NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE 1st Quarter Assembly, January 15, 2017

"Supporting Our Future"

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chairperson: Annette **D**. - Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Let the record show that the Assembly was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday January 15, 2017.

Registrar: Stephen R. - We have 181 voting members in attendance this morning with two-thirds being 121.

Reading of Anonymity Statement and short form of the 12 Concepts.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary: Lori P. – My name is Lori P., it is my privilege to serve as your Secretary for Panel 67. Minutes forwarded from the Panel 65 secretary to the Registrar in a timely manner. I met with past Secretary Annette D. after the Officers Interim Meeting held in Gainesville in December. All materials and laptop were passed forward to me. Envelopes were printed for mailing of the minutes via U.S. Postal Service at a cost of \$300.00 for 1,000 envelopes. There will be one correction to the October minutes; Roll Call this morning was done by Stephen R. our new Registrar instead of Richard C. as noted on the Agenda of the Minutes. I have received no other corrections to the Minutes for October; are there any other corrections at this time? Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Chair entertained a motion to accept minutes, motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Terri-Lynn S. – I am an alcoholic and my name is Terri-Lynne S; I am privileged to serve as your NFAC Treasurer. The Financial Statements on the table is our Annual Report for 2016. Let's start with the top form, the Balance Sheet. We currently have \$85,316.15 labeled Total Checking/Savings which combines three separate accounts: Sun Trust checking at \$15,031.33, Sun Trust money market at \$40,016.68 and Sun Trust CD at \$30,268.14 that will mature 12-6-2018. The prepaid expense account of \$1,749.43 represents expenses incurred by Panel 67 members before the end of 2016. We do not want members to have to wait to be reimbursed but at the same time we must show the expenses in the correct year and correct budget. The inventory of \$1,480.26 is our Grapevine store retail and Grapevine Subscriptions that we had on hand after the October Assembly. Moving on to the next page, titled Assembly P & L Actual. vs. Budget report, you will see contributions of \$47,143.11 are slightly higher than projected. Historically contributions do pick up in the 4th quarter. We also received outside contributions from other A.A. entities in the amount of \$5,595.80. Our annual expenses shown on page 4, labeled Total Expenses of \$45,858.80 were much less than our 2016 budget at \$60,295.00. Our year ended with net income in excess of expenses in the amount of \$12,489.47. The detailed Group Contribution Summary Report is next and shows total contributions of \$47,143.11 on page 7. Referring to the last page titled Prudent Reserve and Financial Summary: This is the time of the year that the Treasurer Reports to the Fellowship where we stand on our Prudent Reserve. In

summary, this page shows how the Prudent Reserve is calculated and at this time the NFAC is over Prudent Reserve by \$35,762.00. According to our Structures and Guidelines the Finance Committee will be addressing the Prudent Reserve at the April Administrative Committee meeting. Thank you.

Southeast Regional Trustee – Chet P. (from the tape) -

Chet provided a brief Overview of the Trustees Board Weekend as of the last weekend in October 2016. Chet currently serves on 3 Trustee Committees; Chairing the Trustees Nominating Committee, Serving on Trustees' Committee on Archives and Corrections. The Trustees Board Weekend provided a unique experience as the previous week the World Service Meeting was held. A good number of World Service Delegates were still on hand and participated in some of the Sharing Sessions. During that weekend, Chet was able to have breakfast with the German Delegate who spoke of the founding of the German Conference; and how 2 years later they founded their own Board of Directors along with the trials and errors they went with perhaps what we take for granted that Bill W. gave us as part of his legacy in the mid 1960's. . Chet then provided an Overview of the Quarterly Report from the General Service Office, some information of which is slightly dated as the information is based on the October 2016 Report but do show a trend. Based on the report coming from A.A.WS, the Public Service Announcement "Doors" has aired over 80,000 times in the U.S. and Canada in the last 12 months with 588,000,000 audience impressions. The French and Spanish versions of this PSA will start to air this month. Through September 30th, gross sales are roughly \$59,000. ahead of budget, with eBook sales 43,000 units. The Hebrew, Polish and Thai translation of our Big Book are continuing with the Navajo translation in its final stages of completion. Online sales make up almost 60% of all A.A.WS sales. Financial, at the end of 9 months revenue reported are almost \$800,000 greater than budgeted; and operating expenses are almost \$700,000. under budget. Chet will receive the final reports at the next Board Weekend in two weeks.

Grapevine reported their challenge of carrying the message. Their focus is on subscription sales to maintain self-support of the *Grapevine* and *La Vina*. Over the last 5 years *Grapevine* subscriptions have been declining at about 5 % a year. As of this last Quarter the decline in subscriptions has leveled off. The Senior Editor reported web traffic for the *Grapevine* Website at 41,000 unique visitors and 192,000 page views. *La Vina's*

Circulation is roughly 100 less than last year with a total of 10,415 subscribers.

Archives Committee agreed to forward proposal to the Conference Committee for a new book *Unity in* Action, Bill W.'s General Service Talks 1951-1970 (working title) for consideration. The Conference Committee agreed to forward the final report from the subcommittee on electronic voting at Conference to the 2017 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions with the recommendation that the Conference move ahead to use electronic voting for all Conference voting with the exception of elections for Regional Trustees and Trustees-At-Large, which are conducted by ballot. Cooperation with the Profession Community/Treatment and Accessibilities agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference Committee a recommendation that a LinkedIn page be developed for C.P.C. committees. They also agreed to forward to the Treatment and Accessibilities the revised and retitled draft of "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" to the 2017 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities for approval; accepted the draft revision of the service piece "Serving Alcoholics With Special Needs"; and accepted the new "Accessibilities Checklist". Correction Committee reports progress made with the Canadian government agency, Corrections Canada, in support of A.A.'s Corrections Correspondence Service in the Canadian federal corrections system. The new video "A New Freedom" has been viewed online 470,000 times since it became available in July of 2016. Additional consideration is being given for an abbreviated version of the video being developed for a public service announcement. Finance, the news is good through O3 with a 13% increase in the Seventh Tradition Contributions. Traditionally contributions have been rising at about 2% a year which is concerning as costs have been raising at about 3% a year. There was a 2% increase in Literature profits and a 7% decrease in employee costs (due to retiring employee positions not being re-filled/re-placed). There was a 4% decrease in other Operating Expenses. There was an approximate \$900,000.00 profit projected over projected budget for last year. Of the 13% increase in contributions, this can be attributed to 1250 new groups contributing. The so-so news is that group contributions has remained flat at about \$200.00 per group. Much of the increase was due to individual and on-line contributions. The number of people now using the recurring on-line contribution is about 500. This may be attributed to the fact that people may not be aware that they can go to aa.org and sign up for the recurring contribution on-line. As of the end of September the reserve fund had roughly \$15 million is earning about 1% which constitutes about 9.8 months of expenses. The Finance Committee also heard a report from a Sub Committee on Convention Accounting and Funding and will make no changes to current practices. International; The committee noted that the General Services Offices is continuing to work on developing a workable process to deliver A.A. literature to Cuba. In the past literature has been delivered to Cuba through Mexico. The 24th World Service Meeting was held in Rye Brook, New York there were 60 Delegates from 41 countries or zones attending. We are in the pioneering phase of developing A.A. globally. International Conventions and Regional Forums: A report was heard from Greg T. for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. The Committee recommended and the Board accepted that an "Opt In" box be added to the 2020 International Convention Registration for members who would like to receive additional communication from either A.A. Grapevine or A.A. World Services. In Literature, the Committee agreed to forward to the Publishing department the following with respect to revision "A.A. for the Woman", "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" and development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues. Finally, the Committee agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference Committee the draft language informing members about young people's conferences, and to the 2017 Conference Committee on Report and Charter a request to add a footnote on Concept VIII. Nominating: The Committee recommended and the Board approved that Elaine McDowell be reinstated as trustee emerita on the General Service Board. Ms. McDowell was a Class A Trustee who resigned due to family matters. Because she had resigned. and this being a voluntary position, Ms. McDowell was reinstated and approved. The Nominating Committee was very involved in the nomination process of the new Board and there were 3 candidates vetted; and Michelle Grinburg will be put forward as the upcoming Chair of the General Service Board. Public Information: the Sub Committee reviewed the timing of the Membership Survey and agreed that it will be conducted this year just as it was last year. They are also gathering information on the possibility of future surveys being conducted on-line. Currently, these are done by pencil and paper. The general concern of a potential on-line survey would be the statistical accuracy of the survey in terms of representing the Fellowship as a whole. Looking forward, the first weekend in February there will be a Delegate's Get Together in Atlanta where Joyce and Heather will attend from our Area. The Get Together although it may sound like a social event is an event designed to prepare the incoming Delegate and their Alternate to attend their first Conference. It is also designed so that the Regional Trustee delivers the year-end report. Thanking us for the opportunity to serve, Chet's path to Southeast Regional Trustee started in Area 14 and as of this report now ends here.

Delegate Report: Joyce C. – Good Morning everyone, my name is Joyce C. and I am honored and privileged to be serving as your Delegate to the General Service Conference. I am humbled by your trust in me. Who knew when I walked into my first A.A. meeting, dirty and disheveled that I would be your

voice to the General Service Conference. When I got here, I was told I would be happy, joyous and free. I had no idea that I would have days as joyful as yesterday and I thank you for that.

