sharing session.

Recommendation: Change

Addition to Section 1.3(J):

To Read As

The Area Archivist and a traveling display should attend the Western Area of Missouri Convention. Funding for mileage and rooms will be furnished, upon request, by the Area Assembly.

Recommendation: Take no action at this time

K) Area expenses will be those approved in the budget by the Western Area of Missouri Assembly.

Change to Section 1.3(K):

To Read As

Area expenses will be those approved in the budget by the Western Area of Missouri Assembly. All other request for funds shall be through Area Assembly approval.

Recommendation: Change

L) Any elected Assembly Officer receiving money from the Western Area of Missouri (excluding Assembly overnight motel reimbursement) will prepare a quarterly financial statement to be presented to the Assembly body.

Change to Section 1.3(L):

Eliminate (excluding Assembly overnight motel reimbursement)

Recommendation: Change

1.4 THE ASSEMBLY—COMMITTEES

A) Standing Committees of the Assembly will be Conventions (Area and State), Cooperation with the Professional Community, Correctional Facilities, Archives, Literature, Public Information, Treatment, Grapevine, Special Needs and any other committees as deemed necessary to cooperate with corresponding committees of the General Service Conference.

B) Special task committees may be formed for a specific term by the Area Chairperson.

C) Refer to Standing Committees 3.1.

Change to Section 1.4

Change title of section to read Special Committees. Move A) under section 1.4 to section 3.1, making it the third paragraph before paragraph A). In section 1.4 move item B to replace A) and eliminate C) to read as follows

1.4 THE ASSEMBLY—SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A) Special task committees may be formed for a specific term by the Area Chairperson.

Recommendation: Change

1.5 THE ASSEMBLY—ELECTIONS

C) The Assembly may, by a majority vote, remove the names of any eligible Area committee members from the list if they are not present at the Election Assembly.

Change to Section 1.5(C):

To Read As

The Assembly will remove the names of any eligible Area Committee Member from the list, unless letter of willingness to serve was presented to Area Chairperson, if they are not present at the Election Assembly.

Recommendation: Change

K) Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chairperson are to be elected separately and not as runners-up to the Delegate and Chairperson.

Change to Section 1.5(K):
To Read As

All Alternate Area Officers are to be elected separately and not as runners-up to the incoming Area Officer.

Recommendation: Change

1.6 THE ASSEMBLY—FUNDING

B) Net proceeds of Western Area of Missouri Conventions will be forwarded to the Area Treasurer by December 31st of that year. A determined amount of seed money for the next year’s convention will be set by the Convention Committee and will be subject to approval by the Assembly.

Change to Section 1.6(B):
To Read As

Net proceeds of the Western Area of Missouri Convention will be forwarded to the Area Treasurer by December 31st of that year. A determined amount of seed money for the next year’s convention may be set by the Convention Committee and will be subject to approval by the Area Assembly.

Recommendation: Change

C) Individual members of the Assembly are encouraged to express their gratitude for sobriety by donating to the Assembly \$1 for each year of sobriety.

Change to Section 1.6(C):
To Read As

Individual members of the Western Area of Missouri are encouraged to express their gratitude for sobriety by donating \$1.00 for each year of sobriety to the area during the quarter of their anniversary.

Recommendation: Change

E) Any surplus funds of the Assembly after a prudent reserve is maintained may be dispersed to GSO by a vote of the Assembly.

Change to Section 1.6(E):
To Read As

Any surplus funds of the Assembly after a prudent reserve is maintained may be dispersed to the General Service Office at the January assembly by a majority vote of the assembly.

Recommendation: Change

SECTION TWO—THE AREA COMMITTEE
2.1 THE AREA COMMITTEE—COMPOSITION

The Area Committee consists of the Area officers, Area Standing Committee Chairpeople, and DCMS, or their alternates in the absence of a member.

2.2 THE AREA COMMITTEE—MEETINGS

A) The Area Chairperson or the Delegate or three members of the Area Committee may call for any special meeting of the Area Committee. The Committee will meet only at such call. Notice of Area Committee meetings will be sent by the Area Secretary to all Area Committee members at least ten days prior to such meeting, notifying members of the time, date, and location of the meeting.

B) Any member or the Area Committee missing two consecutive Area Assembly business meetings may be considered to have resigned and, in the case of the DCMS, the Area Chairperson may contact the appropriate district committee to seek a remedy to the situation or to seek the election of a qualified replacement.

Change to Section 2.1
Move section 2.2 A to 2.1 A – Delete Section B - Section to read as

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Recommendation: change

Change to Sections 3.2 and 3.3

Eliminate sections for all standing committees. (Note: W.A. & State Conventions are the only two W.A. Standing Committees listed in the guidelines. Like all other Area Standing Committees, they both have their own guidelines)

Recommendation: Change

SECTION FOUR—THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

E) If a DCM misses two consecutive Assemblies and is not represented by an alternate, the Area Chairperson may contact the appropriate District committee and seek to remedy the situation or to seek the election of a qualified replacement

Change to Section Four (E):

Eliminate, it is already addressed in Section 1.1(H).

Recommendation: Change

SECTION FIVE—THE GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

C) If a GSR misses two consecutive Assemblies and is not represented by an alternate, the Area Chairperson may contact the appropriate GSR or group to seek a remedy to the situation or to seek a qualified replacement.

Change to Section Five (C):

To read as

If a GSR misses two consecutive Assemblies and is not represented by an alternate, the DCM will contact the appropriate GSR or group to seek a remedy to the situation or to seek a qualified replacement.

Recommendation: Change

SECTION SEVEN—AMENDMENTS

7.1 PROPOSAL AND APPROVAL

Proposed amendments to these guidelines will be presented to the Area Chairperson in writing. The Chairperson will place them on the agenda of the next Area Assembly for first consideration. If a majority of the Assembly approves, the proposal will be forwarded to the groups and districts for their consideration. Next, the proposal will be placed on the agenda of the following Assembly for final approval. Any such proposal would be mailed along with the Assembly agenda by the Secretary to all voting members of the Assembly no less than 30 days before the scheduled vote. The final vote may be by written ballot.

Change to Section 8.1

To Read As

Any agenda item which may affect these guidelines will be presented to the Area Chairperson in writing 45 days prior to the next assembly. The Chairperson will place the item on the agenda of the next assembly to be presented by individual placing it on the agenda. Discussion will follow and it will automatically be placed on the next agenda for discussion and vote, giving G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s the opportunity to take item back to groups. Any guideline change requires a two-thirds vote of the Assembly. If the item voted upon changes these guidelines the Area Secretary will automatically make the changes. The vote may be written ballot if desired.

Recommendation: Change

8.2 INCORPORATION INTO GUIDELINES

The updating and accuracy of these amendments will be the responsibility of the Area Secretary

Section 8.2

Eliminate complete section (This is addressed in Section 8.1).

Recommendation: Change
