

December 17, 2024

Monthly 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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**Next GSR Sharing / Workshop on January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
followed by District 5 General Service Business Meeting at 7 PM
Location: St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287**

To All Standing Committee Chairs and Officers: Please send your monthly typewritten report to secretary@aadistrict5.org by the Friday following the monthly business meeting. The District 5 Recording Secretary will copy your report and paste it into the minutes. For ease of insertion of your report into the minutes, please use 10 pt Arial font and please DO NOT USE ADOBE (.pdf) since Adobe is not compatible with other document programs (such as Word, Google docs, etc.).

GSR Sharing / Workshop 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Opening: Alt Chair/DCM Coordinator, Jessica M. opened the GSR Sharing Session at 6 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Around the Room: GSRs introduced themselves and spoke about status of getting an Alt GSR

Discussion: District 5 Inventory

Close/Break: The session was closed at 6:53 p.m. with request to be back in time for Business meeting at 7:05 p.m.

District 5 Business Meeting:

Opening: Chair Carol R opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Richard of the Can-Do Group

The Long Form of Tradition 12 for December read by Amy M. of the Psychic Change Group

Welcome new GSR's and AGSR's: Mary (Ft. Ogden) and Angela (Punta Gorda)

Roll Call: GSRs: 17 Alt GSRs: 0 DCMs: 6 Alt DCMs: 0 District Officers: 3

Total # of voting members in attendance: 26 2/3 majority=18

Total # of attendees: 29

Announcements of upcoming events: Please email flyers to the District 5 website chair at webchair@aadistrict5.org to have the event posted on the District 5 website.

Volunteers to make coffee and bring snacks to the January 21, 2025, GSR Sharing Session and District 5 Business Meeting (to be ready by 5:30 p.m.): Coffee: Richard of the Can-Do Group Snacks: Joe of Venice Young People's Group & Mary of Ft. Ogden.

Chairperson's Report – Carol R., District 5 Chair:

My name is Carol and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is June 16, 1987, and my home group is the Eye Opener Group in Punta Gorda. I am currently the District 5 Chairperson. Welcome to the District 5 business meeting!

January Quarterly Assembly:

The January Quarterly Assembly will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota January 3-5, 2025. **Hotel Parking** is free but we won't be able to park at the hotel due to construction. Parking will be two blocks away at the Van Wezel event parking lot. However, free valet service is available at the hotel for overnight guests and for quarterly attendees

with a handicap placard. If you are not staying overnight, you will need to self-park at the Van Wezel and walk or take a shuttle to the hotel.

Area 15 Sunday Business Meeting: The following District 5 positions are eligible to vote at the Sunday business meeting this weekend: District Chair (or voting Alternate), DCM (or voting Alternate), and GSR (or voting Alternate). **If you are in one of those positions, please be seated at the District 5 Table no later than 8:40 a.m. so that the District 5 Chair can give an accurate vote count to the Area Registrar before the business meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.**

Flyers for the next quarterly are always made available on Sunday morning of the current quarterly. Check the flyer to see what time the hotel room reservation line opens (usually at 9 a.m. or 12 noon the next day). I highly recommend that you book your room as soon as reservations open since they often sell out within 5 minutes. When booking your room, please be sure to follow the instructions on the flyer to ensure Area 15 gets credit for its contracted room block.

Districts 1 and 15 are hosting the January quarterly in Sarasota and need volunteers from District 5 to help with greeting, registration, etc. Here is the link to the online app which allows you to sign up for an opportunity that works with your schedule: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAAEE2AA5FBC07-54029834-january>. Please announce this service opportunity at groups you attend and feel free to share the link with anyone who wishes to volunteer.

TIPS FOR QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY ATTENDEES: It is sometimes cold in the meeting rooms so please bring a sweater or jacket • There will be a Hospitality Room open at certain times that serves free beverages and snacks to attendees • There is a Saturday night banquet. If tickets are available, you can purchase them for \$47.00 each at the quarterly using cash or a check • If you plan to attend the banquet, you may want to get in line early with your friends if you want to sit at the same table.

