

August, 2019

Business Meeting, District 5, South Florida Area 15, General Service Committee
Arcadia, Boca Grande, Englewood, Ft. Ogden, Nokomis, North Port, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Venice

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Rusty V. 863.558.1458

Bill S. 941.276.1561

Chairperson: Diane P. (h) 941.426.7265 or (cell) 941.284.3216

(Diane is also DCM for North Port)

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NOTE: All reports and motions must be handed to or, preferably, EMAILED to secretary@aadistrict5.org, no later than the weekend after the meeting. Please use Arial 12-point font and submit word or page docs rather than .pdfs for ease of insertion. THANK YOU!
We request that you type your reports and READ them at the meeting to keep the meeting brief and informative. Fliers are included at the end of the Minutes.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 17th, 6:00 for GSR sharing, with the Business Meeting beginning at 7:00.

**AT: Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
(the 3rd Tuesday)**

OPENING: Chairperson Diane called the meeting to order at 7:00 directly after GSR sharing.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: GSRs – 16, DCMs — 4, Officers — 4, Guests — 1

GSR's included 1 new GSR: Melanie of the Fort Ogden Group which meets on Mondays.

GSR Reports:

Lori – A Halloween Costume Party/Dance will be sponsored by Intergroup on Saturday, October 19th at First Alliance Church in Port Charlotte; 5-6 pm for fellowship, 6:15 pm a Speaker, and from 7-10pm a dance. All are welcome

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Diane P.

AA District 5, SW FL. Area 15 or GSO Communication

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DIST 5 Chair Diane P. email: Chairperson@aaDistrict5.org cell 941 284 3216

August 16, 2019 District 5 Chair Report

This Month I have been besieged with medical problems and bad reactions to well intended medicines. I was not able to visit my North Port groups but did make a couple of Committee meetings. More will be revealed.

I was able to meet with Lee, an Intergroup Steering Committee member. We agreed upon looking for ways Intergroup and District could carry our message working together. They are looking to revamp their website with the possibility of having one website to serve us all. My job now is to communicate with other Area 15 District Chairs to see if they are sharing one website for their district and if so, what kind of arrangements have they made. I am looking for a few interested district 5 volunteers to help with this. If you have experience in this tech area, that would be an asset. Contact me after this meeting. More will be revealed.

I'd like to thank Bill for his help in writing a letter to Intergroup for splitting the cost of our ASL speakers. Nicely done. I did not send that proposition to Intergroup as Les and I roughly went over the possibility of again doing events together. More will be revealed.

Lastly a new business a motion will be put before to take to your groups. Stating that positions be opened up for every District Chair & Officer to have an Alternate. Life is so unpredictable. It can do no harm to have backup. Lucky for me, I have Jen as Alternate Chair. I also ask if you are a GSR or DCM that you try to find a buddy that would sub for you in case the need arises. A personal invite works better than the general announcement. At least that's what my friend Idelle tells me and in keeping with my theme, More will Be Revealed

Love & Service,
Diane P.

Alternate Chair/DCM REPORT: Jen N.
DCM Coordinator Report – August 2019

Happy Hurricane Season! All kidding aside, please be prepared with your physical lives as well as your spiritual fitness this month!!

Your District Committee Members Bill S, Eileen J, and Jeny N were joined by our Chairperson Diane P and Registrar Tim R on Aug 6th for a brainstorming session at Perkins Restaurant! We discussed the Breakdown of groups from the current Where & When (w/w) and Registered Database with GSO. Many discrepancies were found and we are on a renewed mission to check out the groups either unregistered or of questionable status, since the group has no GSR. Mailing Contacts for each group AT LEAST should be registered with Tim to give a more accurate assessment of our district, In small groups, the DCM should be the registered contact temporarily. Thank you to Tim for this much appreciated and Needed registration status matter.

