

DISTRICT 2 GSR DCM SHARING WORKSHOP

SERVICE SPONSORSHIP
OCTOBER 2025 AREA ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 28TH, 2025



TOPICS

- Service Sponsorship
 - What is it?
 - Why is it important?
 - Experience, Strength and Hope from some real-life Service Sponsors
- October 3-5, 2025 Area Assembly – Boca Raton
 - Preparation for Assembly – Everyone
 - Attendance – For those able to attend
 - Reporting Back after Assembly – Everyone

SERVICE SPONSORSHIP

- What is a Service Sponsor?
 - A Service Sponsor is someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history and the service structure including familiarity with the 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and the A.A. Service Manual.
 - The Service Sponsor helps you with General Service like a Sponsor helps you with the 12 Steps and living life on life's terms.
- Why is it important?
 - There are many ways to be of service. Service Sponsors help guide you so that you don't feel overwhelmed. They help you decide what service positions to take and answer questions on how to fulfill the position.
 - Your A.A. Sponsor may not have the Service experience to help you with your Service journey.

SERVICE SPONSORSHIP

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE

- Cindy L.
- Vicki R.

RESOURCES

- AA Service Manual pages 9-10 in the 2024-2026 Edition: <https://area15aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/The-Service-Sponsor.pdf>
- Sponsorship Pamphlet pages 25-26: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/P-15_1124.pdf

AREA ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 3-5, 2025

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WHERE TO FIND ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

www.Area15AA.ORG

Password: area15aa

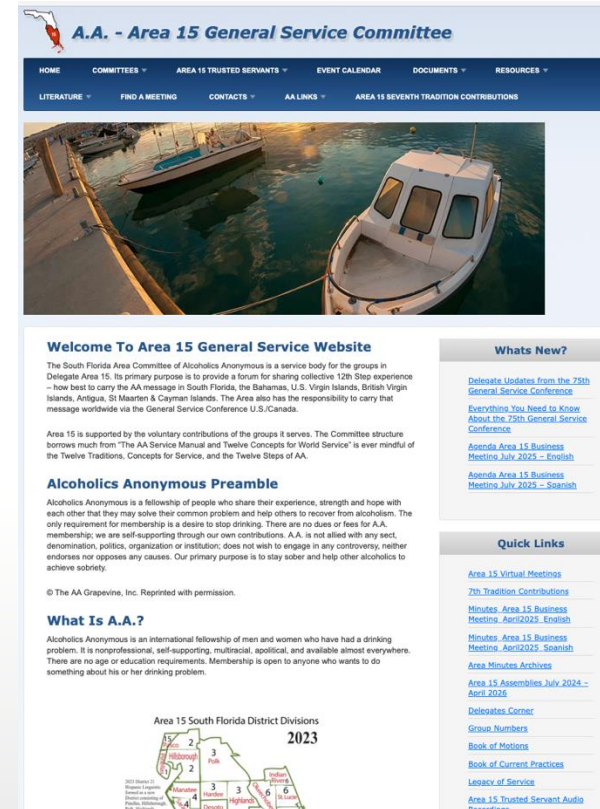
Next Area 15 Assembly

The room block for the October 2025 quarterly assembly in Boca Raton is full.

If you need to cancel a hotel room, please do so with hotelinfo@area15aa.org so the room can be released to the waitlist OR if you need a room, please contact hotelinfo@area15aa.org to be placed on the waitlist. Please share this info with those that may need it.

[English Flyer](#) [Spanish Flyer](#)

Boca Raton Marriott At Boca Center
5150 Town Center Circle
BOCA RATON, FL 33486
Hosted by District 10



A.A. - Area 15 General Service Committee

HOME COMMITTEES AREA 15 TRUSTED SERVANTS EVENT CALENDAR DOCUMENTS RESOURCES LITERATURE FIND A MEETING CONTACTS AA LINKS AREA 15 SEVENTH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

Welcome To Area 15 General Service Website

The South Florida Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is a service body for the groups in Delegate Area 15. Its primary purpose is to provide a forum for sharing collective 12th Step experience – how best to carry the AA message in South Florida, the Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St Maarten & Cayman Islands. The Area also has the responsibility to carry that message worldwide via the General Service Conference U.S./Canada.

