

Area 36

Southern Minnesota Area Assembly Area Actions Book

A Compendium of Area Actions
from 1981-2008

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from November, 2001, through June, 2008**

These Area Actions and Recommendations represent the distilled experience of the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly. Additions to the past Actions and Recommendations should reflect A.A. business material to the history, growth, functioning and development of General Service Area 36. Proposed revisions and/or updates for inclusion in the Area Actions and Recommendations (as submitted by the Area Secretary) are subject to approval by the Structure Committee.

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I. Area Meeting Place/Format

1/06/81

The Area Committee decided that at the May 23, 1981 Assembly there will be a discussion and decision on whether to separate Area Assemblies from conferences and round-ups.

4/01/81

The Area Assembly recommended that the Area hold half-day Assemblies without the workshops in lieu of the three- day workshop (Service Conference).

The Area Assembly decided to hold a half-day Assembly at the Gopher State Roundup and at the Southern Conference in 1981.

4/21/81

The Area Committee decided that the Area Assembly at the Gopher State Roundup on May 23, 1981 will be a half-day Assembly and the workshops will be omitted. It will adjourn after the Delegate's report and go to the Great Hall to hear the service speaker.

The Area Committee decided that the meeting time of the Area Committee would be changed from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

6/09/81

The Area Committee decided to continue holding four Assemblies per year including one at Founder's Day, in addition to the three-day workshop (Service Conference) in the winter.

The Area Committee decided to host an annual Service Workshop Weekend at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna, January 8, 9, 10, 1982.

The Area Committee recommended that only one workshop be held at a time at the Annual Service Workshop Weekend.

9/01/81

The Area Committee decided that a meeting date of 10/06/81 should be set for a special Area Committee Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to establish guidelines for Area Service Committees.

3/16/82

The Area Committee decided to allow more time at the next spring Assembly for the Delegate to discuss topics and questions for the General Service Conference.

The Area Committee decided to form a committee to look at the possibility of moving the Marshall spring Assembly to another location and to make it a full day Assembly with workshops.

5/04/82

The Area Committee recommends to move the spring Assembly away from the Marshall Roundup and make it a full day, with the Assembly in the morning and workshops in the afternoon.

5/29/82

The Area Assembly decided to move the spring Assembly away from the Marshall Roundup, to St. James in the spring of 1983.

8/14/82

The Area Assembly decided that District I would be approved to host the Southern Conference in 1983 in Northfield.

The Area Assembly decided that the Area Committee will investigate the possibility of the Area discontinuing to hold banquets and luncheons at conferences.

9/07/82

The Area Committee decided that the Gopher State Roundup and Founder's Day are not a part of the Area Assembly and the Assembly has no say in what they do. The St. James Assembly / Workshop and the Southern Conference are functions that are a part of Area Assembly business.

11/13/82

The Area Assembly decided that District 4 would host the Southern Conference in 1983 since District I reported that they were unable to host it.

2/01/83

The Area Committee decided to have past Delegate Stan M. speak on the relationship of the Area Assembly to the Southern Conference at the next Area Assembly.

The Area Committee recommended that the Assembly is held in connection with the Southern Conference but has nothing to do with planning it.

4/09/83

The Area Assembly decided that the Area Assembly is held in connection with the Southern Conference but has nothing to do with planning it.

6/07/83

The Area Committee recommended to move Assemblies away from the Gopher State Roundup, Southern Minnesota Conference and the Marshall Roundup.

The Area Committee decided that at the Assembly at the Gopher State Roundup, there will be Standing Committee reports lasting from five to seven minutes.

8/13/83

The Area Assembly decided that Assemblies will be moved away from Conference and roundups.

Three Assemblies will be held per year; one in March or April, one in June or July, and one in October with locations being one metro, one southwest, and one northwest.

6/05/84

The Area Committee decided that District and Standing Committee reports will be limited to three minutes each at Area Assemblies.