I have enjoyed serving as the District 5 Chairperson for the past 2 years and have very mixed emotions about the end of my term. Being D5 Chair was an amazing experience and gave me even more enthusiasm for AA and happiness in my sobriety. I'm grateful to have served with such a wonderful team of individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to their Home Group, District 5, Area 15 and AA as a whole! Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

And lastly, I'd like to give a warm welcome to the incoming 2025/2026 (Panel 75) District 5 Officers and Committee Chairs. I have included their names and positions on Page 11. Looks like District 5 is going to have a great new panel! **We are ALIVE in District FIVE!!!**

Respectfully submitted, Carol R., District 5 Chair for 2023/2024 term (Panel 73)
passport423@gmail.com

Alternate Chair/DCM Coordinator Report - Jessica M.

My name is Jessica, my sobriety date is November 27th, 2010, and I'm an alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to serve District 5, as your Alternate Chair/DCM Coordinator.

The DCMs met on Monday, December 2nd, 2024, at the Intergroup office. We opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Six DCMs were present: Fred (PG/Arcadia), Deb (parts of Venice), Spence (Englewood), PJ (PC), Ruby (PC/PG) and Jessica (North Port). **We are still looking for several new DCMs to cover sub districts for the upcoming District 5 term beginning in January 2025; including to but not limited to: North Port, Venice and help covering Englewood, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.** The suggested qualifications are 4 years; continuous sobriety, 2 years' experience as a GSR in any District, working knowledge of the 12 Steps, Traditions & Concepts, the ability to make it to all District 5 business meetings, as well as the Area quarterly assemblies, and the ability to perform duties suggested in the service manual. These are mere suggestions and we are autonomous. If you're interested in serving District 5, but don't meet every qualification, we are more than willing to work with anyone interested in general service.

There are 4 DCMs that have not completed their two-year term and will continue serving into the next term. All of the DCMs will make a concerted effort to get to all of their groups before the end of the year to encourage home groups to elect a GSR so they can be represented in District 5, Area 15, GSO, and AA as a whole. We will also suggest current GSRs consider standing as an ADCM or DCM.

We reviewed the meetings/workshops for the upcoming January quarterly assembly and assigned DCMs to each meeting but there are a couple of meetings that can't be covered so we will ask at the December GSR sharing meeting if any GSR would be interested in attending/reporting on those meetings. Also, we reviewed all of the motions, of which there are 9.

We ended the DCM meeting at 8:05 with the Responsibility Statement. Our next DCM meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 7:00pm at the Intergroup office. We would encourage anyone to attend these meetings - especially current GSRs or anyone interested in becoming a GSR or DCM. For any new GSRs there are Orientation packets & Service Manuals available. Also, usually the January GSR sharing meeting is set aside for the GSR orientation for all new GSRs & a review for current GSRs. They will then receive a new handout with any changes.

I want to express my gratitude to the entire District for supporting me during the last several years. My health has steadily gone downhill; therefore, I will be taking a break from District work. As everyone always says, you don't quite "learn" your position until the end of your term & I couldn't agree more. Thank you to everyone for your patience, love & understanding & I look forward to returning to District work once my health improves.

In love and service,

Jessica M

Alternate Chair/DCM Coordinator

Recording Secretary – Tre – absent - Last month's minutes approved

Registrar's Report – Lynn I – absent but provided the following written report:

It has been a pleasure serving as your District 5 Registrar over the past 2 years. I'm happy to report that there is some interest in filling this position as I exit. I've been in touch with the new area 15 Registrar, Lea A., and have provided contact information to the potential incoming replacement. Lea expressed her desire to help in any way she can for the transition in this position including online orientation which I found most helpful when I rotated into service.

I'm available if needed to help with the Data entry system Air Table as well as any other questions concerning this position. Yours in Service, Lynn I

Treasurer's Report – Tim S.

District 5 Treasurer Report November 2024

Thanks to all the groups for their generous contributions: Eye Opener, The Lunch Bunch, Men's Book Talk, Came To Believe, PMS, Women's Barefoot, Under The Tree's, Serenity Group, The Breakfast Group

Group Contributions	851.35
Dist. Basket	70.00

Total	921.35
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Payments Oct. Qtrly

203.38

Storage	176.94
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Church Don.	65.00
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Corrections	35.31
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Dist. Coffee	12.94
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Dist. Invent	60.30
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Kathy G

Total	553.87
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The 2025 Budget has gone out, we may have to increase the Grapevine by 100.00 per their request. Could not do before the minutes went out for the December District Meeting. Mentioned to Barbara B. that she could request the additional

monies from district in a few months, or when needed.

