

**Minutes of the Third Quarterly Assembly
July 24, 2005
North Florida Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous**

2005-2006 Theme: "I am Responsible..."

Area Chairperson - Tom H. opened the meeting and welcomed all new GSRs. He called on Marie from District 33 to read the Anonymity Statement and Kathy S. from District 5 to read the short form of the Twelve Concepts. He announced the passing of 2 of our members: Duke M. of Daytona with 56 years of sobriety and is Juan, DCM for District 33. Fred H., Alt Del., announced that Chris M., a former GSR for District 1 who continued to attend the Area Assemblies even after his term was up passed away unexpectedly on July 13th. Tom then called for a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic along with the families of the members we have lost, followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then read the Responsibility statement.

Registrar - Connie D. took roll (Attachment A).

Secretary - Dilene S. reported that if anyone did not get their minutes they need to see Connie before they leave to give her their address and if anyone has an address change between Assemblies they should send those directly to Connie as she maintains the mailing list and does the actual mailing of the minutes. Also, if you get your minutes please bring them with you to the Assembly so that we do not have to print many copies and we can cut down on printing costs.

Chairperson - Tom H. called for a motion to accept the minutes. **So moved, seconded and passed.**

Treasurer - Rick B. reported this time is much better that the first two reports for this year. Last quarter's highlights and year-to-date totals (through July 22nd) are as follows:

Contributions	\$13,539.96	Total YTD	\$22,735.68
Collections & Coffee	\$ 655.39	Total YTD	\$ 986.42
Grapevine, Inc. sales tax	\$ -304.72	Total YTD	\$ 361.32
Interest Income	\$ 0.00	Total YTD	\$ 63.18
Total Income	\$14,500.07	Total YTD	\$24,146.60
Total Expenses	\$ 7,481.88	Total YTD	\$18,267.54

Income minus expenses leaves a surplus of \$5,879.06. The current checking balance is \$11,060.98, plus a CD for \$11,563.92, for total cash on hand of \$22,624.90.

The good news is that year-to-date contributions and income are up more than \$5,100.00 and expenses are down more than \$2,600.00. Hopefully this trend will continue for the rest of the year. We are currently preparing new budgets for next year and all of the Officers and Committee Chairpersons are doing everything they can to lower the budget. Rick reminded everyone to please include your group name and district number on all donations.

Chairperson - Tom H. then announced that our Delegate has been selected as the Delegate Chairperson of the 2006 General Service Conference and congratulated him.

Delegate - Michael S. recognized the past delegates in attendance as follows: Tom D, Panel 43; Dan E., Panel 45; Dick G., Panel 47 and Past SE Regional Trustee; and Corliss G, Panel 53. I have group contributions envelopes for contributions to GSO. Contributions to GSO through April are up approximately 4% above budget. This is remarkable because GSO budgets down to within 1% of the past years contributions so this is a good trend. The CPC desk has scheduled has already scheduled 54 exhibits so far this year and the hope to schedule a total of 60 exhibits nationwide this year. From the International desk Adrienne B. recently had the opportunity to attend the 2nd Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting. This meeting was co-hosted by the General Service Boards of South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States/Canada. Delegates represented the countries of Uganda, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and South Africa. All of these countries have their own General Service Board and they are doing fantastic. Licenses were approved for translation of *Dr. Bob and the Good Old-timers* into Japanese and Swedish and *Pass It On* into Swedish.

I had the opportunity to go to the International Convention in Toronto just a few weeks ago and I was so touched by the flag ceremony. There were over 90 countries represented; Croatia was there and the gentleman did not have a flag to carry so he held his hands as if was carrying a flag and waving it; Japan was there, China was there, there were a lot of representatives from Africa and Europe. I was truly touched by the international nature of this fellowship. The convention was a very spiritual experience. I had the opportunity to attend the Delegate's luncheon on Saturday afternoon and there was a Delegate in attendance who had served on Panel 8 (47 years ago) and he has been active in service all this time. Dr. Jack Norris' wife was there. Her husband was very instrumental in the founding of AA. There were over 40,000 at the International Convention and I felt like I was among 40,000 of my closest friends, some of whom I have not yet met. It was a real honor to be there.

It was also an honor to be able to attend the 55th General Service Conference. I would like to read you a letter sent out by Eva S., conference coordinator for the 55th General Service Conference just sent out. (Read letter attached as Attachment B)

I would like to extend my thanks to this Assembly for preparing me for this conference report. I will share just a little of what goes on at the conference and what I had to do to prepare for the conference. When I got there they gave me the conference manual which includes the conference agenda along with names, addresses, etc., that I might need. They sent me the Advisory Actions of the GSC from 1951-2004, the current *Service Manual*, an A.A.W.S. order form, the Conference Report from the past year, and the Literature Committee notebook since I am assigned to that committee.

I arrived in New York on Saturday about noon and had a few hours to myself. The New York Intergroup had a hospitality suite and I visited that and then walked for a couple of blocks around the hotel. That was the extent of my personal time for the week. We started Saturday afternoon and went non-stop morning, noon and night until 7 pm Friday evening. Most nights we went until 10 or 11 pm. On Monday the Literature Committee met until 2 am. At that first meeting, sponsored by the New York Intergroup, they gave out their meeting list and it is over 100 pages in fine print. There are meetings 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the Greater New York area. I have already given a few conference reports to various districts. If you have not yet scheduled a report for your district please contact me and I will be happy to go anywhere anytime to give a report.

- The Conference Agenda Committee selected as the theme of the 2006 General Service Conference "Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World". A workshop topic and several presentation topics relating to the conference theme were also chosen.
- The Trustees' Archives Committee gave a report on several ongoing projects. No actions were brought forth from the committee.
- The CPC Committee discussed the need for a pamphlet directed at the Criminal Justice System dealing with our singleness of purpose, open versus closed meetings, proof of attendance and anonymity. No action was taken at this time. It is continuing to be worked on and a progress report will be made at the 2006 conference.
- The Grapevine Committee requested that a collection of stories for young people be produced and that an audio CD of *La Vina* on Steps 7-12 in be produced. There is already a CD on Steps 1-6.
- The Correctional Facilities Committee changed their name to the Corrections Committee. They proposed that the singleness of purpose statement be included in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals". They recommended that a media presentation for training corrections personnel be developed and brought back to the 2006 conference for review.
- The Finance Committee recommended that the Delegate Conference fees from each Area be increased from \$800 to \$1200.
- The International Conventions Committee recommended that an encrypted, anonymity protected, delayed internet broadcast be made of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- The Literature Committee approved a revised introduction to be added to the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Recommended that the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." be revised and eight new stories be added. Recommended that the Third Edition of the Spanish Big Book continue. It is in process and we reviewed that process. Revised the section "Service Sponsorship" in the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship". Revised the text under *The A.A. Grapevine* in the "Your A.A. General Service Office" pamphlet. Replaced the term "sexual preference" with "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic". Reviewed the revised drafts of the comic book pamphlets "Too Young?" and "It Happened to Alice" and recommended that they be returned to the publications department for further revision and brought back to the 2006 conference for further action.
- The Policy and Admissions Committee revised the election time for the Western Canada Region. Recommended that two Alternate Delegates be seated to serve in place of their sitting Delegates in their absence.
- The Public Information Committee recommended that the membership survey pamphlet be revised to reflect the 2004 membership survey. Recommended that the PSA "Living in Chaos" be approved. Recommended that the words "and taking pills" be removed from the PSA "Teenager". I remember that we had a discussion about that at the April Assembly and that went through at the Conference with no discussion at all. The Conference did not have problem with that recommendation as we did. Recommended that the video "A.A.: An Inside View" be discontinued since it is outdated. That is the video that we show at the new GSR orientation. Even though it is out of date it is still full of useful information.
- The Report and Charter Committee recommended that Online meetings in languages other than English, Spanish and French be listed in the directories.
- The Treatment Committee reviewed the Treatment Survey results and noted that there is a decline in inpatient services and increase in outpatient services. Discussed the need to revise the Treatment Workbook. No action was taken at this time.
- The Trustees' Committee revised the by-laws regarding the successor terms of Class B Trustees in the event of a death or resignation. Recommended a slate of Class A Trustees. Leonard Blumenthal, LL.D., of Alberta, Canada, Class A Trustee, will be replacing Elaine McDowell, Ph.D., as Chairman of the Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Elaine rotated out. Dick G. rotated out as the Southeast Regional Trustee and will be replaced with Howard L., Mississippi. Claire from Indiana will be replacing Charles B. as Trustee-at-Large.

Floor actions:

- That the pamphlet "Inmate to Inmate" be revised and that a draft manuscript be presented to the 2006 Corrections Committee.

I also have some financial information. I will skip over a lot of it and simply let you know that, overall, expenses for 2005 were expected to be less than 2004 due to cost saving measures implemented at GSO which do not affect services. 2005 projects a profit of \$71,000.00 compared to a loss of \$300,000.00 for 2004. Part of that loss for 2004 was when the Fourth Edition of the *Big Book* came out and they did not raise the price on it. In fact, while the Third Edition was selling at \$6.00, the Fourth Edition came out at \$5.00

because they were trying to reduce the prudent reserve. They have now reached a level where they are comfortable and that accounted for the loss. But it was much less than the loss they had projected of \$761,000.00. They will also be implementing a minimum shipping charge on small orders to A.A.W.S. The Grapevine is also doing well. The net income for 2005 is budgeted to be \$17,000.00. The net loss for 2004 was \$51,000.00. So, again, they are implementing some cost cutting measures up there to save the fellowship funds.

I do have a much longer version of what I have just given you. When I come to your Districts I will go into much more detail about some of these items. Are there any questions? (No questions)

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your Delegate.