First, I wish to recognize and thank our Past Delegates for their service: Panel 45 - Dan E., Panel 51-Tom G., Panel 53 – Corliss G., Panel 55 – Michael S., Panel 57 – Fred H., Panel 59 – Chet P.-Southeast Regional Trustee, Panel 63 – Marilyn B., and for the first time as Past Delegate, Panel 65 – Glenn W. Thank you all for your service. The work of Area 14 has been going on non-stop since our election assembly in October, your Chair and I have worked very closely discussing several topics, including planning an interim Officers meeting to prepare new panel members for their jobs. We also are working to revitalize non-represented Districts. Last November, I received a welcome letter from our General Service Office accompanied by information helpful to the new Delegate. The theme for the 67th Conference is "Supporting Our Future". During the Conference there will be presentations or discussion topics: Growth, Participation and Contributions. These might be good topics for you to use in your workshops. Late in December, I received correspondence informing me that I was assigned to the Literature Conference Committee. This will keep me very busy at conference I'm sure. I was warned by a Past Delegate that my working day just went from 12 hours a day to 16 hours, we'll see if that holds true. I am excited and ready to take on that challenge. Of course, I will need your help to get ready for Conference. Around February 14th we will receive the Final Agenda Items and Background material. We will distribute these electronically. However, if you require a CD, please let me know. Remember that the background material is not anonymity protected; it is for A.A. members only. I am eager to begin the round of pre-conference workshops around North Florida. I truly believe that the disseminating of the information in this way gives us a significantly greater informed Group Conscience for me to take to the Conference in April. In December, I attended he Southeast Regional Forum chaired by our own Chet P. Area 14 hosted this event. In appreciation of Area 14 hosting this event, the General Service Office generously left us a large amount of literature not taken during the weekend. 434 attended, of those 214 were first timers attending a Regional Forum. There were many Trustees in attendance; 2 Class As, 1 past Class A, 3 Regional Class Bs, and 5 past Class Bs, 10 staff members from the General Service Office and many Southeast Regional Delegates. Of the\$1,000.00 contributed by Area 14 for coffee \$988.20 was spent to furnish 18 gallons of coffee. Over 60 volunteers worked as greeters, registration, signs, setup and takedown. Thank you to everyone participating, especially Past Delegate Cecilia R. organized the host committee. The presentations and sharing sessions were focused on many different topics. The Forum report will be out in a few months. If you would like a copy, please contact me at delegate@A.A.northflorida.org. The next time the Forum comes to North Florida won't be until 2024! So, if you missed this one, mark your calendars, the next will be in Sterling, VA November 16-18, 2018 at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott Hotel. On to Area events, I was invited to participate in a GSR Workshop in District 11 on December 10th - Incoming DCM, Deb along with members Daryl, Marcela and Ray did a great job pulling this informative workshop together. I facilitated a "mock" Area Assembly including the "making a motion" process. This was a great service workshop for new GSRs and for anyone interested in General Service. The Southeast Regional Delegate's Get Together will be held February 3-5 in Atlanta. I will be attending with our Alternate Delegate and several Past Delegates. This is always a very informative and sharing event, where I will be assigned a Conference "buddy". I already have one from California assigned by GSO. The 4th Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSA.A.SA) will take place November 10-12 in Atlanta. The flyer is posted on our Area website. Yesterday I co-facilitated the Service Sponsorship workshop with Annette and many helpers, including Dan E., Past Trustee. Thank you Dan for your help. As I said, "Supporting Our Future" is the Theme for the 67th General Service Conference, 2017. At A.A.'s 25th Anniversary Bill Wilson asked this question: "... Where do we go from here and what is our

responsibility for today and for tomorrow ...Will we continue to search out the ever-present flaws and gaps in our communications?...Will we resolutely address ourselves to those many tasks of repair and improvement which even now the future is calling upon us to undertake? Still clearer vision and an evermounting sense of responsibility can be the only answers to these questions." As we seek new ways of communications to reach the still suffering alcoholic wherever they may be we must always be aware that the future is now in our hands. Each of you is part of that channel as I pass information to the DCMs who pass the information to the GSRs who pass the information to the groups, I hope that with your help we will inform the groups everything they need to support all of A.A.. The telephone was significant in the beginning of A.A., Ebby phoned Bill W., then, in the Mayflower Hotel Lobby Bill used the telephone to locate another drunk to work with. Today, smart phones, email and the Internet top the list of preferred communication methods society seems to have accepted, if not embraced the increased role technology plays in everyday life. So, how are we "Passing the Message"? Are we reaching the still sick and suffering? Let us use every means of communications possible within our Traditions! I plan to use the Delegate's Corner on our website whenever I have information I think you will be interested in. The first one posted on January 1st. I am available by phone, email, text and I am attempting Twitter, so follow me if you like at delegate a 14p67. If you try to contact me and don't receive a response within 24 hours, please use an alternative method to let me know. Again, Pre-conference workshops will be offered to any Districts who request them. It would be helpful if they are combined with other Districts in their Area. I am not sure what the format will be until I see the agenda items, but my calendar is open for you. If you request a workshop, I will pencil it in, and confirm when I get a flyer for the event. Thank you for trusting me to be your voice at the General Service Conference.

Another quote from Bill W. in Language of the Heart "A.A. Communication Can Cross All Barriers"

Alternate Delegate's Report: Heather V. W. – Since our last Assembly Joyce C. our Area 14 Delegate and I have met to transition information for the Growth Committee and the Florida State Convention Oversight Committee and inform me on those committees. Joyce has also shared with me her plans to disseminate the Conference Agenda Items and ensure all Districts are well informed. The Delegate and I plan to visit combined and individual District(s) personally to host those workshops after February 14, 2017 until the next General Service Conference. I was invited to attend the Florida State Convention Joint Advisory Committee in Orlando, Florida where Annette D. rotated out and David G. was introduced as the new Chair, our next meeting will be held February 25, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. I also met with the Annie C. Delegate for Area 15 at the South Eastern Regional Forum to be given the Treasurer materials and briefed on the reporting for this Committee. I look forward to accompanying our Delegate in February as we attend the Delegates Get-Together in Atlanta, GA. Thank you for the honor of serving Alcoholics Anonymous.

Chairperson's Report: Annette D. - Good Morning Annette D. - Home Group Early Birds in District 12. It is my privilege to serve as your Chairperson for Panel 67. I would like to welcome our new GSRs and DCMs with orange badges. This first assembly of the Panel is always exciting to see so many you. Please stand so we can recognize you. Thank you for your service. I hope you give us many opportunities to help you along the way. I would next like to welcome our visitors with Green Badges – Please stand. Thank you for coming – we know you didn't have too, and we hope you will continue to come back – maybe you will decide to sign-up. I would like to thank all of the Panel 65 Officers and Service Coordinators for their help in passing on their experience strength and hope to us. The

transition meeting was held on November 20th in Gainesville. After everyone traded "stuff" and information, we relocated to the Triangle Club for our first Panel 67 Officer's Interim Meeting. Notes of that meeting will be in the minutes. I want to thank the Triangle Club in District 14 for making us so welcome. I also want to thank Terri-Lynn for her willingness to almost immediately take over some the treasurer responsibilities after elections. Thank you to Marilyn B. for stepping in last year as Interim Treasurer and for working with Terri-Lynn. Their work together is an example of collaboration and, not only allowed me to focus on assembly planning, but Terri-Lynn has been able to step in this weekend ready to go because of their efforts. And thank you to Dick G. for his assistance with tax return issues. In planning for Assembly this weekend, I have met several times with our Delegate to share ideas and keep her informed of our progress in preparation for this weekend. I also have met individually with several of our panel members. Joyce and I reached out to District 16 and I am thrilled to have them represented this weekend. We welcome you, and hope you keep coming back. The October 2015 Area Inventory has been received and uploaded to the website password protected area. The modified Structures and Guidelines approved in October 2015 have been received and are on their way to being uploaded. Normally, everyone would have received a copy this weekend, per Structures and Guidelines. However, it did not seem frugal to make copies they were finished. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns or questions about either item. We will have an Ad Hoc Committee charged with overseeing this year's Inventory. Melanie E. has agreed to Chair the committee. We will finalize the members and they hope to have their first meeting at the April Assembly. Our next Officer's Interim Meeting will be 3/11/2017 (3/18/2017), probably in Orlando. Please take time to complete our survey for the weekend. We thrive on opportunities to improve and need your feedback to do that. I attended the Southeast Regional Forum as my first official responsibility and I appreciate your support to attend. It was enlightening and educational. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Alternate Chair Report: Richard C. – Our Attendance this weekend: GSR's/Alt. 144, DCM's/Alt. 38, Officers/Service Coordinators/Administrative Chairs/Past Delegates 32, and Visitors 56 for a total of 270. Thank you Glenn W. for being Past Delegate for the weekend. Thank you District 20 for hosting Friday night, District 3 for the Grapevine, District 9 for the Traditions and for the Saturday night and Sunday basket and District 11 for Registration. For the April Assembly the Past Delegate for the weekend will be Michael S. and District 24 Registration. We still need a Host District, Grapevine and Friday night. Please recycle your badges by leaving them on the Registration table on your way out. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Registrar: Stephen R. – Attendance report for the January 15, Business meeting.

223 Total attendance.

18 Voting Officers and Service Coordinators.

163 DCM and GSR.

181 Total Votes.

121 2/3 majority

18 Visitors

21 non-voting Alt DCM OR Alt.GSR

2 non-voting Officers

1 Translator.

This report does not include Past Delegates and special guests. Respectfully, Stephen R.

SPECIAL REPORTS

61st Florida State Convention Report: Ruth R. - Greetings from Jacksonville, the home of this year's Florida State Convention! We are all very excited to be hosting you in July.

We'll be at the Hyatt Regency on the beautiful St. John's River in downtown Jacksonville again. It's a great property, with a roof top pool, a fantastic restaurant with locally sourced food and enough rooms that we've never needed an overflow hotel.

As anyone who's been to a Jacksonville convention knows, we have a reputation as having the best Hospitality Room in North America! Even though we're geographically in FL, we throw down the food like we're in GA, which is just a few miles away! You can eat breakfast, lunch and dinner for free in our Hospitality Room. We'll have pizzas, sandwiches, donuts, bagels, fruit and junk food galore. It will fill you up without putting a dent in your wallet! We also have coffee all day and night in there! In addition to great speakers, wonderful workshops, lots of meetings and fantastic entertainment, we'll have a couple of sporting events. The Golf Tournament will be held on the Ocean Links Course at Amelia Island Plantation. With 5 holes on the ocean, the views are spectacular! A buffet lunch will be provided and is included in the tournament price of \$85.00. If you're a golfer, you won't want to miss this! The 5K Run/Walk will be routed along the banks of the St John's river, starting right outside the hotel on the Riverwalk. Of course, it will include at least one of our famous bridges for those who like a challenge! Just remember, it's a Run/Walk, so if you're a new runner, don't let the bridge scare you you can walk up it and run down. It's a beautiful route! Jan 21st is our big Volunteer Rally for Northeast Florida. It's at 10am at the JABA Club in Jacksonville. If you find yourself in our Area that day, we'd love to have you come. We'll have food (of course) and drawings for prizes. All of our Committee Chairs will be there to recruit volunteers to round out their committees. Our next Host Committee Meeting will be at 10am on Jan 28th at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. At that time, we'll also do a walk through so all committee Chairpersons can familiarize themselves with the layout of the rooms. We are actively seeking volunteers to participate in "Service Manual—The Musical". It's a totally irreverent, but factual musical based on our Service Manual. You have to see it to believe it. This will be an encore performance from last summer. Attendance was sparse due to the early morning scheduling, but it was so great, we wanted more people to be able to see it. The time slot will be much better this year, now that we know how great it is! Anyone who was there was laughing till they cried at some of the numbers. It was fantastic! Please email us through the website or at my email address below if you are interested. You don't need talent—just enthusiasm and a desire to have fun!