The Area Committee decided there will be an additional Area Committee meeting on December 4, 1984.

9/03/85

The Area Committee recommended that there will be no service speaker at the March Area Assembly in order to allow more time for the Delegates Workshops.

5/06/86

The Area Committee recommended that there be no speaker at the March and October Area Assemblies and the June Assembly be an extended meeting with a speaker.

6/14/86

The Area Assembly decided that there will be no speaker at the March and October Area Assemblies and the June Assembly will be an extended meeting with a speaker.

12/02/86

The Area Committee decided that the Area Committee meetings will be moved from Tuesday evenings to Saturdays, with Area Standing Committees meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the Area Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m.

2/07/87

The Area Committee decided that the Delegate's Workshop will be held in the morning of the March Assembly before any other business is covered.

The Area Committee decided that the opening format used for Assemblies in the past be retained as follows:

1. Open
 - a. Why Do We Need A Conference
 - b. Introduce Officers, New Members, Guests
2. Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. District Reports (2 minutes in length)
5. Standing Committee Reports (2 minutes in length)

5/02/87

The Area Committee decided to keep the Sunday morning workshops at the June Assembly.

The Area Committee decided that the Alternate Chair be responsible for choosing the workshop topics and presenters.

The Area Committee decided to separate the District reports from the Committee reports and conduct other business between them.

The Area Committee recommended that after a motion is passed at an Area Assembly, one person be allowed to speak to the minority opinion for two minutes. After this, only someone formally in favor of the motion may ask for redress of the issue.

6/13/87

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The Area Assembly approved the following sites proposed by the Structure Committee for 1988 Area functions: January-Mankato (Annual Service Conference); March-Minneapolis / St. Paul Area; June-Rochester (Two-day Assembly); October-Mankato or New Ulm (election Assembly).

10/17/87

The Area Assembly decided that the two-day Assembly in June be eliminated, reverting it to a one-day Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided to hold the 1988 March Assembly in Rochester, lasting two days, and the June Assembly in the metro Area, lasting only one day.

12/05/87

The Area Committee recommended that the Area take its inventory at the March Assembly.

The Area Committee decided to open the Area Committee meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Responsibility Pledge and close with the Unity Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.

2/06/88

The Area Committee decided to have the Area Inventory at the March Assembly with Jack F., the guest speaker from Canada, chairing the session.

The Area Committee decided that due to the Area inventory being held Sunday morning, the business portion of the Assembly be held on Saturday morning.

The Area Committee decided to refer the question of District and Committee reports at Assemblies to the Area Assembly without a recommendation.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided that the practice of oral District and Committee reports at Area Assemblies continue.

4/30/88

The Area Committee decided that a workshop be held for G.S.R.s and alternate G.S.R.s only from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the June Assembly.

10/29/88

The Area Assembly decided that District reports not be given due to time constraints at the October Assembly, 1988.

12/10/88

The Area Committee recommended to have a G.S.R. sharing session with the Officers planning it for a possible date of the March 18 and 19 Area Assembly.

5/13/89

The Area Committee decided that due to an action at the previous Area Assembly, neither the Area Assembly nor the Area Committee could make any decisions. For that reason, an emergency action was taken and a format for the upcoming Area Assembly was developed. This format was arrived at by trying to apply the principles used in separating the duties and responsibilities of the General Service Board and Conference, found in Articles 10 and 11 in the Conference Charter and Chapter 8 of the Service Manual, to the situation.

6/24/89

The Area Assembly decided to continue using the agenda format being used at that Area Assembly in the future. Furthermore, verbal Secretary and Treasurer reports would be done away with and the Area Committee will have the freedom to rearrange components of the agenda.

The Area Assembly decided that all future Area Assemblies be one day affairs with the Delegate's Workshop to take place on Saturday evening of the March Area Assembly instead of having a speaker meeting.

The Area Assembly decided that the proposal for Districts bidding for the location of Area Assemblies and Area Committee meetings be divided considering just Area Assemblies first and then Area Committee meetings.