Alternate Delegate – Fred H. reported that he was pleased to serve as a Co-Chair for the Florida Hospitality Suite at the International Convention held from June 30 to July 3, 2005, in Toronto, Canada. The convention had over 47,000 attendees and they estimated that approximately 5,000 people from the U.S., Canada and many foreign countries visited our suite.

Total expenses including coffee were approximately \$5,200.00. Along with 7th Tradition contributions collected in our suite, we were able to return \$3,000.00 to the 2010 International Convention Hospitality Room Fund that is maintained in Area 15. No Area 14 funds were used to fund any portion of the hospitality room expenses.

Chairperson – Tom H. began by making an amends to the Assembly. “At the last quarterly assembly I was informed by a past delegate that when a move to reconsider is passed, the debate reopens and, after debate, another vote is taken there is NO further minority opinion allowed. I will be sure we adhere to this in the future.”

I visited two districts during the last quarter at their invitation to discuss a matter of budget and to discuss the 2003 State Convention debt. Thanks were given to both districts for inviting him to come. I am available to come to any district meeting whenever I am asked.

My wife and I attended the International Convention in Toronto and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves (we were not funded by the area). I also attended the FCYPAA convention in Jacksonville and helped put on a workshop about service. I was privileged to be able to do so (this too was not funded by the area).

I spoke at the Tomoka State Penitentiary. I told them of the Area’s activities and there was great interest by the inmates who are members of the fellowship. They are registered groups and need our support as well as being informed of the Area’s activities.

I have tried to communicate as often as I have had any news for the Area through the DCMs. I am asking the Webmaster for the Area to set aside some room for me on the webpage so I can more fully and more cheaply keep the whole Area advised of any items which need their attention.

I have been informed by the South Florida Area 15 Chair that at their Assembly on July 16-17, their Finance Committee moved to allow their Area Chair to settle the 47th Florida State Convention (2003) debt. He has consulted an attorney in the fellowship who is representing us pro bono. They will reimburse any costs he incurs. He reports progress is being made. Funds can still be donated by groups, districts or individuals to the South Florida Area Treasurer Joni E. You can contact me for her address or your DCM should have my letter with details of how to donate. Any excess monies will be dispersed at the discretion of the South Florida Area Chair.

Tom then thanked the Area for allowing him the privilege and pleasure of serving as your trusted servant.

Alternate Chair – Tina C.-L. thanked the host districts 12A, 12B, 15, 18A and 18B for their great in hosting this Assembly. She also thanked districts 1, 8, 10 and 31 for volunteering to host the October Assembly. She asked these districts to meet with her briefly after this Assembly. The assembly was reminded that they need to check out before noon and to make their reservations for October at least 30 days in advance to receive our negotiated rate of \$61.00. When making reservations request a room in the NFAC block. She apologized to Corrections for the loud group meeting next door to them during their meeting but thanked the Assembly for their patience with the meeting room changes. All meeting rooms will be back to normal at the October Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility – Greg S. Chair; Louie M. Alt. Chair, absent; 12 attendees.

Thank you to Scott B. for taking notes. The main topic for this workshop was “The Americans with Disabilities Act and how it applies to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings”. We had a great meeting. Rick B. gave a great presentation on what being an accessible meeting means and how to actually institute it. We are going to develop a summarized checklist of the information to use when determining if a meeting house is actually accessible. We also discussed working with the website subcommittee to have some of the North Florida Accessibilities literature available on our website similar to the aa.org website. If you would like to obtain a copy of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility guidelines contact the access board at 1-800-872-2253 or <http://www.access-board.gov>. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Archives – Scott L. Chair; Cecilia R. Alt. Chair; 24 attendees.

We talked about the 70th Birthday in Toronto. We also talked a lot about what you should and shouldn’t do with old books, papers and tapes to keep them from being damaged any further. The advice given was to do the least possible so as not to damage them any further, and if you have an article that has been restored, don’t let them come in contact with materials that have not been restored.

Corrections – Charles H., Chair, absent; Rick E., Alt. Chair. Tim F. Chaired at request of Chaz.

The Corrections Chair was not able to attend due to family illness. The meeting was chaired by Tim F. We handed out Workbooks to Intergroup and District Corrections Chairs. We asked attendees to fill out the pink information forms so we can get you into Corrections to take a meeting.

Rick E., Alt Chair, called for a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He noted that Corrections is some of the most important and rewarding service work we do. Lots of people don't like to go into prisons but we need to get more people involved. Long-Term Facilities include Baker, UCI, and New River East & West. Don't accept unless you can devote the necessary time and be there.

11th Tradition –

Tim (Speaker) – People coming into jail-went to meeting-got out, started drinking again-went to meetings while in system. Heard someone share test about being an alcoholic – if you can drink 1 beer a day for 30 days you're probably not an alcoholic. AA can help you change. Can only keep it by giving it away – Sponsor is important. Must be selfless in giving to these people. Look for God in everyone you see.

Matt (Speaker) May never see people again – but good to share your experience, strength and hope with these folks. Found purpose by carrying the message into prisons. Message of Hope. Actions speak louder than words.

Rita (Speaker) – Sign up – get okayed to go – get in and go. Even with record you can still get in – good thing to do.

Opened up for discussion:

- Attraction rather than promotion
- Trust – a big problem
- 2 or more people going in together
- 80% who get into AA do not go back after release
- Call Chaplain of facility for what you can bring in (hard or soft cover?, etc.)

Meeting was closed in the usual fashion.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Pauline N., Chair; Chet P., Alt. Chair. 17 attendees.

Pauline opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She gave a report on the National Conferences that were held in Orlando in the month of June. We had 4 National Conferences and workshops in Orange City.

Chet P. then went through the Traditions and talked about what we give up in applying the Traditions. He also said what the professional needs to know in all of our literature is our "Preamble". There was then a question and answer period.

CPC will do a workshop with the South Florida Area 15 CPC chair at the State Convention on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. There will be a CPC table with a display, literature and volunteers to answer questions.

Pauline thanked Laura N. for taking notes and thanked the Assembly for allowing her to serve.

Grapevine/La Vina – John J., Chair; Melinda G., Alt. Chair; 27 attendees.

Thank you to Dottie (D-12) for taking notes and thank you to the members of District 12 for manning the *Grapevine/La Vina* store. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the Grapevine's Statement of Purpose. Alt. Chair, Melinda G., explained the format the *Grapevine* Activities at the upcoming Florida State Convention Aug. 3-7. She was certainly full of enthusiasm and excitement for the presentation that the Grapevine will have. More volunteers are needed.

Our discussion included: Articles needed at *Grapevine/La Vina* concerning Depression in Sobriety, an excellent topic because all alcoholics go through it in some form or another whether they know it or not. Losing their best friend (the bottle) will cause anyone to slip into depression. We discussed ways to identify and treat it; most important is not to drink one day at a time. Also the importance of acceptance at meetings where a member is sharing their story of depression in sobriety which may not include them talking about alcohol but about the feelings brought about by losing the use of the bottle to solve or relieve the problem. Your stories are needed at the *Grapevine/La Vina*. Write your stories now so they will be published in the future. We also discussed working the Traditions to solve problems at the group level.

There were numerous questions and a lengthy discussion of these topics with GVRs to bring the information to their groups.

New book for the *Grapevine*: "I am Responsible: The Hand of A.A.", a collection of 38 stories on the theme of the 2005 International Convention celebrating the 70th anniversary of A.A. Articles explore what it's like to take responsibility for ourselves and others. Copies will be available at the Florida Convention Aug. 3-7.

Thank you to Melinda G. for all your help with the set up of the store and the *Grapevine/La Vina* subscription raffle. We gave out 10 subscriptions. Thank you to the Assembly for allowing me to serve.

Cooperation with Intergroup – Nancy B., Chair, absent; Tom D., Alt. Chair; 27 attendees.

Tom D. stated that Nancy B. asked him to stand in for her this weekend due to personal business she had to take care of. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He thanked Greg for taking notes. We then posed the question: How much is too much Prudent Reserve?

- What is an adequate prudent reserve?
- What to do when you are over your prudent reserve.
- Define the difference in structure between District and Intergroup.

A question from District 33 was asked regarding what to do if your district is taking on the responsibility of Intergroup, and how to get an Intergroup started. Much discussion was given and many great ideas for the district were put forth. Nancy and Tom will be in touch to give support. Many great ideas and suggestions were given about what a decent prudent reserve should be based on financial upkeep, weather, mother nature, etc. Most Intergroups run based on by-laws. We also discussed where money is spent but the bottom line is many agreed that the Intergroup must adhere to the group conscience.

Literature – Jim T., Chair; Pam D., Alt. Chair; 26 attendees. Main Topic or Theme: AA Guidelines for Literature Committees

Our meeting started fifteen minutes late because the chairperson (rocket scientist) thought the meeting started at half-past rather than quarter-past. Folks, weary of sitting there doing nothing, brought to my attention that we needed to get on with it.

It was reported that our basic function was to assist the delegate in preparation for going to New York for the General Service Conference. Thus our April meeting each year is a busy one. Other meetings throughout the year may be occupied with review of literature recommendations from area members, or as tasked by the area chair.

It was reported that a convention package of all literature and dust covers has been sent to the literature chairperson from New York, but that it had not yet been received. Once received, the committee chair and alternate will be preparing a travel display of our literature which may be used at Area functions upon request.

The literature catalog from New York was briefly reviewed; it was also recommended that literature be ordered through the local Intergroup rather than directly from New York. It was pointed out that AA guidelines are available on the internet at www.aa.org.

The Committee reviewed the guidelines for Literature Committees. One minor typographical error (albeit a confusing one) was found. A good deal of learning about: 1. the organizational structure of our literature; 2. the comprehensive of our literature; 3. the availability of close-captioned videos; was accomplished.