Sales through Sunday 1/15/17

REGISTRATION S	516
A.A.	495
AL-ANON	15
GUESTS	5
BANQUETS	227
FRIDAY	83
SATURDAY	144

ICE CREAM SOCIALS	83
FRIDAY	36
SATURDAY	47
SPORTING EVENTS	14
GOLF	8
5K RUN/WALK	6

MERCHANDISE SALES	\$166
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$525
ROOM BLOCK	1,300
NIGHTS BOOKED	496
PICK UP RATE	38.20 %

Last summer there were 2,700 in attendance, so we have a long way to go! Regarding the banquets, I know it seems like a long way out to buy tickets, but please remember that the earlier you buy your banquet tickets, the closer you will be seated. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Scholarship fund. If you haven't yet, you can donate in increments of \$5, \$10 or \$35 on our website, floridastateconvention.com and help someone who's less fortunate than you to attend. Finally, I just want to sincerely thank those of you who have already registered. We are so grateful for those of you who can afford to register in advance. Those monies allow us to plan and put together a great convention. If you haven't already registered, please consider doing so soon. It will really help us in our preparations for the convention. You can do that at floridastateconvention.com. We can't wait to see all of you in Jacksonville on July 27th! Thank you so much for allowing us to serve. Ruth R.---chair2017fsc@gmail.com; Walter S--- treasurer2017fsc@gmail.com.

62nd Florida State Convention Report – Presented by proxy; Ruth B.: Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic a member of the Tamarac Group my name is Gary L. My sobriety date is November 9th 1997. I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Sober New Year!!! Great to be back here with you guys and representing District 9 in hosting the 2018 Florida State Convention at the beautiful Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa. Thank you Guidance and District 9 for your support here today. The dates of our Convention are August 15th – 19th, 2018. Pre-registration is \$35.00, on site is \$40.00. We are hopeful to bring up the amount of pre registrations by doing this. Jayme, Treasurer for our Convention and I met with the Marriott on August 25th 2016 and the contract has been signed. We gave the Marriott a \$2,000.00 deposit with a balance of \$5,000.00 due December 2017.

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After sending out our Taper request form, we received 3 responses back and after much review have decided to go with Vision Audio. They have thankfully accepted so we have our Taper for the Convention. Our Co Chair for the Convention, Karen V. is in the process of working with Vision Audio to iron out the details of our agreement with PSAV. Karen did an outstanding job of this in 2014 so we're in good hands with this for our convention. Thank you Karen. Our Guidance Committee which consists of the Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Co Treasurer, Secretary, and Program Chair and Hotel Liaison have been meeting once a month to oversee the details of the Convention. All decisions made for the convention will go before our Guidance Committee for approval or disapproval. We did this in 2008 and 2014 our last 2 State Conventions and it worked very well.

I'm happy to report that out of the 30 plus committee's for the Convention we have 30 Chair people in place and will be working on filling the rest in the next month or so. Our Guidance Committee will be splitting up the 30 plus Convention committees between us so we can be there to offer our experience and support. Each Guidance member will have 4 to 5 committee's to oversee. Again we did this in 2008 as well as in 2014 and our experience has been this works very well. Our Program Committee Chair Lisa D. and her committee have already met and are listening to CD's of speakers. They will be meeting monthly and will probably listen to well over 60 speakers before finalizing their decision for our Convention speakers. Thank you Lisa.

Logos are starting to come in now and will be voted on and finalized either at our January or February planning meeting. As far as planning meetings with the fellowship, we took November and December off for the Holidays, and we'll be meeting from January 2017, every month until the convention. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve. And thanks to the many volunteers who have already stepped up to the plate to do service for the Convention. Some who are here today. Can't thank you enough. You guys are the best. We are all fired up and ready to have another awesome convention back at the beach in 2018!!!

In Love and Service, Gary L., Chairperson 2018 Florida State Convention

NFAC Florida State Convention Oversight Committee: Heather V. W. – There were 27 in attendance and thank you Melanie E. for taking notes. Kelly J. accepted the position of Joint Advisory Committee Representative. As Alternate Delegate I am responsible to Chair the Florida State Convention Oversight Committee. The 60th Florida State Convention held at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor Florida has closed its books. The final report was read at the Joint Advisory Committee. A disbursement of \$1,500 was donated to Area 14. We began the meeting with a brief description of the responsibilities of the NFAC Florida State Convention Oversight Committee, the Committee provides oversight of the Florida State Convention when it occurs geographically within the North Florida Area. Next, we heard a report from Ruth R. Chairperson and Walter S. Treasurer from the 61st Florida State Convention. Gary L. Chairperson for the 62nd Florida State Convention submitted a report that was read. We passed out a bid proposal for the 2019 Florida State Convention in Miami Florida which will be brought to the Joint Advisory Committee for consideration by Area 15. The Next Joint Advisory Committee will meet on February 25, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORTS

Accessibilities Report: William F. – We opened our Workshop with the Serenity Prayer. Past Accessibilities Chair, September Grace gave us an overview of what has taken place in the last 2 years in North Florida Area 14 Accessibilities. Highlights were on the many difference areas of Accessibility issues beyond deaf, blind and disabled. We proceeded to discuss how and when the Accessibility Committee began. Beginning in 1976 at the 26th. General Service Conference when it was voted to divide the Trustees' and the Conference Institutions Committee into Sub Committees; a.) Correctional Institutions b.) Hospital and Rehabilitation Centers. Moving into 2009, it was recommended that the committee's scope be expanded to include service to Special Needs/Accessibilities and that the name of the committee be changed to the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities. Finishing the discussion with the Accessibility Checklist, that in 2016 was included in the Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit. Discussion ensued on how Districts and Groups can use the checklist to inventory their accessibility to all alcoholics and if our meetings are not accessible to all maybe it is time to "MOVE YOUR SPACE". We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge at 2:30 p.m.. 14 people were in attendance. In love and service, William F.

Archives Report: Maria S. – I am Maria S. and I am an alcoholic and my sobriety date is March 13th, 1998. My home group is Jaywalker Big Book study in Daytona Beach, District 21. I have the honor of being your Archives Service Coordinator for Panel 67. We showed 2 different DVDs in the Archives Room on Saturday. They were "When Love Isn't Enough" The Lois Wilson Story; and "Inside Saturday Evening Post". During lunch the documentary "God as We Understand Him" was played and 17 people ate lunch and enjoyed the presentation. During our workshop, Carolyn C. from Volusia County Intergroup presented a slide show of the history of A.A. in Volusia County which detailed first members, meetings, club houses and such. After the presentation there was a question and answer session. I then asked our members what they would like to have presented to them or learn about in the future. My goal is to create workshops that would be of interest to attendees. We closed at 2:29 pm with the Responsibility Statement. Lastly, Vivian F. has agreed to be my Alternate Archives Service Coordinator. I am truly grateful to serve you all. Thank you.

Archivist: Scott B. - Good Morning Everyone, Scott B. Area 14 Archivist. I am so grateful to still be serving our wonderful fellowship, also proud and humbled to be a part of Panel 67 and looking forward to working with all of you! Received Group chips from the "Service Center" Group in Jacksonville FL. Located at 4th and Main St. We were also able to document an Area 14 election process with the Panel 67 Officer election at the 2016 Oct. Assembly. Archived a few photos of ballots and tables, badges and voting with all the actual colored "post it note" scribbled ballots. Maybe someday Area Panel voting will be electronic and we will look back on this paper and pencil method with nostalgia and fond memories. I was able to attend my first Southeastern Forum, AMAZING!! What a wealth of information and powerful presentations. This biennial event is a must for anyone involved in A.A. service, "actually" anyone that is a participant in our fellowship should make sure they don't miss this event. I had planned to make the last one but could not; I certainly won't do that again. To be in the same rooms and able to ask any questions of so many caliber personnel was refreshing. Delegates, Past Delegates, Trustees, GSO, Grapevine, General Manager, World Service Director, and Board members!! TOO many to count and so many willing and able. It was almost like having a direct line to our Service Conference without having to write a motion and wait a year for the conference report. Every question was met with a direct answer or avenue for solution. Spirituality and Service at its best. I even brought up a question concerning Area Archivist research within the registrar program "fellowship New Vision" that started with the New Vision GSO Tech support, differed to GSO Archivist for research, and this warranted a look by our GSO Archives Director for final solution a few days after the Forum. What an amazing process.

I am looking forward to participating in the 3rd Annual FL A.A. Archives Workshop on Feb 18, 2017 in Winter Park; and have been asked to assist past Area 14 Archive Service Coordinator Kevin G. with Archives at the 61st FL State Convention- July 27 thru 30, 2017 in Jacksonville. Hopefully I will see everyone there!!

And lastly, I will close with an interesting bit of Area history. Our friend and Past Delegate Marilyn B. looks to have become the first and only Area 14 Delegate/Past Delegate to have regained voting privileges a 2nd time. Most Delegates are done in their voting at Assembly once their term is completed; but Marilyn was asked to serve as our interim Treasurer with the passing of Kay M. and in such was a voting member again. Thank you Marilyn! Thank you so much for allowing me to serve and participate in our amazing fellowship! Yours in Service, Scott B. Archivist Area 14 Panel 67.

Cooperation W/Professional Community Report: Mark A. - Good Morning, my name is Mark A., and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as your North Florida Area 14 Cooperation with the Professional Community Service Coordinator. We had 34 people in attendance at our workshop this morning, with representation from 18 Districts. We began the workshop with an introduction of the mission of CPC service work, outlined how our 12 traditions apply to working with Professionals, and identified the wide variety of Professionals who can be informed about the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Next, Alternate CPC Service Coordinator, Dr. Larry, presented his own experience, strength, and hope with his introduction to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the work done to establish a successful CPC committee. Several suggestions of how create and effectively sustain a CPC committee were exchanged, to include being goal oriented; to set time limits to accomplish those goals; and to be well-informed about what A.A. is, and what it is not. We also discussed from experience how to best speak to Professionals and their support staff, and to avoid speaking in a manner which they may infer as directed toward themselves. Furthermore, attendees were exposed to the breadth of A.A. literature that can be used as a resource to leave behind after personal contact with

professionals, as well as the importance of a follow-up after the initial meeting. Finally, the past rapport with Public Information work was reiterated, and I am excited to continue a close service relationship with our Area PI Service Coordinator, Clark, through email lists and monthly conference calls bringing together members of both committees. The Mark and Clark show could be coming to a town near you! As your Area 14 CPC Service Coordinator, one of my primary objectives is to offer support and guidance to all Districts in our Area regarding establishing and maintaining interest in CPC service work, and Dr. Larry and I are willing to present workshops to help achieve that purpose. Finally, I would like to see the reach of CPC work extend beyond local Districts, and out to both Regional and State professional organizations and associations by way of tabling and/or presenting at conferences within our North Florida Area, as well as direct involvement with our Area 14 Treatment and Corrections committees as part of this vocation. I encourage all Districts present here this morning to think about what CPC work can be done in your community. Remember, we're here to help you help those still in need. I'm excited about all the things we can accomplish together, one day at a time. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Respectfully Submitted, Mark Albrecht, NFAC Panel 67 CPC Service Coordinator.