Area 15 is supported by the voluntary contributions of the groups it serves. The Committee structure borrows much from "The AA Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service" is ever mindful of the Twelve Traditions, Concepts for Service, and the Twelve Steps of AA.

Alcoholics Anonymous Preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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What Is A.A.?

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

Area 15 South Florida District Divisions 2023

Area 15 Virtual Meetings
7th Tradition Contributions
Minutes Area 15 Business Meeting Area152023 English
Minutes Area 15 Business Meeting Area152023 Spanish
Area Minutes Archives
Area 15 Assemblies July 2024 - April 2024
Delegates Corner
Group Numbers
Book of Motions
Book of Current Practices
Legacy of Service
Area 15 Trusted Servant Audio Recordings



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

October 3-5, 2025

Hosted by District 10

Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM,
Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Friday, October 3

8:30-9:30pm Speaker Meeting*
10:00-11:00pm Night Owl Meeting
10:00-11:00pm Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Saturday, October 4

7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting
7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting
8:00-9:00am Traditions Workshop
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8:30-10:50am Treatment Facilities Committee
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9:00-10:50am Literature Committee
9:00-10:50am PI/CPC Committee
11:00-12:30pm Concepts Workshop
11:00-12:30pm Spanish Linguistic Committee
12:00-1:00pm State Convention Committee
12:00-1:30pm Website Committee

Saturday, October 4

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2:00-3:50pm DCM Sharing
2:00-3:50pm Quarterly Coordinators Meeting
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*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; **ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter provided.
Arrangements for Accessibilities accommodations at any meeting, workshop, or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by
contacting the Area Accessibilities Chair at accessibilities@area15aa.org by 09/17/25. Wheelchair accessible rooms need to be booked directly with the hotel.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

No. of Fish: _____
No. of Steak: _____
No. of Vegan: _____
Total Tickets @ 48.00 each: _____

Payment Method Accepted: Cash, Check or Zelle
Zelle Payments to E-mail: treasures@district10miami.org

Mail Checks and this form (please include name, District and Meal
Selection in Memo Section of check) to : A.A. General Service District 10
PO Box 661634 Miami Springs, FL 33266

Please include the following when sending your payment:
Name _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____
District _____
Special Dietary Needs: _____

Payment due by September 14, 2025.

Pick up your tickets at the OCTOBER 2025 Quarterly.

Cash, Checks (please include name, District and Meal Selection in Memo
Section of check) and Zelle payments will be accepted at the Assembly.

BOCA RATON MARRIOTT AT BOCA CENTER

5150 TOWN CENTER CIRCLE, BOCA RATON, FL 33486

Reservations: 800-228-9290

Room Rate: \$159.00 per night + tax (1-4 people)
Registration opens Monday, July 14th 9:00 am and must be received by
September 3rd, 2025.

Reference "South Florida General Service Assembly"

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed
on a hotel room wait list, please contact:
Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:
hotelinfo@area15aa.org

Directions:

FROM I-95 EXIT PALMETTO PARK ROAD (EXIT 44) AND GO WEST.
TURN RIGHT (NORTH) AT MILITARY TRAIL.
TURN RIGHT AT TOWN CENTER CIRCLE & FOLLOW ROAD TO HOTEL
ENTRANCE.

Questions? PLEASE CONTACT: secretary@district10miami.org

Area 15 Quarterly Assembly District 2 Roommate Connection

District 2 is helping connect AA
members who want to share a room
for the upcoming Area 15 Quarterly
Assembly!



Do you have a room
and want to
offer up a space ?

Do you need a room?