The chairperson committed to ordering a large quantity of "The Home Group" pamphlet, which went through major revision, so members could have this important piece of service literature available as soon as practicable. The chair committed to asking the delegate to provide details of the work of the General Service Conference with respect to literature available at our next Assembly. The committee chair committed to having the display ready in time for the October Assembly.

Thank you to all who attended, and a special thank you to Diane G. for taking excellent notes.

The meeting was closed in the usual manner.

Public Information - Al B., Chair; Doniece S., Alt. Chair; 27 attendees.

Al announced he has some PSAs available for anyone interested. He also can acquire them in Spanish or French.

- "Alcoholics Anonymous: An Inside View" No action is expected on this video from GSO
- "We Know What It's Like" video (available in English, Spanish & French)
- "Living in Chaos" being verified by PI Committee & hopefully will be available in a few weeks
- Radio PSA that included words "and taking pills" was unanimously pulled
- PSA can be ordered through the literature catalog for \$5 (the compilation) or \$10 (the full PSA)
- If anyone knows of local stations that might run PSA, the PI Committee will meet with networks
- 70th Anniversary (June 10, 1935) – contact local papers to run articles. New York would like copies of any articles about the anniversary. Send to Al and he will get them to Gail in New York

Treatment Facilities – Ed. V., Chair; Jim E., Alt. Chair.

Ed. V. reported the following:

Shared experience, strength and hope at a District 27 picnic

Service Workshop – Orange City, FL (hosted by District 19). Presentations on Treatment, Corrections, PI, CPC, etc.

Alternate, Jim E., presented workshop at July Area Assembly on "Do's & Don'ts at Treatment Facility Meetings"

Registered for the BTG Weekend 9/9-1/05 in St. Joseph, MO. Temporary Contact Experience. Seeking actual experience, practical advice on making BTG more effective in helping the alcoholic who still suffers.

October Assembly – Treatment Workshop topic selected by committee members:

How to get people involved

Formats for Treatment Meetings

Website Sub-Committee – Glenn W., Chair; 7 attendees.

The meeting began with an explanation and short discussion of the purpose and goals of the NFA website. A questions and answers document is currently being written to assist in educating members in the specialty terms relating to websites as its relates to A.A. This document will hopefully attribute to a more informed group conscience before the various motions pertaining to the NFA website come forward.

The webmaster then explained that, out of the bulk of emails he has received for various information, two were "12 step" calls. He doesn't know why the internet was the first method of contact for a call for help, but the hand of A.A. was there, and those folks were put in touch with the local service office in their locale.

A report of the various requests for changes/updates to the Area Website followed:

- Provide the minutes online or by e-mail to GSRs and DCMs

- Post Structures and Guidelines online
- Provide a link to the South Florida Area Website
- Provide a section of the website for the NFA Committee Chairperson
- The Website subcommittee become a Standing Committee
- Provide NFA Accessibilities Committee a location on the Website with documents available for download

It was explained that all of the above can be performed with the existing technologies of the NFA website at a zero (\$0) cost.

A member then asked for an explanation of the current subcommittee structure, as outlined in the Structures and Guidelines, and asked why none of the other members were present. The webmaster explained that none of the other assigned members were available for the past two assemblies, and at the advise of the NFA Chairperson, the Webmaster was told to move forward and conduct business. The member then suggested that this lack of composition/participation of the sub-committee should be fixed first to better facilitate the work described earlier. A motion was presented from the floor and seconded as follows:

Section 19-5 of the Structures and Guidelines be amended to read "The Internet Web Site shall be administered by a committee of the North Florida Area Conference of A.A. chaired by the Webmaster."

This motion was discussed and passed with substantial unanimity.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Growth Committee – Fred H., Chair; Tobi D., Alt. Chair; 9 of 12 assigned DCMs present.

Fred gave a progress report on the Area map. He is currently working with Glenn W., the Webmaster, to correct boundary outlines as depicted on the Area map.

The following motions will be coming to the floor of the Assembly for a vote at the Sunday Business Meeting:

- a) Motion to define the duties of the Area Secretary
- b) Motion to describe an Area Committee

The following new motion will be coming from the Growth Committee on Sunday morning and will be published in the meeting minutes for the July Assembly in order to be voted on at the October 2005 Assembly:

"It is recommended that anyone bringing a motion to the floor write the motion exactly as it is to be stated at the microphone and give it to the secretary before going to the microphone."

District 5 requested that they be allowed to send an alternate to the Area Assembly to vote in place of an absent DCM and ACM at an Area 14 Assembly. The Growth Committee discussed this and no formal motion arose. It was felt that since each District is autonomous, they may send a representative of their choice, and no modification to Structure and Guidelines is required.

District 5 recommended that the Area review their vote tallying procedures during business meetings and elections. No motion was made as a result of this discussion.

Finance Committee – Beth J., Chair; Melanie, Alt. Chair; 10 of 12 voting DCMs present; 21 total attendees.

Beth J. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Under old business Tom H. gave an update on the status of the South Florida Area and the 2003 State Convention.

Glenn W., Webmaster, stated that he tried and the current computer the Secretary has does not work. He has a proposal for a new computer and the cost would not exceed \$920.00. This would include a notebook, USB optical mouse, USB floppy drive and Microsoft Office. The computer that the Secretary currently has would then be used by the Webmaster for a quarter. Also, Glenn presented an invoice for services of \$420.00.

Under New Business: The Secretary requested the purchase of a Dictaphone (also known as a transcriber) at the cost of \$209.99 from Staples for use in transcribing the minutes. There was discussion regarding the English to Spanish translation of the minutes.

Rick reported that donations were up and expenses were down at the end of the Second Quarter. Rick read a letter from a group in the NFA. There was discussion regarding the amount and cost of copies for Assemblies, info placed on the website, electronic distribution of information. Tom mentioned a donation of \$2,000.00 from the Jacksonville Intergroup to NFA that will be brought to the Assembly Sunday. The remainder of the day was spent working on the proposed budget (See Attachment C).

Site & Agenda Committee – Tina L., Chair; Lori S., Alt. Chair; 8 of 12 voting DCMs present.

Meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Bids for the 2007-08 Assemblies were evaluated and compared. A decision was made to submit bids from two comparable hotels in Orlando and Jacksonville. The information will then be presented to the Assembly in October, at which time we will vote on the location of the 2007-2008 Assemblies.

Special Reports

49th Florida State Convention – Ann P., Chair.

I've got some friends here to help me because you know we don't do things alone in AA. The convention is in two weeks in Orlando. You still have time to register and we do still have rooms at the overflow hotel. With that I will turn over to Pauline who is our volunteer coordinator. Pauline N. thanked everyone who has already volunteered. If you have not volunteered you may come to the volunteer sign-up table when you get to the convention. We can always use more volunteers. We are going to have lots of fun and do some great service work. Ann then introduced their "resident Scrooge" Marilyn, who is the Convention Treasurer. Marilyn reported that we are already into the late registration period but anyone who registers before they leave here today can register for \$25.00. If you wait to register at the door you will pay \$5.00 more plus you will have to stand in a long line. Ann closed by again inviting all to attend. We are going to have a really great time!

Chair – Tom then stated that he had been approached to lend our support to several Young Peoples events in the near future. He invited Patrick up to present what they will be bidding for that they would like our support in undertaking.

Bid Chair - Patrick reported that the Young People in A.A of Orlando are bidding for 3 events in Orlando in 2006. The first conference we are bidding for is ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in AA). We are trying to bring it back to Orlando. We are also bidding for ECYPAA (Eastern Conference of Young People in AA) and FYCPAA (Florida Conference of Young People in AA). I need a signature from your Chairperson saying that there no events being held in Orlando in 2006. Also, for anyone interested and willing to do any service work for these events, the next bid meeting is the second week of August. Hopefully we have your support and we want to thank you all.

Chair – Tom asked for a sense of the Assembly in support of these YPAA bids. The Assembly unanimously voiced their support. Tom informed Patrick he will be happy to sign a letter confirming we have no major events in Orlando in 2006 and lending our support to these bids.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion from the Growth Committee:

The Growth Committee moves that Structures and Guidelines be modified as follows:

"Duties: The Secretary should have the time and skills to use a computer. The Secretary is responsible for keeping accurate minutes of the Area Assembly and Quarterly Officers Meetings. He/she will also prepare the Area Assembly minutes as well as the meeting agenda, hotel reservation form and other material as directed, if submitted in time, in a form to be mailed to all Area Officers, DCMs, and GSRs at least thirty days prior to the next Assembly. He/she will also have the minutes of the Quarterly Officers Meetings available for review at the Assembly." **MOTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL MINUTES AS REQUIRED. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. NO MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

The Growth Committee moves that Structures and Guidelines be modified as follows:

Eliminate the word "Committee" when it describes an Area Committee and replace it with the word "Service Coordinator" or "Service Coordinators" as necessary. The Administrative Committee description shall remain as currently listed in Structures and Guidelines. **MOTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL MINUTES AS REQUIRED. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. NO MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

Motion from the Floor:

Motion to have the Area Newsletter placed on the Area website. **MOTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL MINUTES AS REQUIRED. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. NO MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

Motion from the floor:

Motion that the Chair appoint someone to contact the member who signed the note for the debt for the 2003 Florida State Convention and ask him to be present at our next Assembly or to prepare a letter explaining what has happened and what is now occurring with regard to the debt. Furthermore, that he allow us to have copies of all financial records regarding the convention. **CHAIR OPTED TO CONTINUE TO TABLE THIS MOTION.**

Motion from the Webmaster:

The Webmaster moved that Structures and Guidelines be amended to add email accounts to the North Florida Area Web Site for Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons (will automatically be changed to "Service Coordinators" by virtue of earlier motion which passed) to be referenced by position only, with a brief description of the position duties and responsibilities. (Page 13,

Paragraph 9, Article 4k). **MOTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL MINUTES AS REQUIRED. DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. NO MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

NEW BUSINESS

Chair – Tom asked Dan E. to give the report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Florida State Convention.