Corrections Report: Anthony S. – Note Taker Cheryl S.. I invited Marty Coleman to join us from Treatment to share his knowledge of the "Bridging the Gap" program which is shared by both Corrections and Treatment. It was very informative and we thank Marty very much. We look forward to working together in the future.

I then had a friend in A.A. share her story of bringing A.A. meeting into jails for over 12 years. She not only shared her knowledge and successes but also addressed how rewarding this work is. Discussion then took place over the many different rules and protocol one must go through to be allowed into correctional facilities. The Workshop ended with discussion of A.A. pamphlets dealing with subjects such as pre-release contact and corresponding with those inside.

Cooperation with Intergroup Report: Paula D. – Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic and my name is Paula D. It is truly a pleasure and privilege to serve North Florida Area 14 as the Intergroup Service Coordinator for Panel 67. Our new Alternate Intergroup Service Coordinator is Judy G. of District 31. She joins us with a variety of experiences of services pertaining to Intergroup. We will be working together to carry the message throughout Panel 67 to benefit Area 14, and the Districts. I would like to thank Steve N. of District 28 for taking notes during our workshop yesterday. We had 20 attendees at our workshop; representing eight Districts, five of the participants were Intergroup Representatives, Chairs or Office Managers of Central Offices. They brought a continuum of experiences with Intergroup Service commitments. We had a great deal of information brought forward and experiences shared. Discussions of the workshop included: We reviewed the "A.A. Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Offices" (which are found on the A.A..org website). We identified the autonomy of how each Intergroup / Central Office operates supporting the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. "A.A. Intergroup" is also located on the A.A..org website which has topics and suggestions for Intergroup. Where in the world is Intergroup in the A.A. Service Structure! While Intergroup is part of A .A. as a whole, it is not included within the A.A. Service Structure. It provides supporting services to the A.A. entities.

What is Intergroup and what its role is in A.A.?, "Sharing common problems and solutions" – The common theme was "It takes volunteers to make it work" and how do we attract individuals willing to serve. Some solutions presented included: Some Intergroups breakdown commitments into shorter timeframes and smaller tasks to increase the attract individuals who may have limited time available to serve, Ask! Ask! Ask for help – let the fellowship know what we need help with regarding service needs! Flyers! Announce needs at every meeting. Post needs on your website and in newsletters! Sponsors encouraging sponcees to volunteer.

How do the different Intergroups function in cooperation with Districts and A.A. as a whole? The most important thing is the telephone hotline. Our "voice of attraction". Intergroup is often the first line of co ntact with the general population via the hotline and the Meeting lists. Intergroups often publish newslett ers, and provides literature to their District (s) or Groups. Some of the benefits of Intergroup: Can be a "safe" place for people to go, Hotline, communication link for events. We also discussed potential topics of interest for our upcoming workshops for the Panel. Some of these ideas included: More information a bout Carrying the Hotline and going on 12 Step calls. Services the Intergroup provides to A.A. as a whole? Treatment, Literature, Grapevine, Accessibilities, Corrections, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Districts, and Groups. Selling A.A. Approved Literature and/or carrying literature which has not been approved by A.A.

Family Unity – since A.A. brought them back together. Understanding World Service Please feel free to contact me! I welcome the opportunity to be of service to your District and local Intergroup. I can be reached by email at intergroup@A.A.northflorida.org. Thank you for this wonderful privilege and opportunity to serve the North Florida Area 14.

Grapevine/La Vina Report: Deb B. - Grapevine/La Vina: Deb B. - Good morning. My name is Deb B.; and I am an alcoholic. I would like to thank the Chairperson for appointing me to serve as the Area 14, Panel 67, Grapevine/La Vina Service Coordinator. I would like to start by introducing your new alternate Grapevine/LaVina Service Coordinator, Toree D. from District 4. Thank you District 3 for doing an awesome job hosting the bookstore and selling raffle tickets! The money collected helps to maintain a sufficient and diverse inventory on hand. We vended \$247, including sales tax, in the bookstore and \$215 in raffle tickets for a total collection of \$262. Last night, we had the pleasure of giving away seven *Grapevine* subscriptions, congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to everyone for your support. We had a fantastic and informative workshop covering the difference between A.A. literature and *Grapevine* literature. We also discussed "conference approved" literature and the fact that just because something is not conference approved does not mean the conference disapproves of the publication. Furthermore, we discussed reprinting copyrighted material and citing the correct publishing house; for example, when printing the A.A. preamble, cite the phrase: "Reprinted with permission of A.A. Grapevine, Inc." Grapevine literature is amassed into many different books including Language of the Heart, Best of Bill W., Emotional Sobriety, and the newest book, Our Twelve Traditions. One can order these books in print, multiple electronic formats, or cd. We covered copious facets of the website and then many of us wrote or recorded and submitted our story to the Grapevine magazine. Twentyseven members attended and Toree D. from District 4 took the minutes. Thank you to Area 14 for giving us this opportunity to serve you. Thank you to Paula D. for an awesome turnover from Panel 65 and to Peter C. for continuing on the work as the DCM for District 4. The presentation is available in PowerPoint or Keynote format for anyone who would like a copy. Additionally, we are available to give workshops to your Districts. Please give us a call.

Literature Report: Marcela W. - We discussed definitions of Conference approved literature including duties of Literature Committees at the group, District and Area level Literature services provided by the General Service Office. Ideas were shared about stocking a literature rack purchased from GSO to use at your Home Group or at A.A. events. We then talked about our Literature Catalog and the various books and pamphlets, among many other items, available free and for purchase, directly from GSO or at your local Intergroup. Participants asked questions and shared their experience serving in literature committees.

Looking forward to see you in April to discuss the Literature Conference Agenda Items. Forever grateful, Marcela W.

Public Information Report: Clark M. – Hello, my name is Clark and I am an alcoholic. I am also privileged to serve as your Area 14 Public Information Service Coordinator for Panel 67. Our workshop was conducted yesterday and 32 were in attendance. The history and purpose of Public Information in Alcohol Anonymous was presented. Each attendee received a copy of the A.A. Guidelines for Public Information, suggested goals of Public Information service and a suggested literature list. The Public Information Kit, as prepared by the General Service Office, was made available for review. The Strategic Plan, adopted by the General Service Board in February of 2016, was discussed. Those goals related to Public Information were presented to the attendees. The results of the 2016 General Service Conference related to Public Information were presented, along with actions anticipated for the 2017 Conference. Thank you to my alternate Public Information Chair, David A., for presenting a very informative session on how to establish a Public Information committee in the Districts. He shared on what District 14 is doing and how his committee operates. A main goal of mine is to establish a Public Information Chair in each District, and to have a corresponding committee make suggestions and implement ideas into their community. We ended the workshop with a sharing session among the attendees. A lot of great ideas were presented that members can consider in their Public Information service work. David and I look forward to visiting the Districts to provide workshops or any other type of assistance to assist in expanding the outreach of Public Information throughout Area 14.

Treatment Report: Marty C. - Good morning family. We had a very productive 1st Workshop. There were 30 A.A's in attendance, in which 9 agreed to serve on the Area 14 Treatment Committee. That gives us a committee of 11 to start Panel 67. Peter C. (Alt.Treatment Service Coordinator) and I set 3 goals for our first Workshop. In order to be of service to the Treatment Facilities in the Districts of Area 14, we felt that our 1st priority should be to identify and locate them and see which Districts they fell in. We put together a large 3 x 5' map of Area 14 with District boundaries. We had color coded stick pins to identify the locations of In-patient Treatment Center, Out-patient Treatment centers, Detox Center, and Halfway Houses. As we identify locations, we also have them listed with their addresses. We asked our workshop attendees to come up and place pins where they know of Treatment Facilities in their Districts. We will continue to do this at each Assembly Workshop. Peter and I will be doing research to add to the map between Assemblies.

Our second goal was to introduce a "Bridging The Gap" Program. We explained the pamphlet forms for the patients and A.A. Volunteers. We will be ordering a stock pile of these forms to have on hand. BTG Programs are typically handled by Intergroups and/or Central Offices. We are going to attempt to implement our Bridging The Gap Program on a District level via Treatment/BTG Workshops. Peter and I plan to blanket Area 14 and provide Treatment Workshops for all of our 33 Districts during our

rotation in Panel 67. Our third goal was to get some feedback and participation from the workshop attendees. We talked about types of treatment facilities including VA Hospitals, Salvation Army and Nursing Homes. We discussed how to approach the facilities, how not to, HIPPA Laws, and points/people to contact (via the Treatment Workbook). We have a lot of work to do! Peter, the Area 14 Treatment Committee and I are ready and eager to get to work. We hope to have good news of our progress for you at the April Assembly. We will also be setting up a Conference Call for our Committee in the near future to aid us in having regular communication between the District Treatment Committees between Assemblies. This Committee is on fire and we are setting very obtainable goals, 3 at a time and taking them from a-z, then setting three more. We are trying to instill this approach in the Districts of Area 14 as well. We look forward to any GSC Agenda Items we may be receiving from our Delegate Joyce in late February and eager to get to work on them. In loving service, Marty Coleman, Area 14 Treatment Service Coordinator, Panel 67.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report: Greg N. – Meeting opened with the serenity prayer. Paige B. volunteered to be the note taker, and Paige B. was elected unanimously as Alt. Chair. The rest of the meeting was used to discuss three proposed motions brought to the Finance committee.

- 1) Fully fund the Delegate to attend the General Service Conference in New York (\$1,600->\$6,500) \$4,900 total. For 2017. Approved (unanimous)
- 2) Website Amend the 2017 Budget to increase the webmaster stipend from \$50/month to \$100/month. Approved (unanimous)
- 3) Increase the NFAC Budget by a total of \$12,980 in various Areas, as noted in handouts on tables at business meeting and listed in the motion proposed at business meeting. Approved (unanimous)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.. We closed with the Responsibility Pledge. Greg N, NFAC Panel 67, Finance Committee Chair

Growth Committee: Heather V.-W.; Lon L. Alt. Growth Chair - Meeting began with roll-call of the eight Districts assign to Growth District(s) 1, 4, 7A, 9, 11, 20, 25, 30, Eight of the DCMs were present along with 14 interested members. Considering this being our first Growth Committee meeting of the new Panel, responsibilities were read. Our first order of business was Structures and Guidelines. It is customary we distribute an updated and current version of Structures and Guidelines for the new Panel.