Diane brought up the website issue, which was discussed at the Business meeting. Having one website which contains drop downs for both Intergroup and a separate for District, could, if it is deemed possible, consolidate much of the information, reduce repetition and probably save money and personnel! Our Steering Committee Chairman from Intergroup Lee and the district-intergroup Liaison Margaret were present, and we thank them for their input and optimism for a mutually beneficial website arrangement.

An idea about getting Groups involved with supporting a specific committee was bounced around and I mentioned the extreme need for The Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community committee in particular. Even if individuals from different groups would like to join up and go to a committee meeting together, great! Let your DCM know, or call me if you don't as yet have one who visits your group! Communication is a Wonderful thing!!

Lastly, Bill brought up phone #'s for the Committee Chairs staying as the phone # FOR a set committee, without changing every time the chairperson changes. He will be looking into the feasibility of such a venture! It would certainly simplify record keeping as well as reduce printing new numbers and all the confusion which seems to arise.

Thank you, Thank you for all of the trusted servants in our district and to all those who hope to join in soon! Without you all and the service you perform for your groups and to AA as a whole, we would be hurting,... so... recruit, recruit, recruit!! Please, Find an alternate so when it comes time, you rotate on

to the DCM position! The spirit of Rotation is what keeps us on our toes!! Whatever you do, just continue to be inspired by your love of this program and of helping one another.

In Love and AA Service,

Jeny N
DCM Coordinator/Alternate Chairperson

Individual DCM Reports:

Punta Gorda DCM Report – August 2019

It is business as usual in the AA Groups I attended this month. I attended the following groups and their business meetings when possible:

The Eye Opener which meets on Aqui Esta every morning except Sunday, at 8:00am, has a loyal home group attendance and we enjoy 3 different literature meetings throughout the week as indicated in the where and when.

Solutions at Noon on Mondays, a Step Study Group meeting at the Friendship Methodist church in Tropical Gulf Acres, enjoys anniversary speakers at the end of the month with cake and good fellowship.

The Peace River Group back on Aqui Esta meets Tuesday at 7 pm and is keeping the doors open! Thank you for the recent visitors at our Anniversary meeting where we also enjoy cake.

Upon Awakening meets 3 times per week, same church on Aqui Esta, but at 10 am with different formats which keeps the meetings fresh.

The Happy Hour Group on Mondays at 5:30 pm is another step study meeting and a monthly tradition meeting, and meets at the Methodist Church on Marion Avenue. On Friday night at the same church, Friday night Recovery meets at 7:30 pm for a candlelight open discussion meeting and continues to have good participation thru the summer months.

Back on Aqui Esta Wednesday afternoon at 6pm, the 164 Big Book Study Group holds a closed big book meeting which had a great crowd the last time I was able to visit. There is also a beginners meeting on Wednesday across from the Bayfront PG hospital on Cooper st, classroom C of the Annex, but I have not yet visited this group. Next month!!

Yours in AA Service,

Jeny N
DCM

DCM report for July/August, 2019 from Eileen J. DCM District 5

I have visited 9 separate groups in Pt Charlotte some 1 time, twice & 3 times for a total of 13 visits. 2 other groups in Pt.Charlotte I have been in contact with their contact person. Only 2 of these groups have GSR's, the rest I have a contact person to relay information to.

We have no DCM for Englewood. I have visited 4 different groups there, plus the Alano Club in the past and have contact persons for each of them. Since my last visits, two groups now have new GSR's.

In love and service

Eileen J.

DCM District 5 Pt.Charlotte Area

RECORDING SECRETARY: Renee P

Thank you all for your patience.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Tim R.

Registrar Report for August 2019

The move to the new ERP system went well and is up and running. The system is available to enter data and run reports. If you need information from the database please ask me and if possible, I'll be happy to get you what you need. I attended the DCM meeting earlier this month and provided information that showed the status of groups in our District. The DCM's can visit the Groups listed as Unknown and by getting contact information we can move groups from and Unknown to an Active status. I also compared the DB listing to the Where and When from Intergroup. There were 32 groups/meeting listed that are not listed in our DB. Again, with contact information we can list these groups as Active and possibly get new GSR's for the District.