The Area Assembly decided that the issue of Districts being given the opportunity to bid for the location of the Area Assemblies in order to reduce Assembly expenses was directed to the Area Committee with a recommendation to postpone any decisions until the August Area Committee meeting and the October Area Assembly. The same was decided with regard to Area Committee meetings.

8/26/89

The Area Committee decided to open all future Area Committee meetings with only the Responsibility Pledge and to close with only the Unity Pledge.

The Area Committee decided to have the Area Chair develop criteria for the meeting rooms for Area Assemblies and Area Committee meetings and send that information out to D.C.M.s.

12/08/90

The Area Committee decided to hold the next Area Assembly in March and have a separate day for the Delegate's Workshop in April.

2/08/92 The Area Committee decided that all forthcoming Area Committee meetings shall be non-smoking.

3/21/92 The Area Assembly decided that all Southern Minnesota Area Assembly service functions shall be non-smoking with appropriate smoke breaks.

5/15/95

The Area Committee decided to remove the requirement that the Area end Assemblies with GSR sharing.

12/7/96

The Area Committee decided to continue with DCM Sharing Sessions.

II. Elections

1/9/82

The Area Assembly decided that Bob B. will be elected as the West-Central Regional Trustee Nominee from the Southern Minnesota Area.

6/1/82

The Area Committee decided that nominations will be accepted from the floor for Area elections.

9/7/82

The Area Committee decided that there will not be a guest speaker at the Founder's Day Assembly. The only business will be elections of Area Officers.

11/13/82

The Area Assembly decided that the Third Legacy Procedure from the A.A. Service Manual will be followed in the election of Area Officers.

6/7/83

The Area Committee recommended to continue holding the Area Service Conference and to hold election Assemblies in October with two other Assemblies; one in March or early April, and one in June or July.

11/12/83

The Area Assembly decided to elect Stan M. as the West-Central Regional Trustee Nominee from the Southern Minnesota Area.

1/7/84 Special Area Assembly

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Area Secretary, a special election would be held at the Area Service Conference. Marilyn C. was elected Area Secretary for the remainder of the 1983 – 1984 term.

6/30/84 The Area Assembly decided that election procedures for the 10/20/84 Area Assembly be approved.

10/20/84

The Area Assembly decided to elected Stan M. as the Trustee at Large, U.S. Nominee from the Southern Minnesota Area.

12/4/84

The Area Committee decided that due to the death of the Area Treasurer-elect, an election date would be set for the 3/23/85 Area Assembly.

9/3/85

The Area Committee recommended that election Assemblies be held in a more central location in the Southern Minnesota Area.

The Area Committee recommended that election Assemblies be held in June rather than October.

10/19/85

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Area Treasurer, a special election was held. Patty K. was elected Area Treasurer for the remainder of the 1985 -1986 term.

5/6/86

The Area Committee decided to refer to the Area Assembly a discussion on the use of the Third Legacy Procedure for Area elections.

The Area Committee recommended that the voting base as used at the previous general election be discontinued and that a two-thirds majority of the votes cast be used.

6/14/86

The Area Assembly decided to discontinue using the voting base that was used at the last general election. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast will be used instead.

8/29/87

The Area Committee recommended that the Area Assembly conduct the election for the Trustee Nominee.

The Area Committee recommended that the Area Assembly use the full Third Legacy Procedure in the election for the Trustee Nominee.

10/17/87

The Area Assembly decided to elect Don B. as the West Central Regional Trustee Nominee from Southern Minnesota Area.

4/30/88

The Area Committee recommended that all Area Officers be elected by the full Third Legacy Procedure as described in the A.A. Service Manual.

6/25/88

The Area Assembly decided that the full Third Legacy Procedure as described in the A.A. Service Manual be used in all Area Officer elections.

10/29/88

The Area Assembly decided to elect Warren McG. As Southern Minnesota Area's nominee for Trustee at Large, US.