Our Chair and Parliamentarian were invited to give some history of the Ad-hoc Committee role from (2014-2016) which constituted cross-referencing the Advisory Actions and Structures and Guidelines to clear up inconsistencies. Fourteen motion(s) were discussed and voted on. Thirteen motion(s) passed and will come to the floor under new business. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Site and Agenda: Richard C. – I would like to thank Kathy C. for taking notes. We looked at the 2019 and 2020 bid packet. Updating the packet was found needed to cover our current needs. Discussion on the need for help and ways this could be done too get more bids. If you want to help please email me and I will send you a copy of the bid packet. We had a discussion on the status of the bid packets that are currently out to hotels. We will have a motion coming out of committee under new business. I asked Meriem M. District 13 to be my Alternate and she agreed to be. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Website: Steven N. – Nine of the ten Committee Assigned DCM's were present. They included David H. of District 7B, Evan S. of District 12B, Pati C. of District 14, Richard F. of District 22, Richard F. of District 22, DCM Diane S. of District 24 (also alt DCM Amy W.), Richard W. of District 31, and Jeffery W. of District 32. District 19A was not present. There were also seven visitors.

- 1. The group first reviewed the North Florida Area Conference Website Guidelines each receiving a hard copy. The guidelines are on the website also.
- 2. The group reviewed the Webmaster Service Agreement and discussed it resulting in two motions:
- a. It was moved seconded and passed unanimously to increase webmaster stipend from \$50 per month to \$100 per month. That motion was sent to the Finance Committee where it passed unanimously. The committee thanks past chair William F. for attending finance and presenting background information to that committee.
- b. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to re-issue the webmaster service agreement with increased stipend if approved by the assembly for the two years of panel 67 (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018) and amend the last paragraph to reflect current website committee chair and NFAC Panel 67 Chair.
- 3. The NFAC website report for the quarter beginning October 1st and ending December 31, 2016 was read. It included the following information. During the past three months there were 25,886 visits to the website by 20,961 viewers who looked at an average of 1.5 pages per visit. 62.71% of the visitors used phone devices, 33.89% used desk- or laptops and 3.94% used tablets. After the home page the ten most visited pages were Spanish Steps, Spanish Traditions, Assembly Agenda, Meeting Info, Spanish Responsibility Statement, Spanish Serenity Prayer, Spanish Unity Statement, Documents, and the Map of Area. It is interesting to note that of the 38,846 page views 78.67% were of the Spanish Mirror of the site. 79.14% of the visitors to our site were new with 20.86% being returning visitors.
- 4. Protected Area password will be changed following the Assembly and will be sent to Registrar to send to all DCMs.
- 5. View a power point of the NFAC website flow which will be emailed to all committee members.
- 6. Discussed with Archivist Scott B. new pages for archiving redacted historical material. The chair of this committee will work with the Archivist.
- 7. Discussed a brief history of the website. We thank Past Chair Rita C. for her participation and contributions to this discussion.
- 8. Answered a variety of questions and concerns over some District web sites.
- 9. Expressed appreciation to webmaster Alex M. for his quick responses, above and beyond duty contributions including translating the mirror Spanish NFAC website.

The committee thanks the Assembly for allowing us to serve.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

From Finance: Move to increase our Delegate's 2017 budget for the General Service Conference by \$4900. **Passed, 3 opposed**.

From Finance: Move to amend the 2017 budget to increase the Webmaster stipend from \$50.00 per month to \$100.00 per month. **Passed Unanimously.**

From Finance: Move to increase the NFAC 2017 budget by a total of \$12,980.00 in various areas as noted in handouts on tables. Supporting information follows:

Hotel and Mileage Expenses section: 9140-Mileage for panel \$3,500., 9150- Past Delegate Hotel and Mileage \$300.; Conference Operations: 9220-Officer Interim Meetings \$400., 9260- Equipment Repair and Maintenance \$1,000., 9280-Orientation packages \$1,000.; Assembly Costs: 9420-Hosting Expense \$200.

Passed Unanimously

From Growth: 13 Motions to change Structures and Guidelines January 2017. **Tabled to be published** in the Minutes and voted on at the next Assembly.

Background: It appeared that the existing Structures and Guidelines had changes that might have required a motion. In October 2015 a modified Structures and Guidelines was approved by the body, which eliminated these changes because they may have needed approval by the body before they were implemented. These motions are now needed to update the approved copy. These changes are updates to current practices and update language.

1. **Currently states:** Not Applicable

specific page and the format is:"(pg. ##)"

<u>Motion:</u> All references to the NFA (North Florida Area) or NFA.A. (North Florida Area Assembly) may be changed to North Florida Area Conference or NFAC.

Reason: This is now our legal name and would be a correct reference. Current document is not consistent.

- Section 2. Definition, Item 5 <u>Currently states:</u> The North Florida Area, is the legal entity, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, through which the Assembly conducts business with the public.
 - <u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 2. Definition, Item 5 to read: North Florida Area Conference, Inc., is the legal entity, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, through which the Assembly conducts business with the public.

Reason: Change the reference to the correct corporate name. Rest of Item deleted, as it pertains to a different topic. Next motion re-formats and modifies it.

Section 2. Definition, Item 5 <u>Currently States:</u> References to the A.A. Service Manual are to the 1992-93 edition of the Service Manual and are to the specific page and the format (pg. SXX). <u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 2 to add Item 6, to read: All references to the Service Manual will be to most current revision. If the referenced language of the Service Manual changes, Structures and Guidelines will be modified to the correct language. References are to

Reason: Current approved Structures and Guidelines refer to 1991 version of the Service Manual. No language exists to clarify that language should also be updated.

4 Section 4 ASSEMBLY FORMAT (MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS) <u>Sunday 2nd sentence</u>

<u>Currently States:</u> Roberts Rules of Order (as modified by the 1991 revision of General Service
Conference information handout, copy of which is included as Appendix A) have been adopted by the NFAC.

<u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 4 ASSEMBLY FORMAT (MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS) <u>Sunday 2nd sentence</u> to read: Robert's Rules of Order (as modified by the current revision of General Service Conference information handout, Summary of Conference Procedures, copy of which is included as Appendix A) have been adopted by the NFAC.

Reason: Current approved Structures and Guidelines refer to 1991 version of the document. Current practice is to use the current version of the document, and "Summary of Conference Procedures" is added to clarify what document is referred to.

5 Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRTIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN- Growth Currently States:provide the Secretary with a list of changes for Structures and Guidelines. Such Changes will be made without the need to publish and vote.

<u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRTIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN-Growth to delete last sentence.

Reason: Clarify that language, not just page numbers should be updated, and delete "Such changes will be made without need to publish and vote." There is no existing requirement to publish and vote on changes to Structures and Guidelines, so this sentence isn't necessary.

6 Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN-last paragraph <u>Currently States:</u> (e.g. An election committee, as described in Section 8 of these guidelines).

<u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTARTIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN-last paragraph to delete (e.g., an election committee, as described in Section 8 of these guidelines.)

Reason: Current Practice, the Area does not have an "Election Committee"

7 Section 6 SCHEDULING AND NOTICE OF NFAC ASSEMBLIES Order of Business Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 6 SCHEDULING AND NOTICE OF NFAC ASSEMBLIES Order of Business to read:

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<u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines, Section 17 Area Officer Funding to delete the reference to "at the hotel/motel where the assembly takes place" to "reimbursed at the assembly rate at the contract hotel."

Reason: An officer is not required to stay at the assembly hotel to be reimbursed, but reimbursement should be limited to the room rate at the Assembly hotel if they choose to stay elsewhere.

13 Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 <u>Currently States: Addendum 1 and Addendum 2</u>
<u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines to rename Computer Sign Out Sheet to form "Addendum 1" to "Appendix C" and Computer Use Policy form "Addendum 2" to "Appendix D"
Reason: Clarification and Consistency in the documents attached to Structures and Guidelines.

From Site and Agenda: Move that smoking be prohibited on walkways. **Passed, 6 opposed. Motion to reconsider**; **Failed 31 in favor, 99 against.**

From Finance: Sense of the Assembly - to Support "Me Plus One". **Area 14 gave Unanimous Support**.

CLOSING: Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Open: - Call to order and Serenity Prayer – Annette D.

Roll call: Registrar – Stephen R.

Reading of Anonymity Statement and Reading of short form of Concepts

Officer's Reports:

Secretary – Lori P.

Treasurer – Terri-Lynn S.

Delegate – Joyce C.

Alternate Delegate – Heather V-W.

Chairperson – Annette D.

Alternate Chairperson – Richard C.

Registrar – Stephen R.

Special Reports:

61st Florida State Convention – Ruth R.

62nd Florida State Convention – Gary L.

NFAC FL State Convention Oversight Committee – Heather V-W.

Service Coordinators Reports

Accessibilities – William F.

Archives – Maria S.

Archivist – Scott B.

Cooperation with Professional Community – Mark A.

Corrections – Anthony S.

Grapevine – Deb B.

Intergroup – Paula D.

Literature - Marcela W.

Public Information – Clark M.

Treatment Facilities – Marty C.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Finance – Greg N.

Growth / Alternate Delegate – Heather V-W.

Site and Agenda / Alternate Chairperson – Richard C.

Web Site – Steven N.

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From Growth: 13 Motions to change Structures and Guidelines January 2017.

Background: It appeared that the existing Structures and Guidelines had changes that might have required a motion. In October 2015 a modified Structures and Guidelines was approved by the body, which eliminated these changes because they may have needed approval by the body before they were implemented. These motions are now needed to update the approved copy. These changes are updates to current practices and update language.

- 1. Currently states: Not Applicable
 - <u>Motion:</u> All references to the NFA (North Florida Area) or NFA.A. (North Florida Area Assembly) may be changed to North Florida Area Conference or NFAC.

Reason: This is now our legal name and would be a correct reference. Current document is not consistent.

- Section 2. Definition, Item 5 <u>Currently states:</u> The North Florida Area, is the legal entity, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, through which the Assembly conducts business with the public.
 - <u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 2. Definition, Item 5 to read: North Florida Area Conference, Inc., is the legal entity, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, through which the Assembly conducts business with the public.

Reason: Change the reference to the correct corporate name. Rest of Item deleted, as it pertains to a different topic. Next motion re-formats and modifies it.