One thing that was discussed with the DCM group was an effort to get an update for the number of members in the individual groups. Below is an overview of the numbers to date:

162 Groups - 82 Active / 50 Unknown / 30 Inactive

2350 members are counted in the groups

1279 Listed in Active Groups / 826 Listed in Unknown Groups / 245 Listed in Inactive

32 Grps in the W&W are not listed in the DB

If you are standing for a new service position or are stepping down from a service position, please fill out the District and Group Change Form provided on the table in the back of the room. Please let me know before you leave tonight so that you may be properly registered and if you're new, receive support from G.S.O. as well as from our district members.

If your name is not on the attendance list in the back of the room, please fill out the new attendees 'sign-in sheet.

Also, in the back of the room are forms to register a new group titled Alcoholic Anonymous New Group Form. If there is a change to your group's meeting information such as the time or place or where it meets, contact me by phone or text at (281-761-5239) or by email at registrar@aadistrict5.org.

Grateful to serve,

Tim R.
Registrar, District 5

Monthly District 5 Committee Meeting Schedule

Scheduled meeting time and locations - check with Committee chairs for any changes to times or dates

Committee	Day of Week	Time	Location
Accessibility	4 th Wednesday of Month	5:30 – 6:30PM	INTERGROUP
Archives	2 nd Wednesday of Month	5:00 – 6:00PM	Storage Unit in PC

Corrections	2 nd Saturday of Month	10:00 – 11:00AM	INTERGROUP
DCM	1 st Monday of Month	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
District Finance	2 nd Tuesday of Month	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
Dist. Service Manual	Last Sunday of Month	3:00 – 4:00 PM	INTERGROUP
Literature	3 rd Thursday of Month	6:45 – 7:45PM	Easy Does It Club
PI/CPC	2 nd Monday of Month	6:00 – 7:00PM	INTERGROUP
Treatment	2 nd Thursday of Month	6:30 – 7:30PM	Easy Does It Club

District 5 Committee Meeting Chair Contact Information

Committee	Committee Chair	Phone #	Email
Accessibility	Sarah N.	941-888-4403	snewfield56@gmail.com
Archives	Tony T.	941-916-0966	tonytoth229@gmail.com
Bridging the Gap	Jessica M.	978-491-7403	soberlady77@gmail.com
Corrections	JJ A.	301-481-1327	jarms1045@gmail.com
DCM	Jennifer N.	941-661-1074	jleighton1323@gmail.com
District Finance	Mary O.	941-223-8765	molderich@hotmail.com
Literature	Anne H.	941-286-0793	anneh1022@gmail.com
PI/CPC	Jessica W.	941-800-6935	passiton2006@outlook.com
Treatment	Jason S.	941-875-0474	jsmithelectric44@gmai.com

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane G.

6:14 PM
08/19/19

District 5 GSO Group Contributions July 2019

Name	Amount
11th Step Group	45.00
Another Chance Group	300.00
Englewood Thursday Open Speaker Group	42.30
Eye Opener (Cape Haze)	109.23
Eye Opener Group P.G.	85.00
Grounded	9.92
Inner Peace Group	177.00
Living in Recovery	8.66
Morning Glory Group	49.09
New Beginnings Group	201.00
Rainbow Group	75.00
Sat Oasis Speaker	27.60

Done

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**District 5
TREASURERS REPORT
Aug 20, 2019**

	<u>July 2019</u>	
July Beginning Balance		\$ 6,500.75
Income		
Group Contributions	<u>1,304.80</u>	
Total Income	1,304.80	
Expense		
Delegate	76.97	
Quarterly Lodging/Allowance	1,832.11	
Total Expense	<u>1,909.08</u>	
July Ending Balance		<u>\$ 5,896.47</u>
Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance July		\$ 4,002.14
Prudent Reserve Interest - 7/31/19		<u>0.07</u>
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance July		<u>\$ 4,002.21</u>

Jane G.
District 5 Treasurer
Email: treasurer@aadistrict5.org
941-218-7095

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Mary O.

