

2009-2010 GUIDELINES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

In an effort to achieve continuity, clarification and simple comprehension, the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) recommends the following changes be made to the Area 69 Guidelines:

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a) That Area Standing Committees” should be changed to “*Area Standing Chairpersons*” as the descriptions are of the chairpersons’ positions, not the committee, and not all chairpersons have a committee.

b) Add “*Repository Archivist*” position (alphabetically) as 4.9, re-numbering Treatment as 4.10; re-assign corresponding page numbers.

*Please note that if recommendation a) passes, the Area Guidelines document will reflect such editing in accordance.

Section 2.3 Bridging the Gap Workshop: (page 2) Change the word “sponsors” to “*contacts*” in the next to last line so it reads: “The purpose of the Bridging the Gap program is to help newcomers stay sober by introducing them to temporary “*contacts*” and the AA lifestyle.”

1. Change the word “workshop” to “*seminar*” throughout the paragraph.
2. Add the wording at the end of the paragraph: “*While all Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons who are able are encouraged to attend this seminar, travel defrayments are limited to the Corrections and Treatment Standing Committee Chairpersons and the Agenda/Assembly Chairperson*”.
3. For some reason there have been multiple times the event wasn’t bid a year in advance as is specified. In that regard, we would add at the end of the second sentence, i.e. “*the next seminar is bid at the current seminar*”.

The reason for changing the name of the function and specifying who is defrayed is to clear up confusion about attendance requirements and defrayments. Per the original motion, the Treatment and Corrections Standing Chairpersons were the only people to be defrayed; it was later realized that we wanted the Agenda/Assembly Chair to attend in order to provide the sound equipment. In Officer and Standing Chair position descriptions, attending Area Workshops is included as a responsibility. This was in place prior to this event coming in to being and is now creating confusion about who is required to attend and who is defrayed.

The corrected paragraph would read:

- 2.3 **Bridging the Gap Seminar:** A Bridging the Gap Seminar will be held each year on the third Saturday in June. This will be rotated among districts selected to host the event one year in advance; “*i.e. the next seminar is bid at the current seminar*”. The purpose of the Bridging the Gap *Seminar* is to provide a joint forum for the Corrections Standing Committee and the Treatment Facilities Standing Committee to share experiences with the Bridging the Gap program and to discuss ways it can be better utilized by the Area. The Area Standing Chairs of these two committees will have joint responsibility for setting the agenda for the Seminar. The purpose of the Bridging the Gap program is to help newcomers stay sober by introducing them to temporary *contacts* and the AA lifestyle. This Seminar is to be a one-day event beginning at 9:00 a.m. *While all Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons who are able are encouraged to attend this seminar, travel defrayments are limited to the Corrections and Treatment Standing Committee Chairpersons and the Agenda/Assembly Chairperson.*

Section 4.1 a., Repository Archivist: (page 8) In order to clarify defrayments for this position, add wording to item 2 under Area Repository Archivist: “When the Repository Archivist travels to provide a display to events not otherwise defrayed for, the Repository Archivist is eligible for the standard travel defrayment.” The item currently reads:

2. Attends and provides an Archives display at all Area Assemblies and by request at Area Workshops and other A.A. service events upon reasonable prior notification.

The new amended item would read:

2. Attends and provides an Archives display at all Area Assemblies and by request at Area Workshops and other A.A. service events upon reasonable prior notification. *When the Repository Archivist travels to provide a requested display at events not otherwise defrayed for, the Repository Archivist is eligible for the standard travel defrayment.*

Section 4.3 Communications, Item c. 3: (page 9) Due to some ambiguity in the current Area Guidelines regarding where the coordination responsibilities lie between the Area and the Hosting District in meeting the translations/interpretation needs, the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) was asked to consider identifying and adding clarifying language to the guidelines. In our review, we identified several sections in the current guidelines that would require additional clarifying language that would assist in ensuring that the translation/interpretation needs are met. As a result, the GRC respectfully submits the following recommendations:

Paragraph currently reads: 3. The Translation Committee will work with the Spanish speaking district and the host committees in providing English-Spanish translators at Area Assemblies. Additionally, translators will be provided at other Area functions if requested by the Spanish speaking members.