- Section 2. Definition, Item 5 <u>Currently States:</u> References to the A.A. Service Manual are to the 1992-93 edition of the Service Manual and are to the specific page and the format (pg. SXX). <u>Motion:</u> Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 2 to add Item 6, to read: All references to the Service Manual will be to most current revision. If the referenced language of the Service Manual changes, Structures and Guidelines will be modified to the correct language. References are to specific page and the format is:"(pg. ##)"
 - **Reason:** Current approved Structures and Guidelines refer to 1991 version of the Service Manual. No language exists to clarify that language should also be updated.
- Section 4 ASSEMBLY FORMAT (MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS) <u>Sunday 2nd sentence</u>

 <u>Currently States:</u> Roberts Rules of Order (as modified by the 1991 revision of General Service
 Conference information handout, copy of which is included as Appendix A) have been adopted by the NFAC.

Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 4 ASSEMBLY FORMAT (MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS) <u>Sunday 2nd sentence</u> to read: Robert's Rules of Order (as modified by the current revision of General Service Conference information handout, Summary of Conference Procedures, copy of which is included as Appendix A) have been adopted by the NFAC.

Reason: Current approved Structures and Guidelines refer to 1991 version of the document. Current practice is to use the current version of the document, and "Summary of Conference Procedures" is added to clarify what document is referred to.

Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRTIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN-Growth Currently States:provide the Secretary with a list of changes for Structures and Guidelines. Such Changes will be made without the need to publish and vote. Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRTIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN- Growth to delete last **Reason:** Clarify that language, not just page numbers should be updated, and delete "Such changes will be made without need to publish and vote." There is no existing requirement to publish and vote on changes to Structures and Guidelines, so this sentence isn't necessary. Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN-last paragraph Currently States: (e.g. An election committee, as described in Section 8 of these guidelines). Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 5 NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTARTIVE COMMITTEES / ARCHIVIST / PARLIAMENTARIAN-last paragraph to delete (e.g., an election committee, as described in Section 8 of these guidelines.) **Reason:** Current Practice, the Area does not have an "Election Committee" Section 6 SCHEDULING AND NOTICE Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines Section 6 SCHEDULING AND NOTICE OF NFAC OF NFAC ASSEMBLIES Order of Business ASSEMBLIES Order of Business to read: **Currently States:** Opening Opening Roll Call Roll Call **Anonymity Statement Anonymity Statement** Short Form of the Concepts Short Form of the Concepts Secretary's Report Approval of the Minutes Treasurer's Report Treasurer's Report Delegate's Report Delegate's Report **Alternate Delegate's Report** Reports of Service Coordinators Chairperson's Report Accessibilities Registrar's Report Archives **Special Reports** Reports of Service Coordinators Archivist Cooperation with the Professional Accessibilities Community Archives Correction Facilities Archivist Grapevine/La Vina Cooperation with the Professional Intergroup Community Public Information Corrections Treatment Facilities Grapevine/LaVina Intergroup Literature **Public Information** Treatment Administrative Committee Reports Administrative Committee Reports Finance

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Growth	Site and Agenda				
Site and Agenda	Website				
Web Site	Old Business				
Old Business	New Business				
New Business	Closing				
Closing					
Reason: Update to current practice					
8 Section 9. VOTING PRIVILEGES last paragr	aph, 1 st sentence <u>Currently States:</u> To assure fairness				
to all, the following procedure will be used to	qualify persons eligible to vote: A separate voter				
registration table will be set up and staffed by					
Chairperson.					
Motion : Modify Structures and Guidelines, Se	ection 9. VOTING PRIVILEGES – Change the				
	table will be set up and staffed by members of the host				
Districts".					
Reason: Current Practice, the Area does not h	ave an "Election Committee"				
	Officers "Delegate" 3 rd sentence. <u>Currently states:</u>				
	Convention, the annual Southeastern Conference as				
well as the February mini-conference, Southea					
	delete reference to the Southeastern Conference				
Reason: The Southeastern Conference is no lo					
10 Section 11 Qualifications and Duties of NFAC					
	the Southeastern Conference and the February mini-				
conference, Southeastern Delegates "Get Toge					
	delete reference to the Southeastern Conference				
Reason: The Southeastern Conference is no lo					
11 Section 17 Area Officer Funding, Item 3 rd Sen	tence <u>Currently States</u> : There are also funds available				
	February mini-conference Delegates "Get Together" in				
Atlanta, the Southeastern Regional Forum, Inte	ernational Convention and the Florida State Convention.				
	delete reference to the Southeastern Conference				
Reason: The Southeastern Conference is no lo	onger held.				
12 Section 17 Area Officer Funding, Item 2 Cur	rently States: To defray expenses for attending the				
Quarterly Assemblies, all other Area Officers,	administrative Committee Chairs, Service Coordinators,				
Parliamentarian, and Archivist will receive one	e night and the Alternate Chairperson Grapevine Service				
Coordinator and Archives Service Coordinator	Coordinator and Archives Service Coordinator will receive 2 nights lodging, at the hotel/motel where				
the Assembly takes place.					
Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines, S	Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines, Section 17 Area Officer Funding to delete the reference to				
"at the hotel/motel where the assembly takes p	"at the hotel/motel where the assembly takes place" to "reimbursed at the assembly rate at the contract				
hotel."	3 1				
Reason: An officer is not required to stay at the	ne assembly hotel to be reimbursed, but reimbursement				
should be limited to the room rate at the Assen	should be limited to the room rate at the Assembly hotel if they choose to stay elsewhere.				
13 Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 Currently Sta	tes: Addendum 1 and Addendum 2				
Motion: Modify Structures and Guidelines to	rename Computer Sign Out Sheet to form "Addendum				
1" to "Appendix C" and Computer Use Policy	form "Addendum 2" to "Appendix D"				
Reason: Clarification and Consistency in the	documents attached to Structures and Guidelines.				

NEW BUSINESS:



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#07B		1	1	1		1	3			
DCM #08		1		2			3			
DCM #09		1		3			4			
DCM #10		1		5			6			
DCM #11		1	1	7		1	8	1		
DCM #12		2		2			4			
DCM #13		1		4			5	1		
DCM #14		1	1	13		4	17			
DCM #15		1		4			5	2		
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2/3'S Total Votes 181 121

North Florida Area Conference Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2016

	Dec 31, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings 1000 · General Fund	
1000 · General Fund 1050 · Chk - SunTrust	15,031.33
Total 1000 ⋅ General Fund	15,031.33
1500 · Reserve Fund	
1511 · SunTrust Money Market	40,016.68
1596 · CD 4203 SunTr Matures 12-06-18	30,268.14
Total 1500 · Reserve Fund	70,284.82
Total Checking/Savings	85,316.15
Other Current Assets	
1300 - Prepaid Expenses	1,749.43
1700 · Inventory	1,480.26
Total Other Current Assets	3,229.69
Total Current Assets	88,545.84
TOTAL ASSETS	88,545.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity	
3000 ⋅ Beginning Fund Balance	76,056.37
Net Income	12,489.47
Total Equity	88,545.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	88,545.84

North Florida Area Conference Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense Income		
4100 - Contributions 4110 - Contributions - Group 4120 - Contributions - Special	47,143.11 5,595.80	45,000.00
Total 4100 ⋅ Contributions	52,738.91	45,000.00
4200 · Assembly Income 4210 · Seventh Tradition 4220 · District Coffee Collection	2,417.36 39.81	2,400.00 300.00
Total 4200 · Assembly Income	2,457.17	2,700.00
4500 · Literature/Merchandise Sales 4525 · AAWS 4550 · Grapevine Merchandise 4551 · Grapevine Subscriptions	113.27 676.67 1,602.66	200.00 1,500.00 1,800.00
Total 4500 · Literature/Merchandise Sales	2,392.60	3,500.00
Total Income	57,588.68	51,200.00
Gross Profit	57,588.68	51,200.00
Expense 6100 · Delegate 6110 · Duplication 6120 · Postage 6130 · Supplies 6150 · Literature 6160 · Travel	133.83 0.00 0.00 0.00	400.00 100.00 100.00 50.00
6170 · SERF 6171 · General Service Conference 6172 · Delegate Get-Together 6174 · SERF Delegate Elect 6175 · Florida State Convention 6176 · Pre-Conf Workshops 6177 · SSAASA	431.08 7,400.00 0.00 401.79 0.00 1,305.36 0.00	500.00 7,400.00 1,000.00 500.00 750.00 2,000.00 400.00
Total 6160 · Travel	9,538.23	12,550.00
6190 · General Expenses	472.52	2,300.00
Total 6100 · Delegate	10,144.58	15,500.00
6200 · Alternate Delegate 6210 · Duplication 6220 · Postage 6230 · Supplies 6245 · FL State Conv. Advisory Comm 6246 · NFAC FL State Oversight Committ 6255 · Travel 6272 · Delegates Get-Together	189.14 0.00 313.27 41.90 36.00	200.00 75.00 350.00 100.00 100.00
6275 · Florida State Convention 6277 · SSAASA 6255 · Travel - Other	327.64 0.00 0.00	750.00 400.00 50.00
Total 6255 · Travel	742.72	2,200.00
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	1,323.03	3,025.00
6300 · Chairman 6310 · Duplication 6320 · Postage 6330 · Supplies 6360 · Travel 6374 · SERF Chairman Elect	98.44 0.00 119.03 32.39 359.86	150.00 50.00 200.00 50.00 500.00
Total 6300 · Chairman	609.72	950.00

	Jan - Dec 16	Budget
6400 · Alternate Chairman		
6410 - Duplication	0.00	260.00
6430 · Supplies	0.00	300.00
6450 · Travel	0.00	150.00
Total 6400 - Alternate Chairman	0.00	710.00
6500 ⋅ Secretary		
6510 Duplication	2,004.93	1,300.00
6520 · Postage	305.37	150.00
6530 · Supplies 6550 · Travel	151.44 70.00	500.00 75.00
Total 6500 · Secretary	2,531.74	2,025.00
6600 · Registrar	2,00	_,0_0100
6610 · Duplication	114.65	200.00
6620 Postage	782.37	850.00
6630 - Supplies	62.85	400.00
6650 · P.O. Box Annual Rent	102.00	200.00
6660 · Travel	0.00	100.00
6670 · Post Office Bulk Rate	215.00	550.00
Total 6600 - Registrar	1,276.87	2,300.00
6700 · Treasurer	074 77	700.00
6710 · Duplication 6720 · Postage	874.77 11.54	700.00 100.00
6730 · Supplies	277.48	100.00
6750 · P. O. Box Annual Rent	193.85	200.00
6782 · Bank Charges	0.00	30.00
Total 6700 · Treasurer	1,357.64	1,130.00
7100 · Accessibilities		
7120 · Postage	0.00	45.00
7130 · Supplies	23.99	25.00
7150 · Literature 7160 · Workshops	34.00 0.00	50.00 150.00
Total 7100 - Accessibilities	57.99	270.00
7200 · Archives	37.99	270.00
7210 - Archives 7210 - Duplication	4.49	100.00
7230 · Supplies	484.99	100.00
7250 · Literature	0.00	100.00
7260 - Workshops	417.12	300.00
7265 · Natl. Archives Workshop - NAW	1,050.00	1,050.00
7270 - Storage	1,205.00	1,310.00
7281 · Archives Research 7282 · Document Preservation	196.91 34.36	100.00 190.00
Total 7200 · Archives	3,392.87	3,250.00
7300 · Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.	0,002101	0,200100
7310 · Duplication	0.00	50.00
7330 · Supplies	0.00	50.00
7350 · Literature	0.00	100.00
7360 · Workshops	199.00	300.00
7370 · Convention Travel	0.00	500.00
7381 • Exhibit Space & Convention Fees	0.00	750.00
Total 7300 · Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.	199.00	1,750.00
7400 · Corrections	0.00	25.00
7410 · Duplication 7430 · Supplies	0.00 3.34	25.00 25.00
7450 · Supplies 7450 · Literature	0.00	50.00
7450 · Eiterature 7460 · Workshops	143.40	300.00
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Total 7400 · Corrections	146.74	400.00

