

Progress on Ad Hoc Considerations

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Policy committee has reworded the Item 27 of the ad hoc report to read as Follows:

Old wording read as follows:

Each committee of the Area Assembly, whether it be a special, select, standing, or ad-hoc committee, autonomous, or otherwise, and any other component of the Area Assembly, including the Area Assembly itself, may, for the purposes of conducting its business, adopt any guideline, bylaw, rule-of-order, or standing rule, it deems necessary, as long as it does not contradict these Structure and Guidelines, nor any principle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

New wording:

Section XII, Sub-point E.

Each committee of the Area Assembly, or any other component of the Area Assembly, including the Area Assembly itself, may adopt any guideline, bylaw, rule-of-order, or standing rule it deems necessary. As long as it does not contradict Area 8's Structure and Guidelines or any principle of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ask for any concerns or feedback.

After consideration of several members of the Policy committee and Area Officers we have decided it best that the items in the report to be considered next should be presented to this committee one month in advance. The reason for this is that there should be some lead time for this committee to consider the items and to allow the DCM's a chance to discuss the items with their GSR's. So tonight we are going to ask that you take a look at the following items of the next month. Then next month we discuss them and present you with 3 more for the following month.

Item 4. In Section III "Membership of Area Assembly" there is potential for confusion in sub-point A.4., which refers to members of each district being voting members of the assembly. Some districts have members who are not DCMs or GSRs (for example, in some districts the officers may or may not be GSRs), so it may be worthwhile to clarify this section. A suggestion for how to clarify it is to change it to the following: "Currently serving GSRs and DCMs of each District, or their alternates when acting in their absence."

Item 5. Also in Section III it might be helpful to add something that makes it clear that any member of A.A. may attend the area assembly meetings. Page S37 of the 2011 Service Manual, in the section on "Composition [of the Area Assembly]" provides a possible model for inclusion in our own guidelines.

Item 8. Another item of concern in Section IV is sub-point C.1., which describes the quorum. There has been concern in the area about the quorum, the timing of the quorum count, and whether or not votes taken late in the day when the total number of voters has dropped are really valid. The area may want to develop a group conscience on this and add something to this section of the guidelines to clarify.