GSO is requesting that contributions be made online if possible. Go to aa.org and follow the instructions
Otherwise, send check to
PO Box 2407
James A Farley Station New York, NY
10116-2407

Area 15

Area 15 Treasurer
2950 W Cypress Creek Rd Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33309

District 5, please make check payable to District 5 Treasurer and include group name & number District 5 Treasurer
PO Box 7356
North Port, FL 34290

Love & Service

Tim S 941-809-9543

1:55 PM 12/09/24		District 5, Area 15 Reconciliation Detail Fith District Service Committee, Period Ending 11/30/2024				
Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						9,215.07
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 6 items						
Check	10/16/2024	3086	Deborah B	X	-203.38	-203.38
Check	11/13/2024	Debit	Extra Space Storage	X	-176.94	-380.32
Check	11/16/2024	3099	Bill D.	X	-35.31	-415.63
Check	11/20/2024	3101	St. Nathaniel's Church	X	-65.00	-480.63
Check	11/20/2024	3102	Kathy G	X	-60.30	-540.93
Check	11/20/2024	3100	Jesica M	X	-12.94	-553.87
Total Checks and Payments					-553.87	-553.87
Deposits and Credits - 10 items						
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	womens Barefoot Gr...	X	7.58	7.58
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Came To Believe Gr...	X	20.00	27.58
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	PMS Group	X	20.00	47.58
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Mens Book Talk Gro...	X	22.65	70.23
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Meeting Under The ...	X	68.12	138.35
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Cash	X	70.00	208.35
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Serenity Group	X	100.00	308.35
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Lunch Bunch Group	X	120.00	428.35
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	The Breakfast Group	X	156.00	584.35
Deposit	11/21/2024	Dep	Eye Opener Group	X	337.00	921.35
Total Deposits and Credits					921.35	921.35
Total Cleared Transactions					367.48	367.48
Cleared Balance					367.48	9,582.55
Uncleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 4 items						
Check	08/27/2024	3075	Joseph Armstrong		-164.24	-164.24
Check	10/16/2024	3083	Jessica M.		-119.19	-283.43
Check	10/16/2024	3097	Jesica M		-84.19	-367.62
Check	11/16/2024	3098	Jay B.		-40.12	-407.74
Total Checks and Payments					-407.74	-407.74
Deposits and Credits - 2 items						
Check	03/19/2024	3038	Voided Check		0.00	0.00
Check	10/16/2024	3091	Voided Check		0.00	0.00
Total Deposits and Credits					0.00	0.00
Total Uncleared Transactions					-407.74	-407.74
Register Balance as of 11/30/2024					-40.26	9,174.81
Ending Balance					-40.26	9,174.81
Prudent Reserve				4,010.20		
Check book Bal.				9,174.81		

Standing Committee Reports

Standing Committee Chairs: Please limit your verbal report to 3 minutes or less. Feel free to add more information in your written report which will be included in the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Ad-hoc Committee Report – not applicable - no Ad-hoc Committee at this time

Accessibilities – Open position (This position was filled tonight for the 2025/2026 term and is documented under Old Business)

Archives – Ernie E. – absent, no report

Correction Facilities – Jay B. - verbal report given

Current Practices - Jeny N. – absent, no report.

Finance – Tim R. all is well with Finance. He will be moving to Ocala and will miss seeing everyone. We will miss him too!

Grapevine – Barbara B. – absent, no report.

Intergroup Liaison – PJ - absent due to family illness, no report.

Literature – Deb B.

Hello District 5!

I want to thank the district for allowing me to fill in for chair Jill during this panel. I've learned so much and am prepared to serve as your Literature chair these next 2 years~ Our committee met the last Wednesday in November:

•Received ~Plain Language Big Book and will be reading and reviewing ~ •Attended ~ Area 15 Literature Committee online meeting :

a) Were made aware there are a couple editing corrections to next allotment of Plain Language ~

b) will be shown at next 1/4ly digital posters~ • 1/4ly GSO Report states :Big Book 5th edition subcommittee has selected 50 stories from the 2500 to be reviewed by Trustees of the Literature Committee ~ •74th Annual GSC meeting stated : total literature pieces sold: 3819,357 (books, booklets, pamphlets, misc.) •Finalized our flyer to attract interest in our committee • Lisa D email Holiday Special sent email out 12/2 to GSR's •Present Carol R a gift for all her help and being a presenter in our virtual workshop ~ many thanks 🍷📚

•Next meeting is tomorrow Dec 18 @ 4:30 at the Frances Bourne Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd in Venice

We are flexible with time and place ~

Please email us literature@aadistrict5.org

in love and service

Deborah B

D5Literature chair 🍷📚

PI/CPC – Angela M.