	Jan - Dec 16	Budget
7500 - Grapevine/La Vina		
7510 · Duplication	35.52	50.00
7520 · Postage	0.00	25.00
7530 · Supplies 7560 · Workshops	27.52 42.88	25.00 150.00
7570 · Literature	0.00	75.00
Total 7500 · Grapevine/La Vina	105.92	325.00
7600 · Intergroup	E7.60	F0 00
7610 · Duplication 7630 · Supplies	57.68 0.00	50.00 50.00
7650 - Literature	0.00	50.00
7660 · Workshops	0.00	125.00
Total 7600 · Intergroup	57.68	275.00
7700 · Literature	30.67	50.00
7710 · Duplication 7720 · Postage	0.00	10.00
7730 - Supplies	0.00	25.00
7750 - Literature	11.25	100.00
7760 · Workshops	0.00	150.00
Total 7700 · Literature	41.92	335.00
7800 · Public Information 7810 · Duplication	0.00	100.00
7850 · Literature	32.06	75.00
7860 · Workshops	187.80	200.00
Total 7800 · Public Information	219.86	375.00
7900 · Treatment 7910 · Duplication	0.00	25.00
7930 · Supplies	0.00	35.00
7950 · Literature	0.00	35.00
7960 · Workshops	0.00	100.00
Total 7900 · Treatment	0.00	195.00
8100 · Finance Cmte 8110 · Duplication	0.00	25.00
8130 · Supplies	0.00	35.00
Total 8100 · Finance Cmte	0.00	60.00
8200 - Growth Cmte	0.00	25.22
8210 - Duplication 8230 - Supplies	0.00 0.00	25.00 35.00
		60.00
Total 8200 · Growth Cmte 8300 · Website	0.00	60.00
8310 · Duplication	0.00	25.00
8330 · Supplies	0.00	50.00
8340 · Web Hosting 8350 · Website	132.00 600.00	125.00 600.00
8360 · Workshops	0.00	50.00
Total 8300 · Website	732.00	850.00
8400 Site & Agenda Cmte		
8410 · Duplication 8430 · Supplies	0.00 0.00	25.00 35.00
Total 8400 · Site & Agenda Cmte	0.00	60.00
9100 · Hotel and Mileage Expenses		
9110 · Hotel for Officers	2,683.50	3,060.00
9120 - Hotel for S/C - Other	3,845.50	3,740.00
9130 · Less Complementary Rooms 9140 · Mileage for Panel	-3,345.00 8,663.19	-3,400.00 8,500.00
9150 · Past Delegate Hotel & Mileage	706.66	500.00
Total 9100 · Hotel and Mileage Expenses	12,553.85	12,400.00
Total 9199 Hotel and mileage Expenses	12,000.00	12,700.00

	Jan - Dec 16	Budget
9200 · Conference Operations 9210 · Annual Corporate Fees 9220 · Officers Interim Meeting Rent 9221 · S. E. Regional Forum Hosting 9230 · Structures & Guidelines 9260 · Equipment, Repair & Maintenance	61.25 60.00 988.20 0.00 105.41	65.00 1,000.00 200.00 400.00
9280 · Orientation Packages Total 9200 · Conference Operations	912.21 2,127.07	600.00 2,265.00
9300 · Literature Purchases 9325 · AAWS 9350 · Grapevine Merchandise 9351 · Grapevine Subscriptions	0.00 662.71 1,542.70	200.00 1,500.00 1,800.00
Total 9300 · Literature Purchases	2,205.41	3,500.00
9400 · Assembly Costs 9410 · Coffee Service 9420 · Hosting Expense 9430 · ASL Interpreter 9440 · S Florida Delegate Visit 9460 · GSO Staff Visit 9470 · Spanish Translator 9480 · Audio Visual Services	3,031.46 81.45 0.00 0.00 497.36 2,099.50 1,065.30	3,000.00 200.00 235.00 200.00 750.00 2,400.00 1,500.00
Total 9400 · Assembly Costs	6,775.07	8,285.00
Total Expense	45,858.96	60,295.00
Net Ordinary Income	11,729.72	-9,095.00
Other Income/Expense Other Income 4700 · Interest Income Total Other Income Net Other Income	759.75 759.75 759.75	
let Income	12,489,47	-9,095,00

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North Florida Area Conference Group Contribution Summary January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
Contributions - Other Anonymous	215.87
Brevard Intergroup	400.00
FCYPAA Advisory Council	151.21
Total Contributions - Other	767.08
District 01	340.00
Arlington Group Central Group	340.00 719.24
Fiesta Group	146.98
Florida Unity Roundup	100.00
Free To Be	15.92
From The Heart Men's Group Happy Destiny	90.00 48.65
Language of the Heart Group	190.05
On The Way Home Group	156.00
Phoenix Men's Group	32.76
SAN-MAN GROUP	60.00
Total District 01	1,899.60
District 03	60.00
Middleburg Group Orange Park Group	60.00 650.00
Orange Park Stepsisters	102.00
Stepsisters Grace Group	89.90
Tammiquana Ladies of Grace	21.75
Wesconnett Group	84.24
Total District 03	1,007.89
District 04 Fernandina Beach Group	173.92
Keep It Simple Group	80.00
TLC Group	135.00
Total District 04	388.92
District 05	400.00
Bradfordville AA Group Came to Believe	100.00 41.98
Carrabelle AA Group	50.00
Central Group of AA	660.00
Grateful Group	123.47
Happy Hour Group	135.17
Living Sober Serenity Sisters	120.00 55.69
Southside Group	30.00
Young Peoples Group	125.00
Total District 05	1,441.31
District 06	
Design For Living Group	65.00
District 06 GSR Committee	450.00
Halfway Through Happy Hour Group	83.85 50.00
It's In the Book	40.00
Ladies Unity	30.00
Lest We Forget	100.00
Morning After Group	100.00
Oldest City Group Seascape Group	359.40 192.00
Sober Sisters Group	311.24
Stepping Stone Group	104.70
Student Group	142.81
Triangle Group	105.00
Villagers Group	140.64

	Jan - Dec 16
Way Out Group Women's Candlelight Group	50.00 185.14
Total District 06	2,509.78
District 07	
11TH Step Meditation	10.00
12 Steps To A New Beginning	20.00
As Bill Sees It	103.38
Bring Your Own Book	20.91
Came To Believe-707324	67.58
Circle of Light Group (Wed Night)	18.00
Clermont Lunch Bunch	50.00
Come to Believe-661715	341.51
Daily Reflections	90.00
Daybreak Group	699.13
Each Day a New Beginning	60.00
Happy Hour	115.00
Lady Lake Sunday Breakfast Group	375.00
Leesburg Transition Group	50.00
Living Sober Morning Meditation	100.00
Mascotte Happy Hour	100.00
Morning Eye Opener Group	68.00
Mustard Seed Group	180.00
New Attitudes BB/Step Meeting	185.00
New Life Group	325.00
No Name Big Book Group	60.93
Noon Serenity Seekers Group	63.00
SASTO Group	22.00
Serenity Seekers	288.91
Sober Sunset Speakers Group	325.30
Sobriety on Saturday	265.00
South Lake Women's Group	63.26
Squirells Nest at Oxford	49.00
Step Sisters	215.62
Stepping Stones	696.00
Summerfield AA Group	250.00
Sunday At Seven Group	69.60
Surrender is Freedom	10.00
Take It Easy Men's Group	200.00
Take It Easy Women's Group	75.00
Tavares 12 & 12	50.00
Today's Woman	113.89
Triangle Breakfast	218.00
Triple Crown	190.48
Your Place O.D. Group	150.00
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Total District 07	6,354.50
District 08	40.00
Endless Summer	10.00
Happy Hour Group	156.18
Precisely How	50.00
Road to Recovery Way of Life Group	100.00 120.00
Total District 08	436.18
District 09	-
Dr Phillips Group	360.00
From The Heart	360.00
	34.79
Ponderosa Group	20.00
Sand Lake Men's	100.00
Stepping Stones for Women	42.40
Total District 09	557.19

	Jan - Dec 16
District 10	
A Good Group	112.73
College Park Triangle Group	85.00
Fairbanks Group	44.42
Seagulls Group	30.00
Vision for You Winter Park Group	60.00 1,046.70
Winter Park Group Winter Park Men's Group	245.00
Total District 10	1,623.85
District 11	,
Central Orlando Group	2,837.83
Growing Through the Grapevine	75.10
Herd Instinct	111.33
Jaywalkers	293.00
Made a Beginning	84.29
Wake Up Call	100.00
Total District 11	3,501.55
District 12	050.00
Barefoot Bay Better Late Than Never	250.00 20.00
Better Late Than Never Brown Bag Bunch	20.00 159.19
Early Birds	13.51
Eau Gallie Group	100.00
Just Us Pickles Group	66.43
Keep Coming Back	73.41
Melbourne LGBT	10.00
Reality Challenged Group	207.03
Second Base Group	300.00
Suntree Group Suntree Women's Group	300.36 245.58
Total District 12	1,745.51
	1,745.51
District 13	15.00
Audio BB Group Fun & Frolic Group	50.00
Happy Hour Group	300.00
Heavy Hitters	70.00
Living Sober-1	25.00
More Serenity Sisters	10.00
Principles Before Personalities	202.58
Promises Group	30.00
Rough Road Group	10.00
Singleness of Purpose Sisters of Hope	51.71 66.47
Umbrella Group	316.09
W.I.S.E. Womens Group	25.00
Total District 13	1,171.85
District 14	
4th Dimension/Sunday 6PM	119.00
530 Gratitude Group	234.00
AA Peace Seekers All-Inclusive Solution Group	100.00 40.00
Big Book Basics	42.00
By the Book Group	288.00
Cross Creek Group	63.00
Design For Living	40.00
Downtown Group	94.80
Eye Opener Group	135.75
Free To Be	91.92
Gainesville Men's Group	20.00 100.00
Geezer Group Gifts of Sobriety	45.00
Hampton Hole in the Wall Group	48.39
Happy Hour Group	200.00