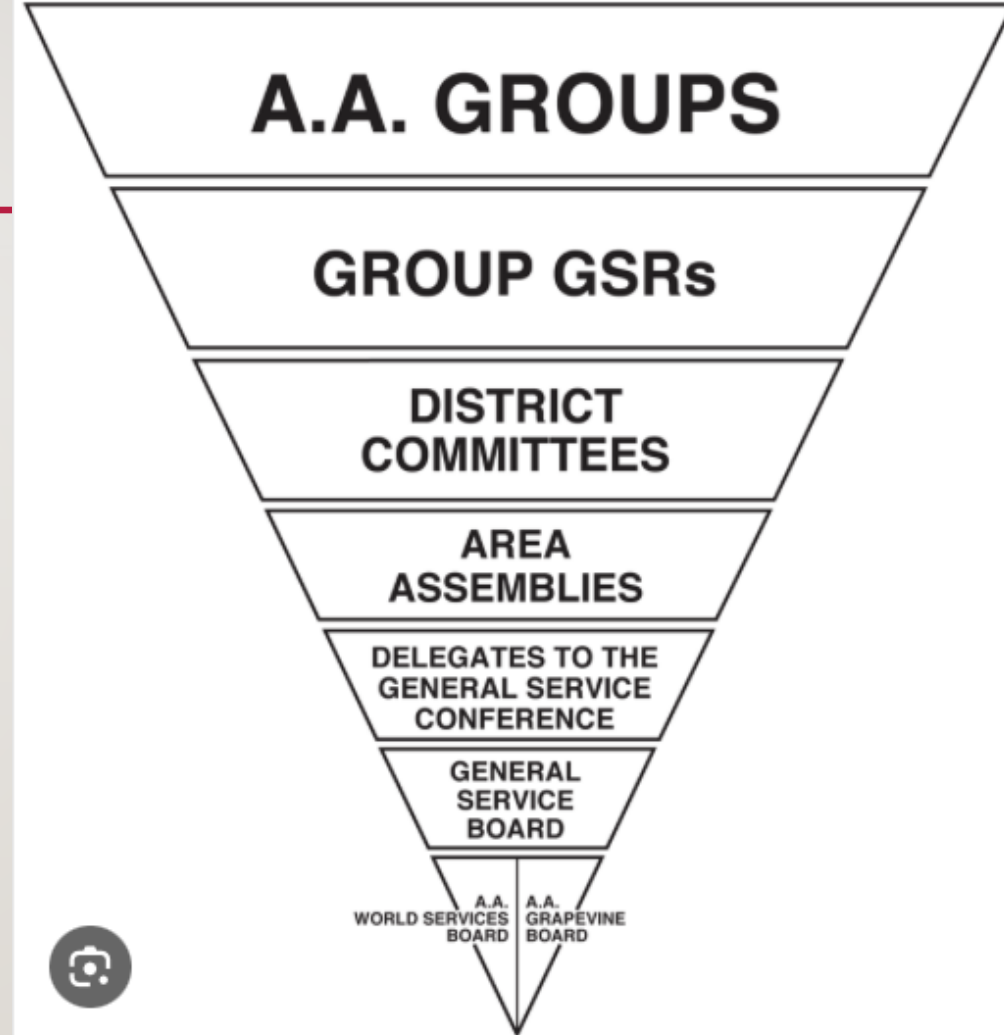
Use this QR code
to fill out the form
and get connected
with a roommate!



WHY DO GSRS AND DCMS ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY

- To VOTE: To bring their group(s) input into the decision making
- To bring back information to their group(s) about Area 15 and General Service
- Given this, attending the business meeting is very important

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)



SATURDAY SESSIONS

Traditions Workshop

Concepts Workshop

Any committee meetings you are
interested in

GSR Sharing / DCM Sharing

Service Manual Workshop

What's On Your Mind

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SUNDAY BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting Open / Chairperson Remarks / Rollcall

Officers' and Delegate's Reports

Old Business –MOVED EARLIER IN AGENDA!

New Business – MOVED EARLIER IN AGENDA!

Reports: District Chairpersons & Committees



South Florida Area 15

2025 General Service Committee 2026

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands,
Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands

4th Quarter Business Meeting – October 5th, 2025

Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center – Hosted by Districts 10

This is a closed business meeting open to members only.

Interpretation available for Spanish and American Sign Language

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Alternate Delegate

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Chairperson

Bronwyn F.

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Treasurer

Alan T.

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Registrar

Lea A.

registrar@area15aa.org

Recording Secretary

Paul M.

secretary@area15aa.org

1. Open with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

- A. Preamble
- B. Reading of the 12 Traditions
- C. Reading of the 12 Concepts

2. Chairperson's remarks
3. Registrar's roll call, report
4. Recording Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Finance Committee report (vote count closes after report)
7. Delegate's report
8. Alternate Delegate's report

9. Quarterly Coordinator Committee
- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Bron F.
Lea A.
Paul M.
Alan T.
Jim G.
Lisa D.
Donna W.