The Finance Committee did not meet this month. I reviewed the Treasurer's Report and approved. It is the month after a quarterly and according to our Current Practices we distribute funds over 4,000.00 in the operating account. We currently have a balance of 5,896.47 so we have approximately 1,900.00 to distribute. It is up to the body how they would like to distribute. During the business meeting, we will be voting on how to disburse the funds.

We are getting to budgeting time of year. We start meeting in Sept to create a proposed budget. Committee Chairs please meet with your committee members to see how much funds you will need next year. In Sept District meeting we will bring in sheets for each committee to fill out.

During the budget process we need some extra people to help review the budget. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Intergroup office.at 7:00 pm. Please let me know if you are interested. It is a 3 month commitment. (Sept, Oct and Nov)

If anyone would like to attend or has a motion that entails any expenditures not in the budget, the motion will need to be reviewed by the Finance Committee BEFORE it is presented at the District 5 business meeting. Please contact me at 941-223-8765 and we can meet at Intergroup office in North Port.

AD/HOC:

No Report.

WEBSITE:

No Report

TREATMENT: Jason S.

I'm Jason and I am the treatment chair for district 5. We held our committee meeting on Thursday the 13th and there was one person in attendance. I attended the quarterly in Tampa and the treatment meeting on Saturday morning. Nine other treatment chair people were in attendance out of the twenty districts. I always get great conversations with other chair people that have good ideas on how to better their committee. Besides that all the meetings are running well and all the slots are full. There was one bridge this past month and our committee meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:45 at the easy does it club. All are welcome.

CORRECTIONS: JJ A.

Corrections Committee Meeting

District 5- Area 15, South Florida

Minutes of 10/August/2019 Meeting: 10:00-11:30

Attendees: JJ A., Tom M., Bob C., Les H., John W., Jessica K.

AGENDA

JJ A., Chair, called the meeting to order and opened it with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes & budget were reviewed/discussed. More discussion followed, particularly about C.C. dollars being used for non-conference approved literature, like the 24-hour book, etc. so that AA volunteers wouldn't be out of pocket purchasing them. JJ A., (absent from last month's meeting) expressed his belief this would be in violation of AA Tradition of non- affiliation, etc. After group discussion, Les H. requested his motion from last month, supporting this idea, be withdrawn. The Committee agreed. Thus, once again, affirming AA's policy of hearing the minority opinion, which carried the day.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jessica reviewed the status of the flow charts she has developed for Intergroup AA volunteers. She passed around copies of her work for review, and comments. She will get with others to finalize flow issues and type size, etc., and report back to the Committee.

It was confirmed that a CO's presence at AA meetings is a result of the CCI facility becoming a CM Facility.

DCI A dorm's AA meeting is still held up pending approval of Facility Security.

JJ confirmed he has ordered the additional 20 Grapevine, and 10 LaVina subscriptions approved by Committee last month.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Grapevine issues were handed out to various C.C. members based on their AA meeting commitment needs. In Orlando

- A flyer for Area 14 & 15's combined Corrections Workshop was handed out. Date will be Saturday, October 12, 2019, 2pm to 5 pm. in Orlando, Fl. at the East Side Club.
- Last months Grapevine article on the Corrections Correspondence Program was discussed. Several committee members are mentioning it at meetings they attend.
- September volunteer commitments were added to the Calendar.
- It was discussed that CCI's Work camp has really no more attendees. This will be followed up on when the new Chaplain is appointed, probably by Warden of Programs, Kara Williams.
- The Corrections Chair, JJ A., announced his desire to convene a Corrections workshop. It would include perhaps two panels of Judges, Parole Officers, Corrections personnel etc, and the sober "alcoholics" who work with them. The committee's belief was this can be a very positive outreach for us, and was enthusiastically supported. Les H. made a motion to approve the corrections workshop by District 5's Corrections Committee. All approved. JJ will follow this up with who/what, etc. and bring back to the Committee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by...