Suggested re-write: 3. *The Translation Committee will work with the Spanish speaking district and the host committees in coordinating volunteer English-Spanish translators/interpreters at Area Assemblies. Additionally, they will help in locating volunteer translators/interpreters for other Area functions if requested by the Spanish speaking members. Communicates such needs/information to the Assembly/Agenda Chair.*

The reasoning behind the change is that the Area at this time is not in a position to hire translators/interpreters for our functions, and the current wording implies that we will. When the translation equipment was originally donated to the Area, the discussion at the time was that District 12 would provide translators/interpreters and/or would work with the Area to locate same. Specifying that these are “volunteer” translators/interpreters is more accurate.

*Please note that if the current Communications Committee motion passes, “Translation Committee” would change to “Alternate Delegate”.

Section 4.5 Corrections: (page 10)

Add an item after d (new item e, then re-letter remainder): “*Provides a Corrections Display at all Area Assemblies and by request at Area Workshops, “Bridging the Gap Seminars” and other A.A. service functions.*”, to be consistent with the other Standing Chairperson responsibilities. ***Please note- Amended addition resulting from February 27, 2010 Area Committee Meeting**

Correct item f. which currently reads: “Attends the World Wide Bridging the Gap Workshop when feasible to bring back to the Utah Area that information and experience.”

Correct to: “*Alternates attendance to the National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend with the Area Treatment Chairperson to bring back to the Utah Area that information and experience.*”

Note: The “*National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend*” (NBTGWW) is the current terminology used for this event.

Section 4.9 Treatment Facilities: (page 12)

Add new item e. (and re-letter): “*Provides a Treatment Facilities Display at all Area Assemblies and by request at Area Workshops, “Bridging the Gap Seminars” and other A.A. service functions.*”, to be consistent with the other Standing Chairperson responsibilities. ***Please note- Amended addition resulting from February 27, 2010 Area Committee Meeting.**

Correct item f. which currently reads: “Attends the World Wide Bridging the Gap Workshop when feasible to bring back to the Utah Area information and experience.”

Correct to: “*Alternates attendance to the National Bridge the Gap Workshop Weekend with the Area Corrections Chairperson to bring back to the Utah Area that information and experience.*”

This makes the National BTG workshop attendance consistent with both chairs who attend, alternately.

Section 7.5 Travel Expense Defrayment, Item c.: (page 18)

Correct “Worldwide” to “*National*” re; the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend.

Appendix C, Utah Area Assembly/Workshop Guidelines: (page 23)

After “Financial-”, add subsection:

Translation/Interpretation- *Hosting District is responsible to coordinate with the Translations Committee and the Linguistic District(s) to ensure that translation/interpretation needs are met.*

*Please note: If Communications Committee motion passes, change “Translation Committee” to “Alternate Delegate”.

Area Convention/Agenda Chair-: (page 24)

Replace the word “Convention” with “*Assembly*” reflecting the current terminology for the Area Agenda/Assembly Standing Chair position.

Chairperson-: Replace the word “Convention” with “*Assembly*” throughout the paragraph to reflect the current terminology for the Area Agenda/Assembly Standing Chair position.

Literature/Display-: (page 25) Capitalize where referenced, “*area literature chair*” and “*central office*”.

Marathon Meetings-:

Currently reads:

“As directed by the committee schedules and organizes meetings held in conjunction with the activity, is responsible for...”

Add a comma after committee, remove comma and add “and” after activity so it reads:

“*As directed by the committee, schedules and organizes continuous A.A. meetings held in conjunction with the activity and is responsible for...*”

General Comments and Suggestions: (page 26) Section starting “Most committees...”, correct “best it” to “*it best*”.

Appendix C, A.A. Activity Planning Schedule/Checklist: (page 27) Add under bullet point- **2 weeks before:** “*Confirm Linguistic District(s) translation/interpretation needs.*”

Appendix D, Procedure for Motions- Item 2. e.: (page 28) Correct from “till” to “*until*”.

Appendix E, 6.2: (page 32) Correct from “Utah Central Office” to “*Utah Central Office “s*”.