Ad-Hoc Committee Chair – Dan E. thanked the chairing for the opportunity to make the report of the ad-hoc Committee. Dan then read the report (See Attachment D). “It is the opinion of the Committee that Model One (in the report) best balances the needs of the North Florida Area, those who choose to bid and provide a convention and maintain fiscal principles within the spirit of trust and service suggested by our Traditions and Concepts.

This report is only a preliminary concept presentation by the Committee and it is recommended that the North Florida Area review, discuss and finalize the process by which future Conventions are provided.”

Dan E. personally thanked the committee members who really did the work on this, Fred, Chet and Connie. And on a finishing note “When we go forward and you make all your decisions and this all goes through Growth, I have the utmost confidence that what comes out of the rinse cycle will be the best for the North Florida Area and certainly the convention experience.”

Chair - Tom thanked Dan and the members of the committee. He then dissolved the committee and referred the report to the Growth Committee for study and recommendations. He also asked all to take this back to their groups for discussions and recommendations at the next Assembly.

Motion from the Floor:

Michael S., Delegate, made a motion to amend Structures and Guidelines to include the Administrative Committees in the previous motion from the Webmaster which was passed. **THIS IS A CHANGE TO STRUCTURES AND GUIDELINES AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY MINUTES FOR VOTE AT THE OCTOBER ASSEMBLY.**

Motion from the Chair:

Motion to pass the basket one-time-only a second time at this Assembly to contribute to repayment of the 2003 State Convention debt which will be given to the South Florida Treasurer, who is here today. Anything further that any district, group or individual desires to contribute can be sent to the Area 15 Treasurer directly. Chair called for a motion. **SO MOVED AND SECONDED. DISCUSSION.**

The South Florida Treasurer was asked to come to the microphone. Joni E. answered some questions concerning how the South Florida Area has decided to raise funds to repay the convention debt. They created a line item for the Treasurer to collect anonymous voluntary contributions to go directly toward repayment of the 2003 Convention debt. They have since passed the basket at two assemblies, collecting a total of over \$4,000.00, and with a constant stream of contributions from individuals, groups and districts, including a contribution for Tallahassee and another group in Area 14, a total of \$21, 105.45 has been collected.

The Chair added that an attorney in the program has stepped forward to take over negotiations on reduction of this debt as much as possible through contact with the Regency Hotel. He is currently in contact with them and negotiations are in progress at this time.

AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS PASSED. MINORITY OPINION WAS GIVEN. THE BASKET WAS PASSED. (THE TOTAL COLLECTED CAME TO \$1,429.32)

For any individual, group or district interested in sending contribution funds please address contributions to:

Treasurer
Area 15, South Florida
P. O. Box 48243
St. Petersburg, FL 33743
Makes checks payable to South Florida Area and note at the bottom: 2003

Chair – Tom then reported that he was contacted by a representative of the Jacksonville Intergroup. Their Intergroup received a bequest of \$8,600 from a member who had passed away. They wished to donate \$2,000 to GSO, \$2,000 to Area 14, and \$2,000 to be split amongst the groups they service.

This bequest was from a member of the fellowship who had passed away who wanted this money given to the service structure of North Florida. After a lot of discussion, because I initially said “Great, we’ll take it”, I was informed by several people (mostly Past Delegates) that we can’t do that. The reason for not accepting is that this individual should not have given more than

\$2,000 in a one time bequest to any AA entity. If he had divided it himself, it would have been fine. The \$2,000 bequest should have been accepted by the Intergroup and the remainder of the money should have been returned. As a result, I turned down the \$2,000. I present this because, if you people feel I should have accepted it, it is up to you to move and vote it and I will have to live with it but I think it's not exactly the way it should be done. No motion coming forward, he then called for new business to continue.

Motion from the Growth Committee:

The Growth Committee makes the following motion:

"It is recommended that anyone bringing a motion to the floor write the motion exactly as it is to be stated at the microphone and give it to the Secretary before going to the microphone." **THIS IS CONSIDERED A SECONDED MOTION BY VIRTUE OF COMING OUT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. THIS IS NOT A CHANGE TO STRUCTURES AND GUIDELINES SO PUBLICATION IN THE MINUTES IS NOT REQUIRED. DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

A MOTION TO RE-CONSIDER WAS MADE & SECONDED. MOTION TO RE-CONSIDER CARRIED. MOTION REOPENED FOR DISCUSSION. AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, MOTION FAILED.

Motion from the Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee moves that the Area purchase a new computer for use by the secretary. The cost will not exceed \$920.00 and will include all equipment and software. **THIS IS CONSIDERED A SECONDED MOTION BY VIRTUE OF COMING OUT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

The Finance Committee moves that the Area purchase a Dictaphone (also known as a transcriber) for the secretary at a cost of \$209.99. **THIS IS CONSIDERED A SECONDED MOTION BY VIRTUE OF COMING OUT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Motion from the Floor:

Jim T., GSR, Cape Canaveral Group, moved that the North Florida Area Conference conduct an inventory at the January 2006 Assembly. **MOTION SECONDED. DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED. NO MINORITY OPINION GIVEN.**

Chair – Tom appointed Corliss G., Past Delegate, to chair an ad-hoc committee to research and report to us their recommendations.

Motion from the Webmaster:

The webmaster moved to change Structures and Guidelines, Section 19-5 as follows: "The Internet Web Site shall be administered by a committee of the North Florida Area Conference of A.A. chaired by the Webmaster." This would replace the current 19-5 in its entirety. **MOTION SECONDED. TABLED FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MINUTES AS REQUIRED BY STRUCTURES & GUIDELINES FOR VOTE AT THE OCTOBER ASSEMBLY.**

Motion from the Floor:

Richard First, DCM, District 23, moved to disallow Area Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs and DCMs to vote at the N.F.A.A. business meetings.

Each Chairperson and DCM is a member of a group in Area 14. Due to their opinions and agendas, they may and often do change or cancel out the vote of their groups by their vote. **MOTION SECONDED. SINCE THIS A CHANGE TO STRUCTURES AND GUIDELINES IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MINUTES. AFTER A POINT OF ORDER, THE MOTION WAS THEN ALSO REFERRED TO THE GROWTH COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER NEW BUSINESS A MOTION TO ADJOURNE WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER.

NFACAA 3rd Quarter Minutes July 2005

Assembly Attendance, Sunday, July 24, 2005

Officers

Delegate	Michael S.	X
Alternate Delegate	Fred H.	X
Chairperson	Tom H.	X
Alternate Chair	Tina C.L.	X
Treasurer	Rick B.	X
Registrar	Connie D.	X
Secretary	Dilene S.	X
Parliamentarian	Dan S.	X
Webmaster	Glenn W.	X

Standing Committees

Accessibilities	Gregory S.	X
Archives	Scott L.	X
Corrections	Charles H. (Chaz)	O
CPC	Pauline N.	X
Grapevine	John J.	X
Intergroup	Nancy B.	O
Literature	Jim T.	X
Public Information	Al B.	X
Treatment	Ed V.	X

Administrative

Growth	See Alt. Del.	
Finance	Beth J.	X
Site/Agenda	See Alt. Chair	

Total		17
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District	DCM	Alt DCM	GSRs
1	X	X	9
3	X	O	4
4	X	O	1
5	X	O	5
6	X	O	5
7A	O	X	0
7B	X	O	1
8	X	O	5
9A	X	O	3
9B	X	O	2
10	X	X	5
11	X	O	1
12A	X	X	4
12B	X	X	3
13	O	X	1
14	X	X	13
15	X	X	5
16	X	O	3
17A	O	O	0
17B	X	O	6
18A	X	O	4
18B	X	O	3
19A	X	O	1
19B	X	O	6
20	O	X	6
21	X	X	4
22	X	O	3
23	X	O	4
24	X	X	2
25	X	O	7
27	X	O	2
28	X	X	8
30	X	O	2
31	O	X	2
32	X	O	4
33	X	O	6
Totals	31	4	140