In the last quarter of 2024, PICPC was approached by Peacemakers zoom PICPC chair about an initiative targeting the 55+ communities to increase awareness of on-line AA meetings. The project originated somewhere in Washington State.

This turn-key project includes a poster, pre-written telephone script and an Excel Spreadsheet of all the 55+ facilities in Charlotte County. The spreadsheet has columns for notes from the person who makes initial contact with the facility. This format allows us to provide feedback to the district about the actual number of facilities that participate and keep track of all literature distributed to them.

On November, I met with Carol R. and Gayle F, the zoom POCPC chair, and tailored the correspondence to our district contacts.

Intergroup was notified as the poster displays their number as an additional resource.

The list of 55+ communities includes assisted living facilities and RV parks as well as regular 55+ neighborhoods. These

facilities have been divided among the volunteers who will be making the initial outreach calls using the pre-scripted outline as a guide.

If the contact is interested in participating, a personalized follow-up letter, as well as a packet is sent via mail or delivered in person. This information is noted on the spreadsheet by the volunteer who made the phone call for evaluation and follow-up purposes. Participating volunteers all have access to the main database.

The packet contains a pre-written personalized letter, a poster announcing the program, and the following pamphlets:

- The Newcomer Asks
- How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals
- AA at a Glance
- Is AA for You?

If the facility has expressed interest in displaying additional AA literature, the pamphlets are delivered and this information is noted on the spreadsheet.

As a group, we have decided to kick off this initiative in January after the holidays.

Personally, I would like to thank all the amazing people I have met at District 5 for the honor of representing our AA community as your PICPC Chair. This position has given me a much needed boost of confidence and helped solidify my sobriety like nothing before ever has! It has been such an honor to serve in this position! Thank you all for the wonderful ways each and every one of you has helped me learn about our district and the true meaning of service. Service is definitely Key! Submitted by: Angela M, PICPC Chair, District 5

Treatment Facilities – Stephanie P.

Our committee has carried the message to CBHC Rehab 3 evenings a week for November and December. It is going well. We continue to take 1 meeting each week to the CSU during the daytime on Fridays as well.

I will be stepping down as Treatment Committee Chair and serving as District Alt Chair for the next term starting in January.

Jason S., who has previously served as D5 Treatment Chair has stepped up to be willing to stand as our District Treatment Chair. Also, Tyler L. is going to help coordinate BTG. I will be meeting with them in early January to make the transition.

I will be attending the Area Quarterly Treatment committee in Sarasota on Jan 4.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Treatment Chair this term.

Yours in Service, Stephanie P.

Website – Tom D.

The WordPress Website Instructions are almost finished and will be available to anybody working on the website. These instructions will be specific to our District 5 website. Butch and I are still working on making the website more phone friendly. We are still meeting at 1:00 pm Thursdays on Zoom. If you want to attend our Zoom meeting, you can use the Contact Form on the website or the webchair@aadistrict5.org email and we will send you the Zoom information. If you want a flyer posted use the webchair@aadistrict5.org and include the flyer using the link.

As my term on the Website Committee Chair comes to a close, I've been reflecting on my time serving our group.

I've heard that 10% of the people do 90% of the work. Our service isn't about power or recognition; it's about being a small part of something much bigger than ourselves. It's about ensuring that the hand of AA is always there for the next person who reaches out.

I've been honored to maintain and to contribute to our Website. It's a chance to give back some of what's been so freely given to me.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to have played a role in carrying our message of hope and recovery. It's been a deeply rewarding experience, and I know that the spirit of service will continue to be a part of my own recovery journey.

Thank you all for giving me the privilege of serving in AA.

Tom D.