Tom S.
JoAnn B.

10. Old Business: None
11. New Business: Assembly bid cycle July 2026-April 2028
Motions (See below)

Quarterly
Coordinator
Committee

12. District Chairperson's report

13. Grapevine/LaVita Committee:
- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Jane K.
Open

14. Corrections Committee:
- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Larry B.
Rick G.

15. Treatment Facilities Committee:
- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Allan D.
Chris U.

16. Archives Committee:
- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Gina L.
Annemarie G.

17. Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional
Community:

- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Jacque T.
Andrew G.

18. Intergroup/Central Office:

- A. Chairperson

Dante G.

19. Current Practice Committee:

- A. Chairperson
- B. Secretary/Treasurer

Tom W.
Amy G.

WHAT TO ASK YOUR GROUPS / GETTING YOUR GROUP(S) GROUP CONSCIENCE



South Florida Area 15
2025 General Service Committee 2026
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 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer
15. Treatment Facilities Committee:
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Secretary/Treasurer
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 - B. Secretary/Treasurer
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Old Business Motions: NONE

New Business Motions: Themes: Voting ability and Financials

- **Motion A:** That the following members of the South Florida Area 15 be able to place a motion before the Area for consideration. The members are by resolution: The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, all Area Officers, all District Chairpersons, all Chairpersons of Standing Committees of the South Florida Area, all District Committee Members, and all Alternate District Committee Members if their DCM is absent or they have no DCM in their subdistrict.
- **Motion B:** That Area 15 General Service Representatives (GSRs) (and in their absence, Area 15 alternate General Service Representatives (AGSRs)) be added as non-funded members of the Area 15 Committee with full motion making, seconding and amending abilities.
- **Motion C:** The Accessibilities Committee is requesting a ONETIME increase in the 2025 budget. We will have an expenditure of \$ 335.48. Our current balance is \$153.15. The amount for the increase will be \$ 182.33.
- **Motion D:** That the Prudent Reserve Fund be increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. This amount shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Acting Finance Committee during the budgetary process each year to maintain a Prudent Reserve Fund equal to 25% of our actual operating expenditures.
- **Motion E:** To update and replace motion 286 with the following: All requests for non-budgeted funds under \$500 are to be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration and approval, and if approved, then submitted to the Area 15 Treasurer for payment. The Finance committee's consideration will include whether or not the area has funds to fulfill the request, and to confirm the expenditure is within the committee's (or officer's or delegate's) scope. The Finance committee is to perform this duty within 2 weeks of submission and report any of these actions at the following quarterly's Finance Committee report. Any requests for non-budgeted funds beyond \$500 should be submitted as motions to the Area 15 Chairperson under the Current Practice for motions.

REPORTING BACK

Example Report

Even if you don't attend, it is useful for you to include an update in your district business meeting report – talk to those who attended and review minutes when they come out

EXAMPLE REPORT DRAFT FOR OCTOBER 2025

My name is <NAME>, and I am an alcoholic. I'm grateful to serve as GSR for <GROUP NAME>.

I <ATTENDED/WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND> the Area Assembly meeting October 3-5, 2025 in Boca Raton. There was much discussion on motion making ability of Alternate DCMs and GSRs (or Alternate GSRs in their absence) and on making some changes to financial procedures. The following changes are happening based on the motion discussion <XYZ>.

While at the Assembly, I attended the Traditions Workshop, the Concepts Workshop, the GSR Sharing session and What's on Your Mind session. I also attended the XYZ Committee meeting. They were all very informative. I better understand the importance of the GSR role in contributing to District and Area business through carrying the group's conscience. The theme's that I heard included: <INSERT YOUR TAKEAWAYS>.

I am not able to attend all business meetings and Area Assemblies and would love for someone to volunteer to be our group's alternate GSR.

All trusted servants and AA members are welcome at Area Assemblies. The agendas and minutes from Area Assemblies can be found on www.area15aa.org in the menu on the right-hand side of the home page.