**International Convention
Alcoholics Anonymous
Toronto June 30-July 3, 2005
"I AM RESPONSIBLE"**

May 13, 2005

To: All Members
55th General Service Conference

From: Eva , Conference Coordinator 

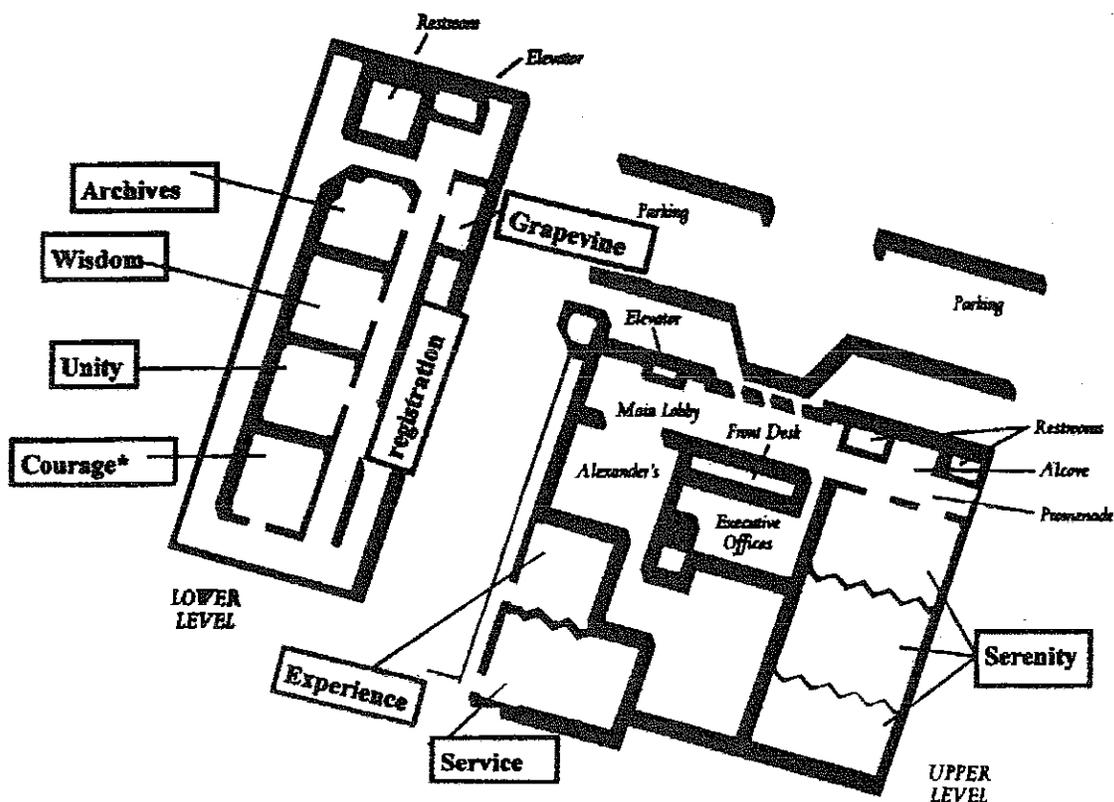
I am delighted to send you the Advisory Actions and Additional Committee Considerations in English, French and Spanish as a preliminary example of the marvelous work of the 55th General Service Conference.

For me, it is not possible to adequately describe the 2005 Conference. Each time I reach for words to convey the spiritual significance of the event, I realize that such a group conscience can only be experienced rather than explained. You came together in the best sense of our theme, "Basics of Our Home Group – Recovery, Unity and Service."

Your sterling example will reflect on the 56th G.S.C., which will have as its theme "Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World."

I thank each of you for your participation throughout the Conference. I look forward to sharing the experience as we continue to work together to ensure that the A.A. message of hope is there for the still-suffering alcoholic.

Encl.: Conference Advisory Actions of the 55th General Service Conference
Additional Committee Considerations (English, French and Spanish)



*There is a Hospitality Room in "Courage" Saturday 11:30 am until 6:00 pm. Entrance to the room is from the outside.

The Grapevine Store is open in the Grapevine Room from 8:30am – 6:00 pm Saturday directly across from the Conference registration desk.

The Archives Committee display is open Saturday from 11:30am – 12:45pm and 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the Archives Room.

There is an Ice Cream Social Saturday Night from 9:30pm – 10:30pm in the hotel Restaurant. The cost is \$5.00.

There is a breakfast buffet Saturday and Sunday morning in the restaurant. There are also lunch and dinner buffets on Saturday.

Regular AA meetings can be held at the pool at 7:00am and 10:00pm Saturday and 7:00am Sunday.

If you need an ASL Interpreter, please have your DCM contact the Site & Agenda Chair (also the Assembly Alternate Chair) as early as possible before the Assembly weekend.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: In order to vote at the Sunday Business Meeting you must be in your seat at your District's assigned table by 9:00am for Roll Call.

NFACAA
Paramount Plaza Hotel and Suites
2900 SW 13th Street Gainesville, FL 32608
352-377-4000 fax 352-371-1159

Area Assembly Agenda

Host Districts: 1, 8, 10, 31

<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Friday, October 14, 2005			
5:00pm	Registration	Service	Host Committee
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Discussion Meeting	Service	Host Committee
Saturday, October 15, 2005			
8:00am	Registration	Downstairs	Host Committee
9:00am - 10:00am	GSR Orientation	Service	Host Committee
9:00am - 9:45am	Officers Meeting	Wisdom	Tom H
10:00am - 11:30am	Finance Committee	Courage	Beth J
	Growth Committee	Unity	Fred H
	Site & Agenda Committee	Wisdom	Tina C-L
10:30am - 11:30am	Treatment	Service	Ed V
	Literature	Experience	Jim T
	Archives (Permanent time)	Archives	Scott L
11:45am - 12:45pm	Traditions 10, 11, & 12	Service	Host Committee
	Grapevine	Unity	John J
	Coop. w/Professional Comm.	Experience	Pauline N
	Website Subcommittee	Wisdom	Glenn W
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Ask the Officers Forum (P T)	Service	Tom H
	Public Information	Wisdom	Al B
	Intergroup	Courage	Nancy B
3:15pm - 4:15pm	Service Manual Workshop	Experience	Past Delegate
	Corrections	Wisdom	Chaz H
	Accessibilities	Unity	Greg S
4:30pm - 6:00pm	GSR Workshop	Service	Tina C-L
	Officer/DCM Meeting	Experience	Tom H
6:00pm - 8:30pm	Dinner		
8:30pm - 9:30pm*	Speaker Meeting	Serenity	Host Committee
Sunday, October 16, 2005			
9:00am - 12:00pm*	Business Meeting	Serenity	Tom H
meeting room map on back			

Motion from the Floor:

“Motion to disallow Area Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs and DCMs to vote at the N.F.A.A. business meetings.

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New Business:

2005 Proposed budget as presented by the Finance Committee

Bids for the 2007-2008 Area Assemblies which will be presented at the October Assembly by the Site & Agenda Chair.

Anything further that may be proposed and passed through the appropriate committees or brought to the Assembly floor and seconded by any voting member of the Assembly.

**NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Fourth Quarterly Assembly, October 16, 2005

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, SUNDAY, October 16, 2005, 9:00 AM

Open
Reading of Anonymity Statement
Reading of short form of Concepts
Roll Call by Registrar
Secretary's report -- motion to accept
Treasurer's report -- motion to accept
Delegate's report
Alternate Delegate
Alternate Chairperson

Standing Service Coordinators Reports

Accessibilities
Archives
Cooperation with Professional Community
Corrections
Grapevine
Cooperation with Intergroup
Literature
Public Information
Treatment Facilities
Web Site "Sub-Service Coordinator"

Administrative Committee Reports

Finance
Growth
Site and Agenda

Special Reports

49th Florida State Convention

Old Business:

Motion from the Floor:

Motion to Amend Structures and Guidelines to include web address for Administrative Committee Chairs to Page 13, Paragraph 9, Article 4k as amended at the July 2005 Assembly. **MOTION SECONDED AND TABLED TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY MINUTES FOR VOTE AT THE OCTOBER ASSEMBLY.**

Motion from the Webmaster:

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North Florida Area Conference
Income by Customer Summary
January 1 through July 22, 2005

	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05</u>
The Kissimmee Group	100.00
Total District 31	286.60
District 32	
How It Works	37.64
Primary Purpose Group	50.00
Riverbridge Group	20.00
Tomoka Group	15.00
Wednesday Closed	50.00
Total District 32	172.64
District 33 Hispanic	
Grupo 20 De Agosto	300.00
Manantial De Vida	50.00
Renacer	75.00
District 33 Hispanic - Other	450.00
Total District 33 Hispanic	875.00
Spanish Intergroup	400.00
Unspecified	
Anonymous	157.40
Total Unspecified	157.40
Unspecified - Other	20.02
TOTAL	<u>24,077.42</u>

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	Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05
Deland Group	75.00
Four Townes Group	196.10
Grateful Group	75.00
Just Do It Big Book Study Group	30.00
Sobriety First	160.00
District 19 - Other	75.00
Total District 19	1,011.10
District 20	
Friday Night Men's	17.12
New Dawn Group	186.24
New Smyrna Beach Group	68.40
Peace of Mind Group	200.00
The 5 30 Group	25.00
Women's New Beginnings	50.00
Total District 20	546.76
District 21	
Big Book Holly Hill	20.24
Big Book Study Group	10.47
Friday Noon Men's Group	11.50
Turning Point Group	50.84
Wednesday Women's 2pm CBC	64.99
Total District 21	157.84
District 22	
A New Beginning	27.90
Came to Believe Group	115.00
Footprints in the Sand	120.00
Happy Wanderers	208.00
Jump Start Group	5.00
Living Sober Group	141.00
Stepping on the Right Directi	109.25
Steps to Serenity	25.00
TGIF Group	72.90
Women To Women Group	150.00
Total District 22	974.05
District 23	
805 Men's Group	34.02
Conscious Contact Group	70.00
Patrick Group	90.00
Riverside Group	25.00
Sandpiper Group	210.00
Sisters in Sobriety Group	25.00
Turning Point Group	35.00
Women's Beachside	10.26
Total District 23	499.26
District 25	
Beaches Unity Group	292.50
Beachside Step Study Group	50.00

	Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05
I Am Responsible	75.00
Intensive Care Group	15.29
Jax Beach YPG	16.68
Joy Group	30.44
Lunch Bunch Group	24.55
Mens Red Eye	692.18
Mens Sunday AM Big Book Study	10.00
More About Alcoholism	20.00
Neptune Beach Book Study	5.00
Ponte Vedra Men's	9.80
Ponte Vedra Women's Group Thurs Night	62.40
Solutions Group	40.00
Surrender to win	10.00
Women Enjoying Sobriety	110.38
Total District 25	1,464.22
District 27	
Friends of Bill W Group	75.00
Keep It Simple Cedar Key	157.50
Williston Winners	30.00
Total District 27	282.50
District 28	
C.A.T.S.	60.00
Floral City Group	10.00
Holder Way of Life Group	150.00
Inverness Friday Night	90.00
Inverness Monday Night	150.00
It's In The Book	20.00
Last Chance	35.00
Women's Friendship	90.00
YANA Group	175.00
Total District 28	780.00
District 29	
Barefoot Bay Wed. Discussion	120.00
Total District 29	120.00
District 30	
Amethyst Group	58.93
Baymeadows Group	40.00
Greenland Road Group	60.00
Hi Noon - Mandarin Group	40.00
Mandarin Group	150.00
Wellness Group	32.50
Total District 30	379.43
District 31	
Miracle Group	25.00
Pathway to Recovery Group	100.00
Primary Purpose Group	51.60
Providence Group	10.00