Old Business:

1. **2025 Proposed District 5 Budget** – GSRs were asked to take the proposed District 5 budget to their home groups and bring their group's vote for approval or disapproval to tonight's meeting. **The floor is now open for discussion. No Discussion. Carol took a sense of the body and the body unanimously approved the proposed budget.**
2. **Distribution of the \$3600 in District 5's excess funds for 2024** – GSRs were asked to take this item to their home groups to get their group's recommendation on how they want District 5 to distribute its 2024 excess funds this year. They were asked to bring their group's recommendation to tonight's meeting. **Discussion:** Some groups wanted to split the excess funds between Area, Intergroup and GSO. Others said their groups strongly felt that, since the money was contributed to District 5, they want the money to remain in, and benefit, District 5. Carol asked Marie and Nancy, who are very active at Intergroup, how Intergroup is doing financially. They said that Intergroup is doing okay.

A motion was made and seconded to split the money between Area 15, Intergroup and GSO. The motion failed. A motion was then made by Jean M. of The Living Sober Group to send \$600.00 to Intergroup and split the remaining \$3,000.00 among the District 5 standing committees. This would give each committee a bigger budget to work with to better carry the AA message and would keep the excess funds in District 5. After discussion, it was determined that some of our standing committees do not need a bigger budget. Tim R., Finance Manager, amended Jean's motion to send \$600.00 to Intergroup and to distribute \$1000.00 each to the District 5 PI/CPC, Corrections and Treatment Committees since they often struggle to stay within their budget. The amendment was seconded. The amended motion passed with more than 2/3 majority.

3. **2025 Area 15 Proposed Budget** – GSRs were asked to take the proposed Area 15 budget to their home groups and bring their group's vote for approval or disapproval to the Sunday, Jan 5, 2025, Area 15 business meeting at the January Quarterly in Sarasota.
4. **Filling of District 5 Positions for the 2025/2026 (Panel 75) term:**

There are still two open District 5 Officer Positions for the 2025/2026 term:

District 5 Treasurer - The qualifications for the Treasurer position are:

- A minimum of 3 years' continuous sobriety
 - Ability to keep accurate financial records
 - Attends all monthly District 5 business meetings to present Treasurer's report
 - Attends all Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies and participates in the Area Quarterly Treasurer's meeting.
- NOTE:** The Treasurer is reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night's hotel stay + 30.00 for one meal for attending the Area Quarterly Assembly.

Does anyone wish to stand for District 5 Treasurer?

Kevin C. stood for District 5 Treasurer and was unanimously elected. Congratulations, Kevin!

District 5 Registrar - The suggested qualifications for the Registrar position are:

- Ability to keep up-to-date group records and forward changes to the Area 15 Registrar
 - A minimum of 2 years' continuous sobriety
 - 2 years' service as a GSR in any district in the US or Canada
 - Attends all monthly District 5 business meetings and presents a verbal Registrar's report. (Emails type-written Registrar report to secretary@aadistrict5.org by the Friday following the business meeting for inclusion in the minutes.)
 - Attends all Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies and participates in the Area Quarterly Registrar's meeting. Gives report of meeting at next District 5 business meeting.
- NOTE:** The Registrar is reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night's hotel stay + 30.00 for one meal for attending the Area Quarterly Assembly.

Does anyone wish to stand for District 5 Registrar?

Amy M. stood for Registrar and was unanimously elected.

Since our last business meeting, two open District 5 Standing Committee Chairs positions for the 2025/2026 term have been filled but need your approval:

Accessibilities Committee: Angela M. has agreed to be the Accessibilities Committee Chair for the 2025/2026 term. Carol asked the body if there was any disapproval of Angela as the new Accessibility Committee Chair and there was no disapproval. **Please welcome Angela M. as our new Accessibility Committee Chair.**

Treatment Committee Chair: Jason S., who has previously served as the District 5 Treatment Chair, has agreed to be the District Treatment Chair for the 2025/2026 term. Carol asked if there was any disapproval of Jason and there was no disapproval. **Please welcome Jason S. as our new Treatment Committee Chair.**

We still need standing chairs for the PI/CPC Committee and Grapevine Committee for the 2025/2026 term:

Suggested qualifications:

- minimum of 2 years' sobriety
- knowledge of AA's 12 Steps and 12 Traditions
- becomes familiar with the AA workbook for their committee. The workbooks can be viewed and ordered from the GSO website (aa.org)
- Attends all monthly District 5 business meetings and presents a verbal committee report. (Emails type-written committee report to secretary@aadistrict5.org by the Friday following the business meeting for inclusion in the minutes.)
- Attends the Area 15 Quarterly and participates in their committee's workshop. Includes summary of workshop in their monthly report at the next District 5 business meeting.

