

The Committee was asked to discuss whether the Area should pay FOR ALL the Officers and Standing Committee Chairs to attend the West Central Regional Service AA Conference (WCRSAAC). After much discussion the following proposal was sent to the groups:

The Finance Policy revised in March 2013 Section 5 number 5. Currently reads as follows:

d) Hotel room reimbursement for the Area Officers, the Standing Committee Chairs and the Group Records Secretary shall be made for two (2) nights at the Area Service Conference and the West Central Regional Service Conference and Forum, and one (1) night at a two-day Assembly. Hotel room reimbursement for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be made for up to three (3) nights at the West Central Regional Service Conference.

The Proposal would change the Policy as follows:

- d) *Hotel room and travel reimbursement for the Area Officers, the Standing Committee Chairs and the Group Records Secretary shall be made for two (2) nights at the Area Service Conference and West Central Regional Forum.*
- e) *Hotel Room and Travel Reimbursement for the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Standing Committee Chairs, excluding the Group Records Secretary shall be made to attend the West Central Regional Service AA Conference. Up to Three (3) nights hotel for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, and up to Two (2) nights hotel for Standing Committee Chairs.*

The Finance Committee could not find any financial benefit to the Area to send the Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson and Group Records Chair as they do not have any Agenda items tied to their positions. The passing of this proposal would be a deduction to the expenses; therefore more cash to aid in helping the still suffering alcoholic in a different capacity.

This would require a change to the Finance Policy so it will need at least two thirds vote to pass. This proposal will be on the October 2014 Area Assembly agenda.

It was brought up at the August Area Committee Meeting that the Newsletter and Website Committees also do not have agenda items as committees. This was not discussed by the Finance committee however it seems a valid comment. The reason the Finance Committee chose the Group Registrar is because in the Finance Policy the words chosen are "Area Officers, the Standing Committee Chairs and the Group Records Secretary." It separates out

the Group Records Secretary and NOT being a standing committee chair. So we did not include any “Standing Committee Chairs” in our proposal.

Another comment was the Chairperson is considered our “CEO” and it would be important for the Chairperson to have a presence. So please continue to discuss in your groups and please send your GSR to the October 2014 Assembly to let your groups voice be heard!

Another Finance Committee Proposal that will be on the October 2014 Assembly is the following:

“To discontinue the quarterly finance letter mailings and replace with the Finance Chair report in the Pigeon.”

The reason for this proposal is as follows:

- After mailing, there has been no influx of contributions
- Individuals usually give to Area via their group
- Shave \$2,200 from the expense budget
- In the 1990 mailing was the way of communication. Now process outdated - many new ways to communicate today than stuff, seal, label, sort, deliver, and postage.
- The fellowship hears about the finances at four Area Committee Meetings, three Area Assemblies, and four Area Pigeons.
- The finance letter uses the same data base as is used for the Pigeon, so sending out the Finance Letter is redundant and duplicative.

The reason it is on the October 2014 Assembly Agenda is because when voted on the budget, this would be an area that we could cut costs without jeopardizing our work to the still suffering alcoholic and it would be nice to have in place before the new rotation begins.