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	Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05
District 12	
After Hour's Group	115.00
Brown Bag Bunch	120.00
Eau Gallie Group	40.00
Home Base Group	89.48
Just Us Pickles Group	122.40
Living Sober Group	25.00
Melbourne Beach Group	78.08
New Womens Group	25.00
Old School Group	8.27
Second Base Group	10.00
Suntree Group	170.00
Suntree Women's Group	24.50
Total District 12	827.71
District 13	
Aripeka Open Speaker Group	30.00
Ask It Basket	230.00
Fun & Frolic Group	30.00
Happy Hour Group	78.00
Hernando Beach Group	48.00
Hope Group	15.00
Life Goes On Group	30.00
Living Sober	137.50
More Serenity Sisters	15.00
Precisely II Big Book Study	300.00
Promises Group	60.00
Singleness of Purpose	137.50
Spring Hill Monday Night Meet	35.00
Steps We Took Step Study	100.00
Women's Serenity Group	28.09
Total District 13	1,270.09
District 14	
By the Book Group	78.20
Design For Living	80.00
Eye Opener Group	320.57
Free To Be	54.00
Gainesville Men's Group	12.50
Keystone Heights AA	50.00
Micanopy Group	45.00
Out To Lunch Bunch	601.92
Promises Group	193.00
Solutions Group	73.00
Step By Step	200.00
The 4th Dimension Group	598.39
The Way Out	145.00
Tuesday Night Step Study	99.14
Unity Group	89.73
Women's Step Study	40.00
District 14 - Other	53.00

	Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05
Total District 14	2,711.45
District 15	
Cape Canaveral Group	120.00
Cocoa 11th Step	75.00
Lost & Found Group	57.50
Sunset Group	125.00
District 15 - Other	79.49
Total District 15	456.99
District 16	
Bradford Group	26.00
Ft. White Group	100.00
Total District 16	126.00
District 17	
As Bill Sees It Group	50.00
Beginners First Step	19.80
Bellevue Group	14.12
Came to Believe	10.00
Experience, Strength, Hope	33.50
Fountain of Gratitude	36.00
Happy Hour Group	25.00
Happy, Joyous, Free	185.04
Head Start Group	58.30
Keep It Simple	180.07
Lunch Bunch Group	45.44
Ocala Group	195.88
Ocala Mens Group	44.00
The Grace Group	60.00
District 17 - Other	44.20
Total District 17	1,001.35
District 18	
6's & 7's group	6.73
Back To Basics Group	10.00
Clean Air Group	70.00
Happy Hour Group - Casselberry	420.00
High Noon Group	150.00
Hope And Courage Group	32.25
Islanders	10.00
Lake Mary Grace Group	20.00
Pass It On Group	137.50
Riverbend Men's Group	60.00
Sober Won	450.00
Winter Park Group	15.00
Total District 18	1,381.48
District 19	
As Bill Sees It	100.00
Back to Basics	50.00
Boulevard Group	250.00

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	Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05
Area 14 Committee	1,625.4
District 01	
Arlington Group	250.00
Central Group	150.00
Fiesta Group	254.27
Language of the Heart Group	64.00
Monday Night Roving Stag	101.84
SAN-MAN GROUP	40.00
District 01 - Other	400.00
Total District 01	1,260.11
District 03	
Fleming Island Group	20.00
Middleburg Group	10.83
Orange Park Group	200.00
Orange Park Stepsisters	15.00
Wesconnett Group	31.22
Westside Group	400.00
Total District 03	677.05
District 04	
Fernandina Beach Group	281.68
Winners Group	24.00
Total District 04	305.68
District 05	
Central Group of AA	160.00
Downtown Group	7.34
Happy Hour Group	103.94
Men's Faith Group	105.00
Northside Group	98.00
Powder No Puff	25.00
Willing Group	4.00
District 05 - Other	158.00
Total District 05	677.28
District 06	
Lest We Forget	85.63
Nite Owl Group	75.00
Oldest City Group	45.00
Oyster Creek	125.00
Seascape	20.00
Seascape Group	20.00
Triangle Group	125.00
Total District 06	495.63
District 07	
12 Steps New Beginning	38.09
Came to Believe Group	110.00
Happy Hour	50.00
Joy of Living	26.00
Keep It Simple	43.00

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Lady Lake Sunday Breakfast Group	45.00
Leesburg Transition Group	148.00
Lunch Bunch	10.00
Primary Purpose	60.00
S O S Group	60.00
Serenity Seekers	23.00
Sober & Free	21.50
Sober For Lunch Group	65.00
Take It Easy Men's Group	26.48
Take It Easy Women's Group	80.00
TNC	50.00
Together We Can	20.00
Triangle Breakfast	60.00
Triple Crown	35.00
We Can Fly	17.50
Total District 07	968.57
District 08	
Free To Be	87.65
Last Call Group	53.39
Ninth Tradition Group	62.62
Step Sisters	18.87
Thursday Men's Group	10.00
Total District 08	232.53
District 09	
Conway Group	15.00
Crossroads Group	30.00
Dr Phillips Group	279.55
Friends of Bill W	20.00
From The Heart	15.00
Hi Sobriety	50.00
Ponderosa Group	58.40
Rainbow Group	20.00
Sand Lake Men's	70.00
Sharing & Caring Group	23.00
Wakeup Call of Orlando	120.00
Total District 09	700.95
District 10	
Apopka Living Sober	92.00
College Park Triangle Group	100.00
Maitland Beginners	82.08
Marvin R. Group	190.00
Winter Park Greenhouse	275.90
Total District 10	739.98
District 11	
Central Orlando Group	381.01
Made a Beginning	111.33
Total District 11	492.34

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North Florida Area Conference
Profit & Loss
January 1 through July 22, 2005

	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05</u>
9120 - Hotel for 11 Committee Chairs	1,483.63
9140 - Mileage for Officers and Chairs	<u>2,132.42</u>
Total 9100 - Hotel and Mileage Expenses	4,488.80
9200 - Conference Operations	
9210 - Annual Corporate Fees	81.25
9220 - Officers Interim Meeting Rent	50.00
9240 - Supplies & Fireboxes	7.00
9280 - Orientation Packages	<u>684.65</u>
Total 9200 - Conference Operations	802.90
9400 - Assembly Costs	
9470 - Spanish Translator	759.00
9410 - Coffee Service	2,666.00
9420 - Hosting Expense	<u>41.00</u>
Total 9400 - Assembly Costs	3,466.00
Total Expense	18,267.54
Net Ordinary Income	5,873.06
Net Income	<u>5,873.06</u>

North Florida Area Conference
Profit & Loss
January 1 through July 22, 2005

	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 · Contributions	22,729.68
4200 · Assembly Income	
4210 · Seventh Tradition	352.51
4220 · Coffee Collection	633.91
Total 4200 · Assembly Income	<u>986.42</u>
4500 · Literature Sales	
4550 · Grapevine	361.32
Total 4500 · Literature Sales	<u>361.32</u>
4700 · Interest Income	63.18
Total Income	<u>24,140.60</u>
Expense	
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
6100 · Delegate	
6191 · International Convention	474.22
6130 · Supplies	35.67
6120 · Postage	63.97
6111 · Fla State Convention	90.00
6110 · Duplication	18.55
6171 · General Service Conference	800.00
6172 · Delegate Get-Together	556.04
6190 · General Expenses	55.00
Total 6100 · Delegate	<u>2,093.45</u>
6200 · Alternate Delegate	
6210 · Duplication	26.41
6250 · Travel	57.96
6272 · Delegates Get-Together	652.96
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	<u>737.33</u>
6300 · Chairman	
6375 · FL State Conv Advisory Comm.	56.00
6310 · Duplication	27.20
6320 · Postage	37.00
6330 · Supplies	472.78
6374 · SERF Chairman Elect	512.22
Total 6300 · Chairman	<u>1,105.20</u>
6400 · Alternate Chairman	
6410 · Duplication	100.18
6420 · Postage	12.80
6430 · Supplies	38.98
6440 · Telephone	4.36
Total 6400 · Alternate Chairman	<u>156.30</u>
6500 · Secretary	
6510 · Duplication	2,378.43
6520 · Postage	83.20

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	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 22, '05</u>
6530 · Supplies	332.11
6540 · Telephone	13.37
6550 · Travel	49.08
Total 6500 · Secretary	<u>2,856.19</u>
6600 · Registrar	
6610 · Duplication	32.99
6620 · Postage	309.50
6630 · Supplies	83.45
Total 6600 · Registrar	<u>425.94</u>
6700 · Treasurer	
6710 · Duplication	221.13
6720 · Postage	50.00
6782 · Bank Charges	42.50
Total 6700 · Treasurer	<u>313.63</u>
7200 · Archives Cmte.	
7270 · Storage	697.12
7282 · Document Preservation	25.44
Total 7200 · Archives Cmte.	<u>722.56</u>
7300 · Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.	
7370 · Convention Travel	518.02
Total 7300 · Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.	<u>518.02</u>
7600 · Intergroup Cmte.	
7610 · Duplication	45.00
Total 7600 · Intergroup Cmte.	<u>45.00</u>
7700 · Literature Cmte.	
7710 · Duplication	48.17
7750 · Literature	4.80
Total 7700 · Literature Cmte.	<u>50.97</u>
7800 · Public Information Cmte.	
7850 · Literature	123.30
7860 · Workshops	17.50
7880 · Video	84.60
Total 7800 · Public Information Cmte.	<u>225.40</u>
7900 · Treatment Facilities Cmte.	
7950 · Literature	253.08
Total 7900 · Treatment Facilities Cmte.	<u>253.08</u>
8200 · Growth Cmte	
8210 · Duplication	6.77
Total 8200 · Growth Cmte	<u>6.77</u>
9100 · Hotel and Mileage Expenses	
9160 · Duplication	18.75
9110 · Hotel for 7 Officers	854.00

corporate structure would be to organize as an unincorporated association. (This is the present structure of the State Convention entity that holds the 501c (3) exemption).