A Declaration of Unity . . .

This we owe to AA's Future:

To place our common welfare first;

To Keep Our Fellowship United; For on AA Unity depend our lives; And the lives of those to come.

Respectfully submitted, Bob C. Secretary/Treasurer

LITERATURE: Anne H.

No report

ACCESSIBILITY: Sarah N.

There is a new phone number for the Accessibilities Committee so that no person's phone number is so widely distributed. The new number is: 941.888.4403. Also, new versions of the Big Book and 12/12 are coming out from GSO in current ASL.

PI/CPC: Jessica W.

My name is Jessica and I am an alcoholic.

Not much work has been done, honestly. End of summer and kids back to school. Did an in person meeting with Trinity church, in Vencie. We agreed to leave 4 pamphlets and where and when's, in the food donation center, of the church. Where they give food away, Tuesday's and Thursday's for the homeless and low income. They had a shelf already, in place for me to place the literature on.

At our monthly meeting, one other member came, to let me know she can longer do what she was doing. Which I didn't know what she was doing anyways. So, got an idea what she was currently doing, where and what. Got contacts from her, this way I can follow up with those places, she was proving literature. Also, she advised me there are 2 other AA members that, are going places. I asked that she please let them know, whatever they are doing is great. We do need to know where, contact name and what's being left. Just so we are all on the same page. Also, they do not need to join the committee, anything they want to do, is great, just communicating with me, this way, we can keep track.

That's about all, for this month. Thank you.

Jessica

Cell: (941)-800-693

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Margaret

No Report

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

No report

CURRENT PRACTICES: Mark C.

The Book of Motions and the Book of Current Practices are both current and up-to-date.
Love and Service, Mark C.

ARCHIVES: Tony T.

Dear AA District 5. Its been a bit quiet this summer, however, we continue to plug away at the unsorted literature, add the where and whens to the book twice a year, collect the Archival Grapevine printings, and preserve group fliers and announcements. We are Always looking for additional team members, please call the Archive Chairperson with any contributions to our district Archives and don't forget we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Paulsen St, PC location in the Extra Space Storage, at 5pm. You must call Tony so he can meet you at the front gate to let you in!!

Your Archive Chair,

Tony T

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions: DCMs and ACMs

DCM Qualifications: 4 years continuous sobriety; 2 years' service as a GSR (in any District); possess a working knowledge of the AA Traditions and Concepts; ability to visit assigned groups and keep those groups GSRs informed in all General Service Activities; ability to attend all District Meetings and Area Assemblies; perform duties as suggested in the current edition of the AA Service Manual.

ACM Qualifications: same as DCM, but 3 years current and continuous sobriety.

NEW BUSINESS:

***** **Motion**

Aug 20,2019

Motion:

That the composition of District 5 Service Structure be changed to include Alternate Positions all District Chairs and Officers where there are no positions now. Duties and Funding will remain the same for Alternates when they are needed to fill in for a Chair or Officer. The Sobriety requirement will be lessened by one year for Alternates filling these positions.

Presented by Diane P. District 5 Chair

History: Life is unpredictable. No harm in having backup.

2nd Motion from the Chair: Do we want excess District funds to to to groups whose GSR cannot afford to go to a Quarterly? Motion Tabled until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

In June, Ron had posed the question: Can Intergroup share the cost of ASL interpreters at events they sponsor and receive proceeds from?

Discussion tabled until next meeting when we learn results of Intergroup's Meeting and discussion.

Volunteers:

Coffee: George Cookies: Lori

Set-up: George Greeter: Liz and Diane

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm and ended with the Responsibility Statement and Lord's Prayer.