In love and service, <FIRST NAME LAST INITIAL>



JULY 2025 ASSEMBLY MOTION OUTCOME



MOTION A: *NOT HEARD AS WOULD SET PRECEDENT OF MOTION BEING MADE BY ADCM. REPLACED WITH IMMEDIATE ATTENTION MOTION THAT FAILED IN NEEDING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION 144 TO 120*

Motion A:

Area 15 adopt a one-year hotel bid process for the next Assembly bid cycle, replacing the current two-year cycle. This would apply to upcoming bid only. Allows time for discussion. Does the current format of Area Assemblies meet our needs and is it financially prudent? This motion suspends Motion 745 for duration of the upcoming bid cycle.

Background A:

Allow us to:

- Reassess if the current Assembly model is effective, inclusive and affordable.
- Explore options to widen participation - reduce barriers to service.
- Guided by our group conscience.

Area 15 holds four Assemblies annually, three days each. Recent inventories and a survey identified members' concerns regarding cost, accessibility, and time commitment. Utilization of information gathered.

Costs for lodging, meals, transportation creates barriers to service despite being willing and weakens our diversity and strength.

Difficulty in finding suitable facilities results in rooms stretched beyond capacity, overcrowding and inaccessibility for members and emergency access.

Submitted by Debbie H, ADCM, District 8, Subdistrict 7



MOTION B PRESENTED AS AMMENDED: *MOTION FAILED 150-126 ON FIRST VOTE. AFTER MINORITY OPTION, A MOTION TO RECONSIDER WAS MADE AND PASSED WITH SIMPLE MAJORITY 161-95. SECOND VOTE MOTION FAILED 126-126.*

Motion B:

That the July 2026 Area 15 Assembly be held online using the Area 15 virtual account. This will be conducted as a test run to determine the feasibility of continuing the practice in future assemblies. At the conclusion of this test run an evaluation shall be conducted by an appointed Ad Hoc committee which will provide the evaluation report at the following October 2026 Assembly.

Background B:

Area 15 currently meets four times per year for three day assemblies in person. This comes at great expense to Area 15 and to Area 15 trusted servants, particularly GSR's. Holding two of the assemblies online would provide the opportunity for greater GSR participation throughout Area 15 for those who cannot attend in person, due to financial or other personal reasons. Area 15 would continue to hold April and October assemblies in person. This would allow all groups near or far, big or small within Area 15 the opportunity to have a voice at more assemblies. This would also support our southern districts such as District 14 (The Virgin Islands), District 16 (Bahamas) and District 19 (The Cayman Islands) This would also greatly reduce the amount of 7th tradition funds used to support Area 15 business meetings thus making available for our primary purpose.

Submitted by Bob H, DCM, District 6



MOTION C: *FAILED – NO COUNT TAKEN AS SHOW OF HANDS WAS CLEARLY 2/3RDS NOT IN FAVOR.*

Motion C:

I hereby make a motion to move the Area 15 Quarterly Business meeting from Sunday to Saturday.

Background C:

The Area 15 quarterly business meeting is currently held on the last day of the assembly weekend, Sunday morning at 9am. This can make it difficult to be well-rested and attentive, after a day and a half of scheduled assembly activities and two nights in a hotel. Most hotels require check out by 11am, requiring attendees to check out before the start of the business meeting or in the middle of the business meeting, making it difficult to be present or participate fully. Submitted by: Ed C. District 6 DCM

MOTION D: *PASSED 157-58*

Motion D:

That the Area 15 Ad Hoc Committee use the below proposed boundaries to complete its work to complete an “Application for an Additional Delegate Area”.

New Delegated Area (Central Florida): Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15

Area 15 (South Florida) Districts: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

Submitted by Greg A and Bree H., co-chairs of the Area 15 Ad hoc Committee

MOTION E: *FAILED – NO COUNT TAKEN AS SHOW OF HANDS WAS CLEARLY 2/3RDS NOT IN FAVOR.*

Motion E:

That Area 15 submit the following proposed agenda item for the 2026 General Service Conference on behalf of Area 15.