We would need to file for the IRS exemption as a non-profit organization once again – Cost may be up to \$500.

The State Convention (when held in North Florida) would be an operation of Alcoholics Anonymous and any financial liabilities as a result of the operation of the Convention would be liabilities of the North Florida Area Assembly.

The Area Chair and officers *could* be held personally liable for any losses that are shown to be the result of improper or inadequate oversight of the Convention Chair or Convention Treasurer.

Budgets and financial reports need to be monitored by the Area Treasurer and Convention Chair and made available just as the Area budget is made available.

A separate bank account for the Convention revenues would be created with the Area Treasurer, covered by Bond Insurance in effect, ultimately responsible for that account.

Reserves should be set aside to alleviate the possible losses that may be legitimately sustained. Contributions to this reserve should be mandatory from excess revenues over expenses on a percentage decided by the Standing Convention Committee.

The convention chair, co-chair, treasurer and secretary should have previous service work experience. (GSR, DCM, Area Experience or Intergroup)

Summary:

For many years the current Florida State Convention process has provided successful conventions and a positive experience for those who participate. A recent convention financial shortfall has required the North Florida Area to review and initiate methods that will minimize the risk of future convention financial losses, create reserve funds and maintain the flexibility the convention committee needs to provide a successful convention.

Both models meet the mandate of the Motion however each model has strengths and weaknesses pertaining on the level of financial and legal risk the NFAA is willing to assume while allowing for a committee to bid, create and manage the presentation of a positive convention experience. It is the opinion of the committee, that Model One best balances the needs of the North Florida Area, those who choose to bid and provide a convention and maintain fiscal principles within the spirit of trust and service suggested by our Traditions and Concepts.

This report is only a preliminary concept presentation by the committee and it is recommended that the North Florida Area review, discuss and finalize the process by which future Conventions are provided.

Respectfully submitted,
NFAA State Convention Ad-hoc Committee
July 24, 2005

The Chair and officers of the Area Assembly would be most insulated from any personal liability resulting from the operation of the Convention.

A formal bidding procedure be established including budget and fiscal controls to be submitted for area consideration and approval prior to convention site selection.

Upon meeting stringent bid requirements, the Convention Chair and Convention Treasurer agree to report to and accept suggestions from the Standing Convention Committee, but they would be legally independent to follow their conscience (and legal liability) as to final decisions.

Budgets need to be monitored by the Treasurer and Convention Chair and made available just as the Area budget is made available.

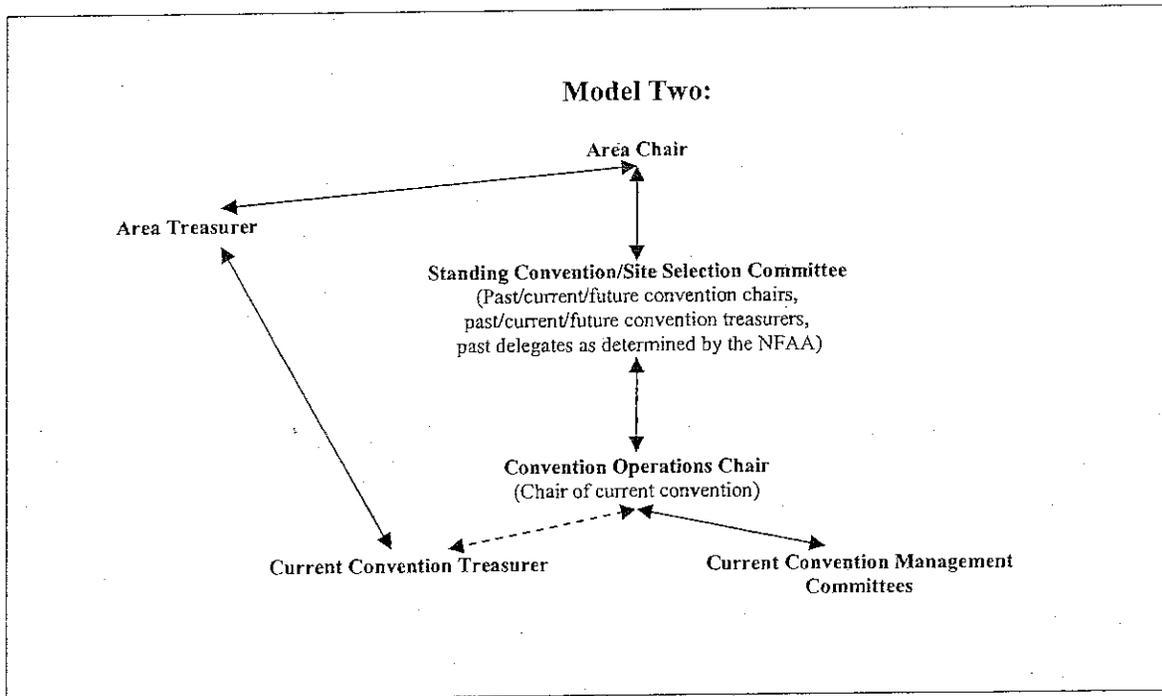
Internal controls involve no cost other than time and reporting.

Financial reports will be compiled and made available to the Assembly, quarterly.

The Area Treasurer is covered by bond insurance. The Convention Committee may consider using this as well.

Reserves should be set aside to alleviate the possible losses that may be legitimately sustained. Contributions to this reserve should be mandatory from excess revenues over expenses on a percentage decided by the Standing Convention Committee.

The convention chair, co-chair, treasurer and secretary should have previous service work experience. (GSR, DCM, Area Experience or Intergroup)



A separate corporation is created with the Chair of that corporation and its Treasurer being selected by the Area Chair and/or Standing Convention Committee and/or an alternative to the

North Florida Area State Convention Ad-hoc Committee

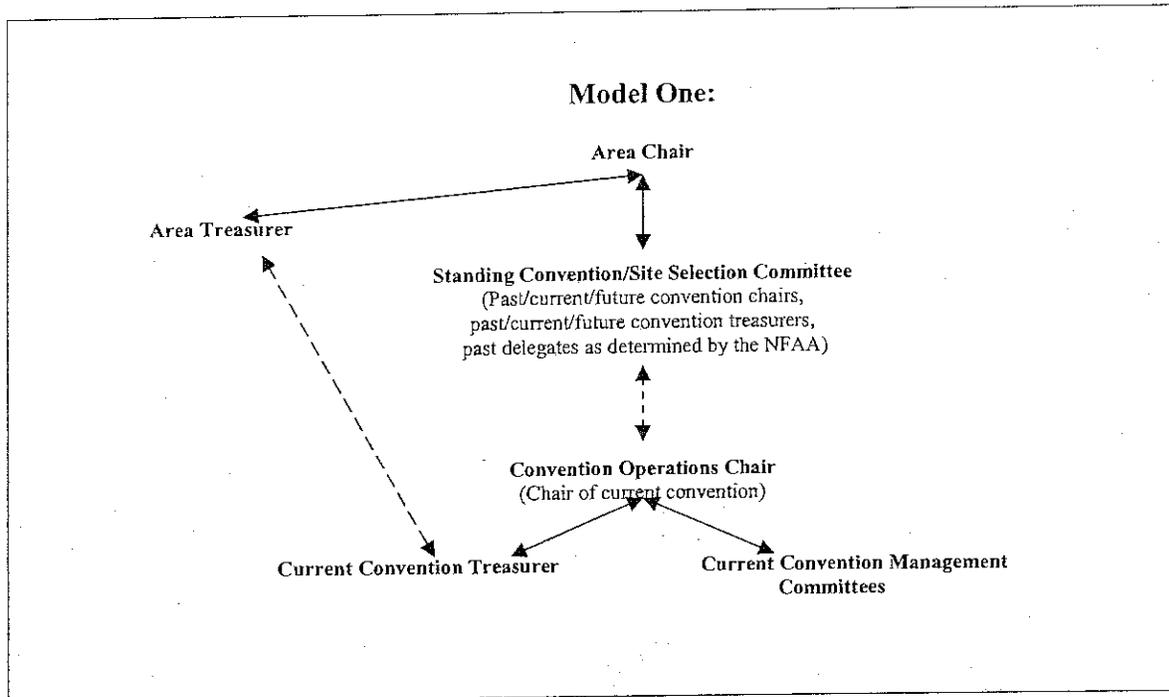
July 24, 2005

Dan E. Chair (Past Delegate)
Fred H., Connie D., Chet P.

Motion: "That the North Florida Area assumes 100% oversight and responsibility for the Florida State Convention when it geographically occurs within the North Florida Area."

The committee recommends:

- The North Florida Area convention process be totally separate from South Florida
- The North Florida Convention be incorporated
- Structure and Guidelines be amended to reflect the convention intent of the Area
- It is recommended that two operational models be considered by the NF Area:



A separate corporation is created with the Chair of that corporation and its Treasurer being selected by the Area Chair and/or Standing Convention Committee.

The name of the corporation would not include "Alcoholics Anonymous" and, therefore, the reputation of AA would not be affected by anything that happened as a result of the operation of the Convention.