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 69

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – September

OPEN: 7:00 SERENITY PRAYER: _____; GSR PREAMBLE: _____

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: _____ (long form) WELCOME & ROLL CALL:

NEW GSRs: (Name, Group, Town)

NEW AGSRs

ALL GSRs: _____ ALL AGSRs: _____

DCMs: _____ ACMs: _____ Officers: _____ Guests: _____

GSR REPORTS: (name, group, report)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: _____

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM REPORT: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT: _____

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: _____

TREASURER'S REPORT: _____

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: _____

Ad-Hoc/Qtly. Coord.: _____

Website: _____

Treatment: _____

PI/CPC: _____

Literature: _____

Intergroup Liaison: _____

Grapevine: _____

Current Practices: _____

Corrections: _____

Archives: _____

Accessibility: _____

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Open positions: DCMs and ACMs

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE:

COOKIE COMMITTEE:

SET UP: GREETER: Adjourn time: _____

Close with Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer

“Needs and News A-3” – a quarterly newsletter provided by
The Accessibilities Committee of District 5

Do you know of someone who is in need of a ride to a meeting because of a disabling condition? Perhaps a friend has suffered a fall, or is recovering from surgery and would welcome a group of AA's in to their home for a meeting. If so, contact the Accessibilities Committee - because that's why we're here - to make AA available to all alcoholics. New volunteers are always welcome, and appreciated. If interested, contact Bill S at 941.276.1561, or email him at n9ws@comcast.net.

In addition, we are gearing up our efforts to bring
meetings into nursing homes and rehab centers.

We welcome your participation!

Contact Lori E at 941.799.1007 to volunteer in this specific outreach effort.

We serve AA's who are:

- Physically disabled * Deaf & hard of hearing * Blind & visually impaired
- Learning or reading impaired * Seniors and homebound
- * English Language Learners (ELLs)

Informative Websites:

<https://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php> (Online Intergroup)

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/accessibilities-committees (Access Alcoholics Anonymous, the Big Book, and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions on .pdf, A.S.L. and in audio formats.)

Plus much more!

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Intergroup office at 5:30

All are welcome!

ASL Interpreters Needed

Do you know sign language and a member of AA?

Do you know someone who can interpret sign language and may be looking for volunteer work?

The Accessibilities Committee of District 5 is looking for American Sign Language interpreters to volunteer their services for the hearing impaired during AA meetings.

If you are interested in service work, or know someone who is and may be able to help please contact Bill S at n9ws@comcast.net or Mary P at mrypwr62@yahoo.com

From Area 15, for October 2019 Quarterly:

Delegate

Shirley P. delegate@area15aa.org

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Chairperson

Cary W. chair@area15aa.org

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Registrar

Wayne H

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Recording Secretary

Kevin D secretary@area15aa.org

Listening devices for Spanish and hearing impaired available

1. Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer Preamble

Reading of the 12 Traditions

Reading of the 12 Concepts

2. Chairperson's Remarks.....

3. Registrar: Roll Call.....

4. Recording Secretary.....

5. Treasurer's Report.....

6. Finance Committee Report... (After Report Close Vote Count)..... 7. District Reports.....Reports are limited to three
(3) minutes

8. Delegate's Report

9. Alternate Delegate's Report 10. Quarterly Coordinator's Report
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B. Secretary/Treasurer 11. Grapevine/LaViña Committee

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 12. Corrections Committee

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 13. Treatment Committee:

Cary W. Wayne H. Kevin D. Lisa D. Mark C.

Shirley P. Tom W. Karen V. Ray S.

Karen D. Jean G.

Jamie H. Mike A.

Richard S. Ken J.

Jack B. JoAnn B.

Sharon G. Suzanne B. Chris L.

Graham G. Annie C.

Larry B. Melissa B.

Donna W. Robin P.

Warren W. Barbara R.

Enrique S. Lucio H.

