

Motion to Approve Unbudgeted Expenditure Related to Area 8 Computer Purchase/Replacement

Motion

That Area 8 spends up to \$2950.00~~1.41~~ to purchase four (4) new laptops (see possible specifications below) in 2009.

- Replacement laptop for Registrar
- Replacement laptop for Treasurer
- Replacement laptop for Secretary, or Archives Committee or wherever needed
- New laptop for ITC
- Windows XP Professional Software and extended warranty for all 4 laptops
- Adobe Acrobat 9.0 for ITC laptop

Possible Specifications:

Toshiba 15.4"W T6400 2.0GHz
3GB DDR2 250GB HDD

Intel® Wi-Fi Link 5100AGN

~~Windows XP Professional~~

This will give the area 4 new and 2 original for a total of 6 laptops.

One of the four laptops will be for the Internet-Information Technology Committee. The ITC as a whole believes that this is a necessary piece of equipment for this committee to continue their responsibilities on the website and opens the doors to the committee to those that may not have their own laptop. The ITC computer will also need an Adobe package to pdf documents so they cannot be downloaded from the website and changed.

Our society is moving closer every day to technological approaches to communications. We need to keep up with the curve, yet in the spirit of anonymity not expect every Committee Officer, Committee Member, DCM or GSR to have access to a computer.

(Details below are for illustration purposes. Finals specifications to be determined at time of purchase)

What	\$\$	##	Total	
Laptops – Toshiba 15.4"W T6400 2.0GHz 3GB DDR2 250GB HDD Intel® Wi-Fi Link 5100AGN Integrated Webcam Windows XP Professional	\$549.99	4 total (1 for treasurer 1 for registrar 1 for secretary 1 for ITC Chair)	\$2,199.96	
Extended Warranty (3 Year)	\$50.00	4	\$200.00	
Tax 8.75% (on computer only)	\$48.12	4	\$192.49	
Adobe Acrobat 9.0	\$299.00	1	\$299.00	Download
Shipping and handling	\$14.99	4	\$59.96	
Total			\$2951.41Approx	

<u>Request</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated</u>		<u>\$2950.00</u>	
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Background and History

Area 8's history on computer ownership is sketchy, at best. ITC ascertained that we once owned four (4) laptops:

- One for the Area Secretary;
- One for the Area Treasurer;
- One for the Area Registrar;
- One for the Area Archive Committee.

All had three-year extended warranties, now expired – they were not insured.

- In 2007, the Registrar's laptop was stolen from his vehicle and replaced by Area 8
- In 2009 the (different) Registrar's laptop was stolen from his home. He replaced with his own funds and it is now his property.
- In 2009, the Treasurer's computer crashed, so the Secretary's computer was lent to him as the Alternate Secretary has one of his own.

This leaves us with two functional laptops, one in Archives and the Secretary's laptop temporarily in use by the Treasurer.

Traditions

The Twelfth Tradition states, in part, that we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are to practice genuine humility. This is to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us. To me, this means that we are all equal in our Higher Power's eyes, whether we are a successful business woman or a homeless person on the street. It is not in keeping with our anonymity that we disclose our financial position, and who can or cannot afford laptops. Area 8 needs to provide the necessary IT equipment for positions that require it.