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Hawthorne Group	87.91
Micanopy Group	70.00
New Freedom Group	324.83
Saturday 10 and 11 Step Group	161.00
Tuesday Night Step Study	68.10
Way Out Group	200.00
Women's Serenity Seekers	60.99
Women's Step Study	142.25
Total District 14	2,776.94
District 15 Cape Canaveral Group	50.00
Cocoa 11th Step	50.00
Eleventh Step Group	20.00
How It Works Group	275.00
Primary Purpose	250.00
Sobriety in the Country	27.00
Space Coast Area Camp Out	100.00
Sunset Group	50.00
Total District 15	822.00
District 16 Happy Hour Starke	150.00
Total District 16	150.00
District 17	
Anonymity Group	127.83
Belleview Eye Opener Group	41.32
Belleview Group	20.00
Cabin in the Woods	60.00
Free to Be God"s Way Group	15.00 50.00
Happy, Joyous, Free	511.50
Head Start Group	292.06
Last Call Group	20.00
No Name Group	6.44
Ocala Group	53.49
Ocala Mens Group	147.50
One Day At A Time	325.00
Sober Yankees	34.25
Stop Whining & Sober Up Group The Breakfast Club of Ocala	42.00 430.00
We Give Up	97.47
Weir Crazy	60.00
Womens Heavy Hitters Group	80.00
Total District 17	2,413.86
District 18 226 River Bend Men's Group	16.49
6's & 7's group	28.60
8 05 Group	24.28
Altamonte Springs Group	49.43
Back To Basics Group	50.00
Basic 164	12.91
Bill and Bob's Mob	50.24
Clean Air Group	25.00
Decisions Group	80.00
District 18 GSR Committee	76.00
Geneva Trailblazers Group Happy Hour Group - Casselberry	20.00 156.00
High Noon @ Lake Mary	1,742.40
Pass It On Group	281.00
Sunset Group	80.10
The Home Group	100.00
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Wekiva Basics Group Wekiva Women's Group	142.75 70.00
Total District 18	3,005.20
District 19 Back to Basics	105.00
Deland Big Book Group	120.00
Deltona Enterprise Group	25.00
District 19 GSR Committee	390.00
Grateful Group	75.00
Just Do It Big Book Study Group	85.00
New Beginnings Group Pass It On	80.00 62.55
Sisters In Sobriety	65.00
Sunrise Group	119.44
Women's Weekend Group	60.00
Total District 19	1,186.99
District 20 5 30 Group	220.00
Beachside New Smyrna Beach Group	25.00
Friday Men's Group	17.00
High Noon Group	100.00
Hour of Power Group	54.82
Last Hope Group	45.00
New Dawn Group	687.00
New Hope Step Group New Smyrna Beach Group	24.00 45.60
Peace of Mind Group	119.06
The 5 30 Group	100.00
Women's Book Study - PO	46.63
Women's New Beginnings	140.00
Total District 20	1,624.11
District 21	
Attitude Adjustment Group	17.56
Friday Noon Men's Group	100.00
Holly Hill Friday Noon Men's Group Lest We Forget	39.11 312.43
Wednesday Women's 2pm CBC	170.00
Total District 21	639.10
District 22	
A New Beginning	235.00
Came to Believe Group	100.00
Footprints in the Sand Jump Start Group	135.00 274.54
Life's a Beach	100.00
Living Sober Group	43.30
Lucky to be Here	193.20
Message Group	50.00
Monday Night Live	179.00
Steps to Serenity TGIF Group	100.00 131.01
Total District 22	1,541.05
District 23	
805 Men's Group	114.29
Cocoa Beach Ocean Reflections	69.00
Melbourne Beach Group	124.59
Ocean Reflections	60.00
Patrick Group AA	320.00
Sandpiper Group	1,225.00
Sunrise Group	77.77
Weekenders Group	50.00
Total District 23	2,040.65

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District 24	
Azalea City Group	90.00
Celebration Group	189.00
Cresent City Group	100.00
Freedom Group	120.00
The Other Side of The Bridge	36.00
District 24 - Other	75.00
Total District 24	610.00
District 25	
Beaches Agnostic Free Thinkers Group	42.00
Beaches Unity Group	1,518.00
Beachside Step Study Group	52.25
BLISS	18.68
Bliss Women Group	18.65
Conscious Contact Group	156.80
I Am Responsible	90.00
Jax Beach YPG	35.00
Joy Group	55.00
Mens Red Eye	127.50
Neptune Beach Book Study	17.00
Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Mon N	60.00 140.00
Solutions Group Step A Month Group	69.20
Women Enjoying Sobriety	173.17
Total District 25	2,573.25
District 27	2,070.20
Bronson Believers Group	35.00
Friends of Bill W Group	90.00
Keep It Simple Cedar Key	70.00
Old Town Saturday Meeting	90.00
Serenity Group	31.50
Steps to Freedom	30.00
Trenton Group	37.00
We Think Not Group	90.00
Williston Winners	10.00
Women In Action	45.00
Total District 27	528.50
District 28	05.00
Dunnellon Group	25.00
Rainbow Group	64.65
Resentment Group	800.00 150.00
Sober Nooners Whats the Book Say Group	120.00
Whats the Book Say Group Women's Friendship	240.00
Women to Women	10.00
Won Rebos Group	227.00
You Have A Choice	60.00
Total District 28	1,696.65
District 30	
Amethyst Group	62.00
Baymeadows Group	20.00
Coyote Men's Group	300.00
Fruit Cove 11th Step	13.20
Greenland Road Group	60.00
Hi Noon - Mandarin Group	280.92
Mandarin Big Book Step Study Group	30.00
Mandarin Group	43.60
New Beginnings Group	213.00
Solutions Group	80.00
Switzerland Group	160.00
Total District 30	1,262.72

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District 31 AA St Cloud Group Grapevine Group New Freedom Group Poinciana New Freedom Serenity on the Lake	120.00 25.00 130.00 120.00 125.00
Total District 31	520.00
District 32 Had Enough Ormond Beach Group Usual Suspects	25.00 50.00 50.00
Total District 32	125.00
District 33 District 33 GSR Committee El Despertar Grupo Esperanza	60.00 50.00 45.00
Total District 33	155.00
Women's Big bOOK sTUDY	66.88
TOTAL	47,143.11

Summary of Conference Procedures

enerally speaking, the General Service Conference follows *Robert's Rules of Order*, and proceeds on as informal a basis as possible consistent with the rights of all concerned. It is important to remember that the purpose of rules of order is to make it easier for the Conference to conduct its business; rules exist to allow the Conference to do what it needs to do to carry out the will of the Fellowship by reaching an informed group conscience. Over the years the Conference has adopted some exceptions to *Robert's Rules*, which help it to proceed more closely in accord with the spirit of A.A. Tradition.

Conference Quorum

A Conference quorum — two-thirds of all registered members — is required to conduct Conference business.

Committee System

To the extent possible, important matters to come before the Conference will be handled via the "Committee system." This assures that a large number of questions can be dealt with during Conference week. Each Committee considers carefully the items before it and presents its recommendations to the Conference as a whole for acceptance or rejection. Recommendations of Conference committees are automatically motions that have been made and seconded. Members are urged to resist the temptation to edit recommendations on the floor.

Substantial Unanimity

All matters of policy (Conference Advisory Actions) require substantial unanimity, that is, a two-thirds majority. Any actions, including amendments, that affect an Advisory Action, or motions that might result in such an action, also require a two-thirds majority. Because the number of members present in the hall during the week of Conference varies from time to time, the phrase "two-thirds majority" is taken to mean two-thirds vote of the Conference members voting, as long as the total vote constitutes a Conference quorum.

Minority Opinion

After each vote on a matter of policy, the side which did not prevail will always be given an opportunity to speak to their position. If the motion passes with two-thirds vote, the minority may speak. If the motion receives a majority vote, but fails to pass for lack of a two-thirds vote, the majority may speak.

Remember that saving "minority opinions" for after the vote, when there is no rebuttal, is a time-waster, for it can force the Conference body to reconsider a question that might well have been decided the first time around if it had been thoroughly examined from all sides.

General Rules of Debate and Voting

(Agreed to at the beginning of each Conference)

- People who wish to speak line up at the microphones and are called on in order.
- Each person may speak for two (2) minutes.
- No one may speak for a second time on a topic until all who wish to have spoken for the first time.
- Full discussion of a recommendation should take place before each vote.
- Everyone is entitled to, and should, express his or her opinion. However, if your perspective has already been stated by someone else, it is not necessary to go to the mike and say it again.

- Premature actions (e.g., amending motions early in the discussion or hastily calling the question) can divert attention from the subject at hand, thus confusing and/or delaying Conference business.
- · Voting is by show of hands.

Tabling a Motion

Tabling a motion (postponing discussion to a later time during the same Conference):

- Must be made without comment.
- Requires a second.
- Is not debatable.
- · Needs only a simple majority to pass.

Calling the Question

Calling the question brings debate to a halt while Conference members decide whether to proceed directly to a vote (the question) or go on with the debate. A motion to call the question:

- · Must be made in order at the microphone.
- · Must be made without comment.
- Requires a second.
- · Is not debatable.
- Requires a two-thirds vote.

Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider a vote may be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side, but it can be seconded by anyone.

- Only a simple majority is required.
- If the majority votes to reconsider, full debate, pro and con, is resumed. (Conference members are urged to limit discussion to new considerations of the question under debate.)
- No action may be reconsidered twice.

Floor Actions

Floor actions may be introduced at any time during the Conference except at the Sharing Sessions, and:

- Must be made without comment.
- Must be submitted in writing by the maker to the Conference secretary.
- Will come up for deliberation after all Committee reports have been heard.
- Require a two-thirds majority.

When a floor action is to be heard, its maker will be given two (2) minutes to state the rationale behind the action, after which the chair shall ask if there is a motion that the Conference decline to consider the floor action. A motion to decline to hear a floor action:

- Must be made without comment.
- Requires a second
- Is not debatable.
- Requires a two-thirds majority.

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