10/7/95

The Area Assembly decided to elect Jack C. as the West Central Regional Trustee Nominee.

10/19/85

The Area Assembly decided that election Assemblies be held in a more central location.

10/26/96

The Area Assembly decided to accept nominations from the floor and accept nominations in absentia during this election.

5/3/97

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Alternate Area Chair, a special election was held. Christine C. was elected Alternate Chair for the remainder of the 1997-1998 term.

The Area Assembly decided that due to the election of Christine C., who previously served as secretary, as Alternate Chair, it became necessary to elect a new secretary. A special election was held and Suzanne M. was elected Area Secretary for the remainder of the 1997-1998 term.

10/25/97

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Area Alternate Delegate, a special election was held. Bonnie McC. Was elected Alternate Delegate for the remainder of the 1997-1998 term.

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Area Treasurer, a special election was held. Michael H. was elected Area Treasurer for the remainder of the 1997-1998 term.

12/5/98

The Area Committee decided to elect the officers that were elected at the Area Assembly in October.

6/23/07

The Area Assembly decided to have the current and immediate past rotation of the Area Committee eligible to stand for Alternate Delegate.

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Area Delegate, and the rotation of the Alternate Area Delegate to fill that vacancy, the Assembly decided to hold a special election. Steve K. was elected Alternate Area Delegate for the remainder of the 2007-2008 term.

The Area Assembly decided that due to the election of Steve K., who previously served as Alternate Area Chairperson, as Alternate Area Delegate, it became necessary to elect a new Alternate Area Chairperson. A special election was held and Niles A. was elected Alternate Area Chairperson for the remainder of the 2007-2008 term.

10/13/07

The Area Assembly decided to elect Dennis B. as our nominee for West Central Regional Trustee.

The Area Assembly decided that due to the resignation of the Area Chairperson, and the rotation of the Alternate Area Chairperson to fill that vacancy, the Assembly decided to hold a special election. Chris O. was elected Alternate Area Chairperson for the remainder of the 2007-2008 term.

6/28/08

The Area Assembly decided to approve a motion by Structure Committee for an interim election policy, The 2008-2009 Area 36 Officer Election Policy.

III. Regional Forums and Conferences

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided to direct the Area Officers to research formats of the Regional Service conference and present a recommendation to the first Area Committee.

6/30/84

The Area Assembly decided to recommend to the Regional Trustee that a Regional Conference be held in years without Regional Forums and that the agenda include service workshops, a Saturday evening speaker, and that someone from the G.S.O. be asked to attend the event.

12/02/86

The Area Committee decided that to pay Area Officer's expenses to both the Sioux Falls Service Conference in March 1987 and to the Regional Forum in Fargo in September 1987.

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided to approve the expenditure for a meeting room at the Regional Forum for the purpose of providing a place for Officers of other Areas to share their experience with each other (with the understanding that other Areas will be asked to contribute towards the cost of the room).

5/2/87

The Area Committee recommended to add to the Financial Guidelines "budgeted travel amounts for Committee Chairpersons are for Area Committee meetings, Area Assemblies, the annual Area Service Conference, and Regional Forums or Conferences. Other travel expenses should come from committee budgets and should be itemized as such when submitted to the Treasurer."

2/6/88

The Area Committee recommended that the Area participate in a statewide service conference according to the committee's recommendations.

The Area Committee decided to place the issue of no taping at Regional Forums on the March Assembly Agenda.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided to participate in a statewide service conference with the Northern Minnesota Area.

6/24/89

The Area Assembly decided that the Area fully reimburse only the Delegate, Area Chair, and one other person (to be selected by the Area Committee) and a \$100 cap on travel and hotel expenses for all other reimbursable trusted servants to the Regional Forum (1989 only).

8/21/93

The Area Committee decided to have a pro and con session at the October 1993 Area Assembly on the merits of sending our trusted servants to Regional Forums and Conference functions.

