

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AREA ASSEMBLY STRUCTURE AND GUIDELINES

Name of Motion: Inclusion and Contributions

Motion: This motion is being brought forth to change the text for:

The duties of the Area Treasurer as described on V.G. (1) (pg. 4), and
FINANCIAL GUIDELINES OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY on VI. B. (pg. 5).

V.G. (1)

Current Text: Receive and record contributions from A.A. ~~Groups, Individuals, and Districts~~ acknowledging each contribution in writing.

Proposed Text: Receive and record contributions from A.A. members and all entities comprised of A.A. members according to our Seventh Tradition acknowledging each contribution in writing.

VI. B.

Current Text: Area Assembly will accept contributions only from individual A.A. Members, A.A. Groups, and Districts in the San Diego-Imperial Area to insure that the Assembly remains directly responsible to those it serves.

Proposed Text: Area Assembly will accept contributions from all individual A.A. Members, A.A. Groups, Districts, and A.A. service boards and committees. ~~in the San Diego-Imperial Area to insure that the Assembly remains directly responsible to those it serves.~~

Background:

All Area 08 meetings and events are open to all AA members. Rewording this guideline communicates that all AA members, groups, service boards, and committees are welcome to participate.

Our current contribution guidelines limit the Area from accepting contributions from existing and/ or future A.A. members and entities. Since amending its Structures and Guidelines (1999 and 2010), Area 08 has declined contributions from several A.A. service boards and committees. These entities have expressed their feelings of rejection and not being included and/or recognized by Area 08 as a part of A.A.

There have been times that Area 08 has communicated the need for additional contributions. Various A.A. service boards and committees responded to the communication and their checks were returned as ineligible to contribute. Very recently, a check was returned to an Intergroup Office. ACYPAA, the All California Young People's in Alcoholics Anonymous Roundup, has been held several times in San Diego since the amendments to the guidelines have closed off their participation in Area 08. Each year the San Diego Spring Roundup inquires if Area 08 will accept their contribution. We know that contributions from these entities were made and accepted by GSO, North County Intergroup, H& I, and San Diego Intergroup.

The current guideline marginalizes all entities within Area 08 comprised of AA members that do not fall under the heading of registered group, individual, or district. Removing the restriction regarding the type of AA entity that is qualified to contribute funds to the Area brings Area 08 in line with the guidelines of GSO, as well as all other Areas within the United States and Canada. (See A.A. Guidelines on Finance, MG-15).

From: The A.A. Service Manual, page S47

Financial Support

Methods of Support: Here are some of the ways areas remain solvent and effective:

- They take collections at assembly and district meetings.
- They share in the regular contribution plan whereby groups and contribute monthly or quarterly to the intergroup/central office, GSO, district, and area. (See also the leaflet: "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.")
- They received contributions from area and state convention treasuries.

10/6/15	1. Submitted to the Area Chairperson and Policy/Agenda Committee's.(This is a good time to send the motion to translation.)
12/17/15	2. Reviewed by the Area Committee
01/23/16	3. Presented to the Area Assembly
01/23/16	4. Area Assembly votes—majority vote required to distribute for group consideration
	5. GSRs review with Groups—Group Consciences taken
	6. Final vote by Area Assembly—two thirds majority vote required for adoption

NOTES:	a. All proposed new text is presented with <u>underline</u> .
	b. All proposed deletions are presented with strikethrough .
	c. Explanations of changes are presented in [brackets].
	d. Page number refers to the current location of text in the A.A.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 A.A.S.&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
Unknown	Potential newer sources of contributions to the Area.		

Concepts and Traditions that apply	
Concept or Tradition	How it applies
Tradition Seven	To increase potential contributions from A.A. members without affecting the Seventh Tradition principles.
Tradition Three	The only requirement for AA membership and participation is a desire to stop drinking. This also applies to Area 08 membership and should not be limited.
Concept 4	The right of participation is practiced with a voice, a vote, and the power of the purse. Limiting the entities eligible to contribute prevents full participation.