

## PROPOSED MOTION

In keeping with the Seventh Tradition which states in part: "We ought to be self-supporting, through our own contributions", it is hereby moved Area 8, San Diego-Imperial fully fund our Delegate for the year 2011, and the future, for the full authorized cost to attend the General Service Conference.

### Background

The General Service Conference has asked the Areas for direction and help from our Fellowship to become fully self-supporting without depending on literature sales to supplement the General Service Budget.

The true cost to send a delegate to the General Service Conference each year is approximately \$5,000, plus incidental expenses. This amount includes airfare, hotel, facility rental, food, printing, and supplies during the week of the Conference. The amount increases every year. The expenses are presently shared between the area and the General Fund of the General Service Board.

Area 8 contributes \$1200, to that \$5,000 expense, and provides an additional \$1200, + to the Delegate to cover his or her incidental expenses to attend the Conference. New York City is one of the most expensive cities in the United States to visit. The incidental expenses are for food, taxis, transfers and hotel for one extra day, which allows the Delegate to acclimate one day early, and attend the Friday meeting at the General Service Office, and prepare for the Remote Communities meeting held prior to the Conference. Every other year, the Delegate has the opportunity to visit Bill Wilson's home in Bedford Hills, and see the Clinton Street Home where the Fellowship all began.

The A.A. Service Manual Page S47 explains the delegate's expense procedure this way: *"The area contributes \$1,200.00 (U.S.) toward Conferences expenses (and many areas are able to send additional funds) The General Fund of the General Service Board pay the balance but this does not take care of the many incidental expenses the delegate will have during Conference week."* Through the generosity of our groups, the incidental expenses have been paid by the area, however that leave an approximate shortfall of \$3,800.00 the General Fund pays to fund our delegate.

What is clear is that we in Area 08 are contributing approximately 24% toward the complete cost of our Delegate's total expenses. Therefore we are allowing other Areas to pay our way. We are able and should contribute 100%, toward the cost of sending the Delegate to the General Service Conference. The San Diego-Imperial Structure and Guidelines in section II, Purpose Of The Area Assembly, states in part: *"To support the General Service Conference and its members in its role as provider of A.A. world service and as guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions".*

It is time for Area 8 to take responsibility for our participation. We ask our Delegate to budget for the full expense of the Conference when requesting funds, and the Area to honor that request.