14. Archives:

A. Chairperson B. Secretary/Treasurer

A. Chairperson

South Florida Area 15

2019 General Service Committee 2020

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

4th Quarter Business Meeting October 6, 2019

Boca Marriott - Hosted by District 9

This is a Closed Business Meeting Open to Members Only

B. Secretary/Treasurer 15. PI/CPC Committee

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 16. Intergroup/Central Office:

17. Current Practices Committee: Co-Chair.....

Co-Chair..... 18. Accessibilities Committee:

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 19. Literature Committee:

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 20. Web Site Committee:

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 21. Spanish Linguistic Committee:

A. Chairperson B. Secretary/Treasurer

Motion A:

22. Area 15 State Convention Committee: 23. Remote Communities:

A. Chairperson

B. Secretary/Treasurer 24. Outreach Sub-Committee: 26. Old
Business:

27. New Business:

28. Quarterly Bid Cycle July 2020 thru April 2022

Tom W.

Salvatore G. Pablo B. Jamie J.

In an effort to facilitate more effective communication and understanding of the relationship between DCM & GSR as well as to provide a time for information to be presented to DCMs and GSRs,

I move that the DCM and GSR Sharing Meeting at Area 15 Quarterly, merge for the second half of this time slot. This action to be facilitated by the host district program committee. This practice will be for a one year trial basis starting January 2020. Respectively Submitted by: Isabel P. C. DCM District 10

Motion B:

MOTION TO CHANGE THE FORMAT OF GSR AND DCM SHARING

Alter the current DCM and GSR Sharing schedule at the Area 15 quarterly assembly for an experimental 1 year cycle to the following:

That the GSRs and DCMs shall meet separately for the first 50 minutes of the allotted sharing time on Saturday from 2 p.m. To 2:50 p.m., then break for a 10 minute period to either A) Open the partition separating the meeting rooms, or B)

reconvene in the room of greater size to continue the last 50 minutes of the sharing sessions together from 3 p.m. To 3:50 p.m. The panels for each of the 50- minute segment of the sharing sessions shall be a minimum of two and a maximum of four panelists. The combined GSR/DCM sharing panel shall include at least one GSR and one DCM from the 2 p.m. Separate sharing sessions.

Background: In the separate sessions these two groups of trusted servants air their questions and concerns which affect them as either GSRs or DCMs. During the separate sessions, ideas arise and topics are established which would lend themselves to more discussion, and that would benefit both groups. The panel would facilitate the combined group to address the topics directly with one another in a unified discussion. A motion to make the change perpetual could be made to replace motion 141 of the Area 15 Book of Current Practices which establishes a GSR Sharing Session only.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer (Jeny) N. DCM District 5, Area 15

Motion C:

That Area 15 General Service Representatives (GSRs) and in their absence, Area 15 Alternate General Service Representatives (Alt- GSRs) be added as non-funded members of the Area 15 Committee with full motion making, seconding, and amending abilities. Submitted in Love & Service, Alex A. District 8 DCM

Motion D:

Motion: To rescind Motion #579 which reads “That Area 15 be responsible for the cost of the travel expenses incurred by the Delegate in traveling to any of the active Districts in Area 15 once a year in order to give each District a Conference Report, when this financial help is requested by the District Chairperson. It is suggested that when possible, District be self-supporting.”

And to re-affirm motion #309 which reads “Area 15 assumes financial responsibility for all expenses incurred by the Delegate in performing his/her duties.” Eileen J. DCM District 5

Background:

- Full funding for the Delegate is available in Area 15 due to the generosity of the Groups’ contributions. Since Area funds come from the Groups, this is not a question of self-support.
- The guidelines in the current edition of the A.A. Service Manual on page S51 under Expenses states “Many areas also provide funds to cover travel and incidental expenses the Delegate incurs in reporting back to groups and districts within the area.” As an officer of Area, performing Area duties, the Area should fund these expenses.

28. Adjourn Area Business Meeting