Proposed agenda item:

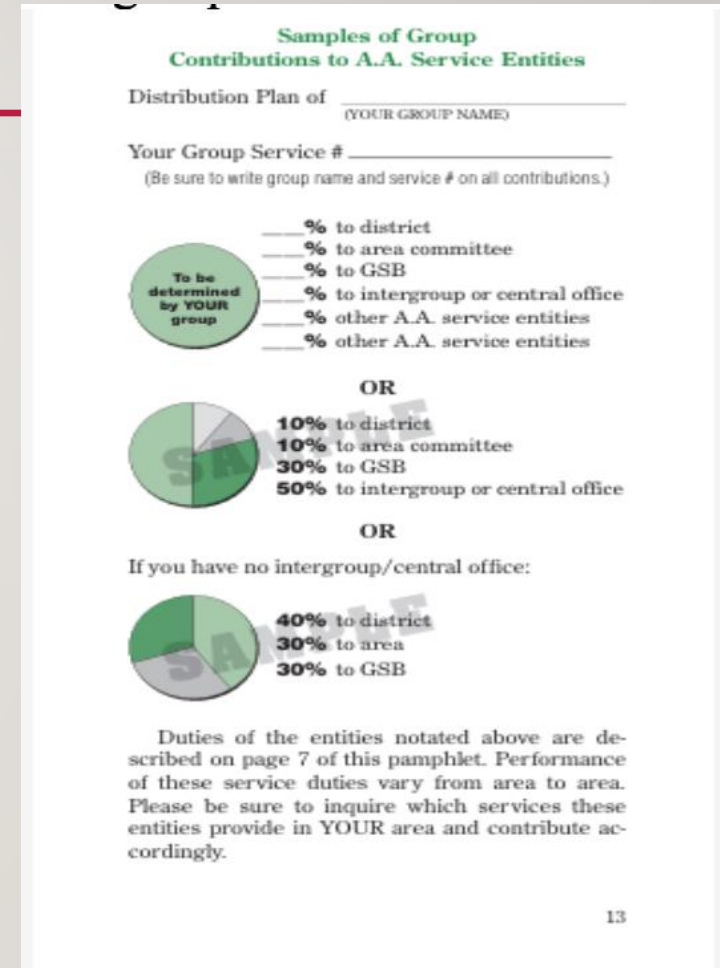
To remove the last two pie chart graphics from the "Self Support:Where the Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet on page 13. This includes the second pie chart, which is divided into four sections and features the intergroup data, along with the third pie chart, which is divided into three sections and does not include the intergroup information. Please see the chart below.

Background E:

The pamphlet provides suggestions for how groups can allocate their contributions. While the pie chart offers examples, many groups are interpreting these suggestions too rigidly. This can lead to certain entities, which require more support, being overlooked. For example, the pie chart recommends allocating 50% of total contributions to an intergroup office while designating only 10% to the area and district. Moreover, these pie charts are obsolete – in fast fast-changing environment, groups need to be aware of the needs of all entities they would contribute to, and we should avoid a situation where “examples” are mistaken for suggestions which become mechanically repeated over time. With the rise of online literature sales, the intergroup offices no longer play as significant a role in the functioning of groups as they once did. Many AA entities have the potential to make more substantial contributions when groups direct their funds toward meaningful and essential work that benefits all groups within the district, area, and the entire AA community.

A proposed agenda item will carry more weight if submitted by an area as opposed to being submitted by an individual.

Respectively submitted by: Lily R. (DCM District 8)



MOTION F: *PASSED – NO COUNT TAKEN AS SHOW OF HANDS WAS CLEARLY 2/3RDS IN FAVOR.*

Motion F:

That all motions presented for consideration at the South Florida Area 15 April Business meetings and the October elections business meeting be postponed until the next quarterly, except those motions needing the Area's Immediate Attention. Respectfully submitted by Bob C. DCM District 6

Background F:

This will help to facilitate the voting process for October elections and prioritize the needed time for discussion of agenda items in April for the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference. These Agenda reviews are one of the most vital pieces of business we conduct. It represents our Area's collective voice and conscience to the General Service Conference. For this reason, South Florida Area 15 must prioritize our Agenda by ensuring they are scheduled and planned in a way that allows for maximum participation.

WAS THIS USEFUL?

Continuous Improvement Ideas?