

## AREA 69 AREA COMMITTEE INVENTORY

### OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

1. *What is the primary purpose of the Area Committee?* The Area preamble was read and the preamble was compare to the 12<sup>th</sup> concept.

2. *Are we as an Area Committee fulfilling our primary purpose?* Body did not substantial input.

3. *How can we better use our time at Area Meetings, Workshops and Assemblies to fulfill our primary purpose?* Reduced the time interval between topics. Limit the time spent on each topic. Used allotted time more effectively (e.g. conduct roundtables on Friday night; stay late as it takes to complete needed business, conduct business on Sunday mornings). Suggested process: Tell them what you are going to tell them, then you tell them, then you tell them what you told them. Summarize previous discussion topic to reduce redundancy when the topic being discussed again. Train/Orient GSRs. Focus time spent with standing chairs/committees that have contacts outside of AA. Using timing lights. Have discussions about the committee process.

4. *Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in Area Committee activities and to be the actual voice and effective conscience for our Area?* Overall yes. However here are some suggestions: Place motion procedure on the back of the motion form. Be careful about narrowing our time down (9 to 5). Respect the speaker at the mike. We all have the right to be wrong. Lack of respect can keep us from participating fully.

5. *Are all important decisions reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity?* The attendees felt that the answer to this question was YES.

6. *Are issues involving important decisions made clear and easily understandable?* Although the body the felt we doing a good job, there is always room for improvement.

7. *Is the Area Committee democratic in thought and action?* Head bobs. Attendee say yes.

8. *Are we helping the "service newcomer" to understand our primary purpose?* There is room for improvement. Here are the suggestions: Have GSR round table. Talk more about service sponsors. Require District Standing Chairs to attend area events. Train the GSRs.

### AREA OFFICERS

1. *Are the responsibilities of the Area Officers clearly explained in our Guidelines?* **Delegate:** Yes. However suggest removing statement saying Delegate will replace chair in his absents. Add this line to the Alt Delegate responsibilities. **Alternate Delegate:** Suggest addressing the unwritten expectation. **Chairperson:** Yes. **Treasurer:** Yes. **Secretary:** Yes. Registrar: Yes. However suggest adding the responsibilities of obtaining a PO Box and , maintaining Fellowship New Vision (software) data base. Immediate Past Delegate: Yes.

2. *How can we assist the Area Officers to better serve the needs of Area 69?* Host Committees can ensure that other AA events do not conflict with the Area 69 Events. Email reports to secretary. Tell us what you need. Tell us how we can help you.

3. *How can the Area Officers better serve the needs of Area 69?* No response

### AREA STANDING COMMITTEES

1. *Are the responsibilities of the Area Committees clearly explained in our Guidelines?* **Archives:** Guidelines are confusing. area archive person is not in the Guideline. Archivist is not a standing chair (?). Make it clear. **Assembly/Agenda:** Yes. **Communications:** Tabled. **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** Yes. **Corrections:** Yes. However, clarify defrayment for visiting groups. Delineate who is responsible for literature getting into prisons. **Grapevine/LaVina:** Yes. need to determine if La Vina should be add to the guidelines. **Literature:** Yes. However, need to determine what to do with obsolete formats ( VHS tapes and player). **Public Information (PI):** Yes. **Treatment Facilities:** Yes. However the follwoing suggestions were made: Combine special needs with treatment to reflect what GSO does. The word facilities has been eliminated.

**NOTE:** Guidelines are confusing about who is suppose to attend and who is defrayed for the Area BTG workshop.

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2. *How can we assist the Area Standing Committees to better serve the needs of Area 69?* Give the standing chairs more time on Saturdays. Treatment and BTG guidelines should be updated, so new members will be informed
3. *How can the Area Standing Committees better serve the needs of Area 69?* Require district Standing chair members to attend area events. Standing chairs should contact committee members; personally invite standing chair members to the events (discuss various methods).
4. *Are the roundtables effective in assisting the Area Standing Committees?* Yes. However figure out a way to get members to event.

### FINANCES

1. *What actions should the Area Committee take to ensure that we are using our resources prudently?* Defray standing chairs when carrying the message even if it is not in the guideline. Allow standing chairs to go over budget when taking travel funds out of their budget. Maybe put in word reasonably in front of prudent.
2. *Is the Finance Committee used effectively?* yes.
3. *What can the Area Committee do to encourage financial participation by more of the groups?* Send extra budget reports to groups so they can see where the money is going. If they feel a part of, they will contribute. Announce yourself as area member (service position) at meetings that you attend. Show off some of the things that we are producing. Talk about the 7th tradition more.

### AREA GUIDELINES

*Are Area 69 Guidelines clear and easily understandable?* Our guidelines are very vague. They are a work in progress. Recommend that we discuss the guideline committee in the future.