NOTE: Standing Committee Chairs are reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night's hotel stay + 30.00 for one meal for attending the Area Quarterly Assembly.

Does anyone wish to stand for District 5 PI/CPC Committee Chair? No One Stood

Does anyone wish to stand for District 5 Grapevine Committee Chair? No One Stood

The District 5 PI/CPC Committee Chair and Grapevine Committee Chair positions remain open. Please announce at groups you attend and ask those who are interested in standing to attend the January 21, 2025, business meeting.

We still need DCMs and Alternate DCMs for the 2025/2026 term:

DCMs and Alternate DCMs

DCMs are needed for the following locations: North Port, Port Charlotte, Port Charlotte, Online Meetings, Punta Gorda, and Venice.

Suggested Qualifications: 4 years' continuous sobriety, 2 years' service as a GSR in any district in the U.S. or Canada, working knowledge of the AA traditions and concepts. **Duties:** Attends monthly DCM Committee meeting. Visits assigned groups and keeps those group's GSRs/contacts informed of General Service activities. Makes sure the District 5 Registrar has the correct information for each assigned group. Attends District 5 business meetings. Attends Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies and while there, attends the DCM Sharing Session on Saturday, workshops assigned by the DCM Coordinator, and the business meeting on Sunday.

NOTE: DCMs are reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night's hotel stay + 30.00 for one meal for attending the Area Quarterly Assembly.

Alternate DCMs are needed for all locations: Arcadia, North Port, Port Charlotte, Port Charlotte, Online Meetings, Punta Gorda, and Venice. Qualifications and duties are the same as DCM.

NOTE: Alternate DCMs are reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night hotel stay + \$30.00 for one meal for attending the Area Quarterly Assembly **when attending the assembly in the DCM's place.**

Does anyone wish to stand for District 5 DCM or Alternate DCM? No One Stood

These spots are still open. Please announce at groups you attend and ask those who are interested in becoming a DCM or Alternate DCM to attend the January 21, 2025, business meeting to stand for the position.

New Business:

January Area 15 Quarterly Assembly Motions that need your group conscience.

Link to Agenda in English: [Agenda Area 15 Business Meeting January2025 English](#)

Link to Agenda in Spanish: [Agenda Area 15 Business Meeting January2025 Spanish](#)

Chair Carol gave a brief review of the motions on the above agenda.

- Motions A through I under Old Business on the Area 15 Agenda above were on the October 2024 agenda but were tabled until the January 2025 Assembly. **Since you already got your group's conscience for those motions, you don't need to take them back to your home group again.** Simply bring the conscience you would have brought to the October Assembly to the January Assembly.
- Motion A under New Business on the Area agenda is the only motion you need to take back to your group in order to bring your group conscience to the January 5 Area 15 business meeting. It reads:

Motion A: To update Motion 638, approved by the Area 15 body in July 2008, requiring the Area to defray the Alternate Delegate's travel and expenses to attend the International Convention not to exceed \$2,500, **adding the phrase "unless already funded"**. Respectfully submitted, Karen V., Area 15 Panel 73 Treasurer

Background for Motion A: In 2014, the Joint Advisory Committee, which oversees the Florida State Convention, approved a motion to fund the Alternate Delegates of North Florida Area 14 and South Florida Area 15 for travel, lodging and meals to attend the International Convention every five years. This funding augments monies the committee makes available from proceeds of the Florida State Convention to support the Florida hospitality room at the International Convention every five years, which is hosted by the two Alternate Delegates. This **housekeeping** motion brings Area 15 current practice in line with the committee's willingness to cover the Alternate Delegate's expenses connected to the convention and relieves Area 15 from the financial responsibility for as long as the committee is able to continue its support.

Next Month Reminders:

- **January 3-5, 2025: Area 15 January Quarterly Assembly at the Sarasota Hyatt Sarasota** at 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL. Here are the flyers with all the details: [English Flyer](#) [Spanish Flyer](#)
- **January 21, 2025: GSR Sharing at 6 p.m., followed by District 5 business meeting at 7 p.m.** at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church in North Port. Richard will make coffee; Joe & Mary will bring snacks.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Spence and seconded by Richard.

Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

District 5 of South Florida Area 15, 2023/2025 General Service Committee

Website: www.aadistrict5.org

The Information below must not be posted in public places or clubs, etc.

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