

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AREA ASSEMBLY
STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES –originated by ASL Committee
08/18/2011**

1. Submitted to the Area Chairperson (This is a good time to send the motion to translation.)
2. Reviewed by the Area Committee
3. Presented to the Area Assembly
4. Area Assembly votes-majority vote required to distribute for group consideration
5. Distributed to all GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers, Area Delegate and Alternate Area Delegate
6. GSRs review with Groups-Group Consciences taken
7. Final vote by Area Assembly-two thirds majority vote required for adoption

NOTES:	a. All proposed new text is presented with underline.
	b. All proposed deletions are presented with
	c. Explanations of chances are presented in [brackets],
	d. Pace number refers to the current location of text in the AA.S.&G.
	e. If the proposal is new and does not alter or amend the existing text, the page number indicates the intended location in the AAS.&G., if adopted.

Financial Impact to the Area Assembly			
Direct Costs (-)Savings (+) (Actual \$ spent by the Area Assembly to produce or secure change.)		Indirect Costs (-) or Savings (+)possible related costs to sub-committees, support costs or maintenance.)	
\$	Description	\$	Description
		None	Standard update to AAS&G

Concepts and Traditions that apply	
Concept or Tradition	How it applies
Tradition's 5 & 7	Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. ASL needs to be provided and we need to find a way within our structure and guidelines to make it available.
Concept 12	Preventing Area 8 to respond appropriately and in a timely manner to an unbudgeted "primary purpose" need as identified, voted on and approved by the Area Committee can be seen as personally punitive to the alcoholic who needs our support and services.

Motion: This motion is being brought forth to modify the text in section VI on Page 5, after item G of the Area Assembly Structure and Guidelines to read as follows:

Current Text:

G. Operating Account:

1. The San Diego-Imperial Area Assembly will maintain an operating account.

Proposed Text:

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a. That the Treasurer manage certain line items, as approved by the Area Committee, to allow for line item specific contributions through reimbursements or targeted donations.

These line items will be tracked as discrete cost and will not be used in the multiple for factoring quarterly excess funds. They will have an exact and specific purpose.

BACKGROUND-

As it stands now, if the Treasury received funds intended for "any specific" fund:

- a. It appears funds could not be legitimately accepted and applied to a "special account" in accordance with the Structure and Guidelines as written.
- b. If they were accepted, they would be subject to the 25% send off rule (which in many cases would lead to us sending off the same money set aside for the intended stated purpose).

The motion suggested above was identified as the root cause of the Area's need for the formation of the ASL ad-hoc committee. This single change would allow our Area Treasury to manage and facilitate necessary single issue funds and requirement for any future needs identified and approved by the Area without holding funds without an identified purpose.

Finance Committee supports this motion and has indicated they will include specific practices in their guidelines to carry out their responsibilities that result from the motion, if it passes the Area Assembly.