IV. Recovery, Unity and Service Conference

4/1/81

The Area Assembly recommended that the Area hold half-day Assemblies without the workshops in lieu of the three-day workshop (Service Conference).

4/21/81

The Area Committee decided that the three-day workshop (Service Conference) will be held on the second weekend in January 1982.

6/9/81

The Area Committee decided to continue holding four Assemblies per year including one at Founder's Day, in addition to the three-day workshop (Service Conference) in the winter.

8/22/81

The Area Assembly decided that the three-day workshop held in January is to be called a Weekend Service Conference.

9/1/81

The Area Committee decided that a registration fee of \$6 was set for the 1982 Area Service Conference.

12/1/81

The Area Committee decided to approve the rental of the film "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions" for one week to use at the Service Conference in January 1982.

3/16/82

The Area Committee decided to hold another Area Service Conference on the second weekend of January, 1983.

6/1/82

The Area Committee decided that the Area Chairperson should appoint a committee to arrange the Area Service Conference.

6/7/83

The Area Committee recommended that the Area continue holding the Area Service Conference and to hold election Assemblies in October with two other Assemblies; one in March or early April, and one in June or July.

2/5/84

The Area Committee recommended that the profit from the Area Service Conference be divided between the General Service Office and the Area Prudent Reserve.

3/23/84

The Area Assembly decided to divide the profit from the Area Service Conference between the General Service Office and the Area Prudent Reserve, with a \$200 contribution going to the General Service Office and \$400 to the Prudent Reserve.

The Area Assembly decided that the Area Service Conference will be moved away from the Holiday Inn in Owatonna. The Area Officers were given the authority to make the final decision as to the location.

12/3/85

The Area Committee decided that at the Area Service Conference, seats at the Saturday night speaker meeting be reserved for those registered at the Conference until shortly before the speaker begins.

2/7/87

The Area Committee decided that the 1988 Area Service Conference be held at the Holiday Inn North, Mankato, and the location of the 1987 October Assembly be left up to the Area Officers.

5/2/87

The Area Committee recommended to add to the Financial Guidelines "budgeted travel amounts for Committee Chairpersons are for Area Committee meetings, Area Assemblies, the annual Area Service Conference, and Regional Forums or Conferences. Other travel expenses should come from committee budgets and should be itemized as such when submitted to the Treasurer."

2/6/88

The Area Committee recommended to refer the 1989 Service Conference Budget to the Finance Committee to be brought before the next Area Committee meeting.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided that the registration cost will not be reimbursed for the Statewide Service Conference.

8/27/88

The Area Committee recommended that the Area put on a Public Information luncheon for professionals on the Friday of the January Service Conference.

10/29/88

The Area Assembly decided that the Area put on a Public Information luncheon for professionals on the Friday of the January Service Conference.

3/19/05

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Recovery, Unity and Service Conference Guidelines.

V. General Service Conference

3/16/82

The Area Committee decided to allow more time at the next spring Assembly for the Delegate to discuss topics and questions for the General Service Conference.

3/6/84

The Area Committee recommended that the Area Assembly convey to the General Service Conference the possibility of including the statement "or check you local newspapers" (for locations of meetings) at the end of the Public Service Announcements.

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided that the General Service Conference will be asked to include "or look us up in your local newspapers" in the Public Service Announcements.

The Area Assembly decided to convey to the General Service Conference the need for a Treatment Facilities Workbook in Southern Minnesota.

12/2/86

The Area Committee decided to direct the Area Secretary to send a letter to the General Service Conference Coordinator requesting that an examination of the use of surveys in A.A. be on the agenda of the 1987 General Service Conference.

2/4/89

The Area Committee decided to place an item on the December 1989 Area Committee agenda concerning a voluntary increase in the Areas contribution towards the Delegates expenses to the General Service Conference.