We would need to file for the IRS exemption as a non-profit organization once again – Cost may be up to \$500.

This would legally be the most separate from the Area Assembly and any financial liabilities of the corporation would probably not be financial liabilities of the Area Assembly.

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Proposed Budget

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Next Year

		2005	2,006
7750	Literature	\$250	\$125
7760	Workshops	\$0	\$0
7790	Area Workshops	\$100	\$200
	Total Literature Cmte.	\$400	\$370
7800	Public Information Cmte.		
7810	Duplication	\$10	\$0
7820	Postage	\$10	\$0
7830	Supplies	\$20	\$18
7840	Telephone	\$10	\$0
7850	Literature	\$145	\$131
7860	Workshops	\$150	\$135
7870	Web Site	\$400 ?	\$340
7881	Videos	\$30 ?	\$27
7890	Area Workshops	\$200	\$200
	Total Public Information Cmte.	\$975	\$851
7900	Treatment Facilities Cmte.		
7910	Duplication	\$100	\$20
7920	Postage	\$50	\$20
7930	Supplies	\$25	\$20
7940	Telephone	\$25	\$0
7950	Literature	\$250	\$350
7960	Workshops	\$750	\$550
7990	Area Workshops	\$200	\$300
	Total Treatment Facilities Cmte.	\$1,400	\$1,260
8100	Finance Cmte		
8110	Duplication	\$10	\$9
8120	Postage	\$5	\$5
8130	Supplies	\$5	\$5
8140	Telephone	\$10	\$9
	Total Finance Cmte.	\$30	\$27
8200	Growth Cmte		
8210	Duplication	\$50	\$45
8220	Postage	\$60	\$54
8230	Supplies	\$0	\$0
8240	Telephone	\$20	\$18
	Total Growth Cmte.	\$130	\$117
8300	Website		
8310	Duplication	\$0	\$25
8320	Postage	\$0	\$15
8330	Supplies	\$0	\$25
8340	Telephone (Web hosting)	\$0	\$25
	Total Site Cmte.	\$0	\$290
9100	Hotel and Mileage Expenses		
9110	Hotel for 7 Officers	\$1,800	\$1,820
9120	Hotel for 11 Committee Chairs	\$2,500	\$2,860
9130	Less Complementary Rooms	\$0	
9140	Mileage for Officers and Chairs	\$2,000	\$2,200
9150	Past Delegate Hotel & Mileage	\$500	\$500
	Total Hotel and Mileage Expenses	\$6,800	\$7,380
9200	Conference Operations		
9210	Annual Corporate Fees	\$65	65
	Officer's Interim Meeting Rent	\$100	100
	Structures & Guidelines	\$50	50
	Gsr Pkg	\$500	500
9240	Supplies & Fireboxes	\$100	100
9260	Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$500	500
	Total Conference Operations	\$1,315	\$1,315
9300	AAWS & GV Literature Purchases (for 2005 GV in Net Income)	\$200	200
			\$200
9400	Assembly Costs		
9470	Spanish Translator	\$2,400	1600
9410	Coffee Service	\$3,200	5200 Increase in costs actual used
9420	Hosting Expense	\$100	100
9430	ASL Interpreter	\$600	600
9440	S Florida Delegate Visit	\$100	100
9450	SE Region Trustee Visit	\$200	200
	Total Assembly Costs	\$6,600	\$7,800
	Total Expenses	\$45,860	\$44,291
	Net Income/Expense	-\$3,860	-\$1,301

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		2005	2,006
6782	Bank Charges	\$50	\$45
	Total Treasurer	\$565	\$509
	Parliamentarian		
	Duplication	\$0	\$0
	Postage	\$0	\$0
	Supplies	\$0	\$0
	Telephone	\$0	\$0
	Total Parliamentarian	\$0	\$0
7100	Accessibilities Cmte.		
7110	Duplication	\$50	\$45
7120	Postage	\$250	\$225
7130	Supplies	\$250	\$225
7140	Telephone	\$50	\$0
7150	Literature	\$100	\$90
7160	Workshops	\$200	\$200
7190	Area Workshops	\$100	\$80
	Total Accessibilities Cmte.	\$1,000	\$865
7200	Archives Cmte.		
7210	Duplication	\$75	\$68
7220	Postage	\$40	\$36
7230	Supplies	\$160	\$144
7240	Telephone	\$100	\$90
7250	Literature	\$50	\$45
7260	Workshops/Conv	\$900	\$660 Less to offset Storage
7270	Storage	\$1,500	\$1,500
	Insurance	\$135	\$122
7281	Archives Research	\$300	\$270
7282	Document Preservation	\$500	\$430 Less to offset Workshops
7290	Area Workshops	\$200	\$200
	Total Archives Cmte.	\$3,960	\$3,564
7300	Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.		
7310	Duplication	\$0	\$0
7320	Postage	\$0	\$0
7330	Supplies	\$0	\$0
7340	Telephone	\$0	\$0
7350	Literature	\$0	\$0
7360	Workshops	\$0	\$0
7370	Convention Travel	\$1,460	\$1,314
7381	Exhibit Space & Convention Fees	\$1,000	\$900
7390	Area Workshops	\$0	\$0
	Total Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.	\$2,460	\$2,214
7400	Corrections Cmte.		
7410	Duplication	\$50	\$45
7420	Postage	\$100	\$90
7430	Supplies	\$50	\$45
7440	Telephone	\$75	\$68
7450	Literature	\$1,000	\$900
7460	Workshops	\$1,000	\$880 Decreased to offset Workshops
7461	Travel	\$625	\$563
7490	Area Workshops	\$200	\$200
	Total Corrections Cmte.	\$3,100	\$2,790
7500	Grapevine Cmte.		
7510	Duplication	\$75	\$68
7520	Postage	\$50	\$45
7530	Supplies	\$150	\$135
7540	Telephone	\$75	\$68
7560	Workshop	\$200	\$160
7590	Area Workshops	\$200	\$200
	Total Grapevine Cmte.	\$750	\$675
7600	Intergroup Cmte.		
7610	Duplication	\$25	\$23
7620	Postage	\$50	\$45
7630	Supplies	\$25	\$23
7640	Telephone	\$20	\$18
7650	Literature	\$20	\$18
7671	Workshops	\$750	\$565
7690	Area Workshops	\$100	\$200
	Total Intergroup Cmte.	\$990	\$891
7700	Literature Cmte.		
7710	Duplication	\$10	\$9
7720	Postage	\$20	\$18
7730	Supplies	\$10	\$9
7740	Telephone	\$10	\$9

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2005

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Income

4100	Contributions	\$38,330	\$40,100	Based on previous years actuals
4200	Assembly Income			with 3% increase
4210	Seventh Tradition	\$2,300	\$720	
4220	Coffee Collection	\$600	\$1,290	
4230	Structures & Guidelines	\$10	\$0	
	Total Assembly Income	\$2,910	\$2,010	
4500	Literature Sales Grapevine			
	Net of Purchases & sales tax (\$1000-335-65)	\$600	720	
4700	Interest Income	\$150	150	
4900	Miscellaneous Income	\$10	10	
	Total Income	\$42,000	\$42,990	

Expenses

			Change	Reason
6100	Delegate			
6171	General Service Conference	\$800	\$1,200	Increased by GSO
6171.1	International	\$800	\$0	Not this year
6172	Delegate Get-Together	\$400	\$500	
	Florida State Convention	\$500	\$450	
	Postage	\$200	\$100	
6174	SERF Delegate Elect	\$0	\$0	
	SERC	\$600	\$600	
6190	General Expenses	\$2,300	\$2,250	
	Total Delegate	\$5,600	\$5,100	
6200	Alternate Delegate			
6205	Workshops	\$200	\$150	
6210	Duplication	\$0	\$18	
6220	Postage	\$0	\$0	
6230	Supplies	\$20	\$0	
6240	Telephone	\$0	\$0	
6260	Travel	-		
	SE Region Forum	\$0	\$0	
	SE Conf	\$700	\$0	Alt Del not required to attend
	Florida State Convention	\$0	\$0	
6272	Delegates Get-Together	\$650	\$585	
	Total Alternate Delegate	\$1,570	\$753	
6300	Chairman			
6310	Duplication	\$100	\$90	
6320	Postage	\$50	\$45	
6330	Supplies	\$50	\$45	
6340	Telephone	\$50	\$45	
6360	Travel	\$300	\$270	
6373	Florida State Convention	\$500	\$450	
6374	SERF Chairman Elect	\$0	\$500	
6375	St. Conv. Adr.Comm.	\$200	\$100	
6376	News Letter	\$50	\$100	
	Total Chairman	\$1,300	\$1,645	
6400	Alternate Chairman			
6410	Duplication	\$200	\$200	
6420	Postage	\$25	\$23	
6430	Supplies	\$50	\$45	
6440	Telephone	\$50	\$45	
	Total Alternate Chairman	\$325	\$313	
6500	Secretary			
6510	Duplication	\$4,000	\$3,600	
6520	Postage	\$60	\$54	
6530	Supplies	\$520	\$468	
6540	Telephone	\$20	\$18	
6560	Travel	\$20	\$18	
	Total Secretary	\$4,620	\$4,158	
6600	Registrar			
6610	Duplication	\$250	\$225	
6620	Postage	\$1,300	\$800	
6630	Supplies	\$200	\$180	
6640	Telephone	\$20	\$0	
6660	Travel	\$0	\$0	
	Total Registrar	\$1,770	\$1,205	
6700	Treasurer			
6710	Duplication	\$400	\$360	
6720	Postage	\$40	\$36	
6730	Supplies	\$30	\$27	
6740	Telephone	\$5	\$5	
6781	Bond Insurance	\$40	\$36	