10/5/91

The Area Assembly decided to present the following proposals for consideration by the 1992 General Service Conference:

1. That the Public Information Conference Committee consider producing a more "generic" video using the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" as a guideline.
2. That the General Service Conference develop a current statement of purpose for the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and that the Editorial Board have regional representation action in an advisory capacity to the Grapevine Editor.
3. That a moratorium be placed on all literature and service pieces until all literature and service pieces come into conformity with each other and our singleness of purpose.

2/8/92

The Area Committee recommended to present the Delegate's "Proposal Regarding A.A.'s Future" to the 1992 General Service Conference Agenda Committee.

8/27/94

The Area Committee recommended to take to the October 1994 Assembly for approval the following proposal on the 4th edition of the Big Book: "Southern Minnesota Area 36 recommends we publish a 4th edition of the Big Book. We see a need for a more complete and up-to-date representation of our current membership, cleaving to our Singleness of Purpose. We request that any 4th edition be circulated among the Delegates well before Conference consideration. Area 36 requests the TTEE's Literature Committee to provide models of how the first 164 pages of the Big Book might be updated."

10/7/95

The Area Assembly decided to forward a proposal to the 1996 General Service Conference to place all copyrighted A.A. literature in the public domain.

The Area Assembly decided to reconsider the above proposal.

The Area Assembly decided to postpone the above motion until a report is prepared giving the Assembly more information.

10/27/01

The Area Assembly: Motion, no disposition: Final Conference Agenda Items and Background materials will be distributed to those requesting them no later than February 15 and outsource the copying of materials if needed.

10/23/04

The Area Assembly proposal for an agenda item for the Conference Literature Committee stating: A consistent policy be developed stating, "All Conference members shall be allowed to view or examine any non-service materials being submitted for Conference Approval prior to deliberation and voting at the General Service Conference. This includes an item of literature, a collection of work, a film, video, or any other statement. This policy should be included in writing with any and all information discussing conference-approved literature."

Brenda L. moved to amend to: Consider request that "All items presented to the General Service Conference for approval be made available to all Conference members who request them for review at the General Service Conference prior to deliberation and voting. This is to include all items regardless of whether the material be printed, audio, video, or in any other media format." Amendment passed. Principal motion passed unanimously.

6/18/05

The Area Assembly decided to approve the proposal for 2006 General Service Conference: Substitute the word "contribute" instead of "donate" in all literature pertaining to the seventh tradition.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the amendment to proceeding to include "changes to be made to new printings".

The Area Assembly decided to approve to "bestow in..." (Mark M., Delegate) "...the right of decision to write the preceding up with minor tweaks".

VI. Finance

1/06/81

The Area Committee decided that the Area Assembly will assume the cost of renting space for the April 1981 Area Assembly meeting.

The Area Committee recommended that the groups be responsible for their G.S.R.s expenses to Area Assembly meetings.

The Area Committee decided that if groups are unable to pay registration for their G.S.R.s, they will be able to attend without paying any registration fee.

1/27/81 The Area Committee decided that the Southern Minnesota Area will not accept anonymous loans.

The Area Committee decided that no single person is to be held responsible for the loss of Area funds.

4/21/81

The Area Committee decided that a budget of \$ 200 was set for the Southern Minnesota Area hospitality suite at the Gopher State Roundup in 1981.

The Area Committee decided that District 8 was authorized to spend the necessary funds to rent films for the film room at the Gopher State Roundup in 1981.

5/23/81

The Area Assembly decided that a budget of \$150 was set for the service hospitality room at ICYPAA. in June 1981.

9/01/81

The Area Committee decided that a registration fee of \$6 was set for the 1982 Area Service Conference.

11/07/81 The Area Assembly decided that the Area budget for 1982 was approved.

12/01/81

The Area Committee decided that the Southern Minnesota Area will cover expenses for someone to go to New York concerning the Minneapolis Intergroup situation, should this action be necessary.

3/16/82

The Area Committee decided that there will be no registration fee for the 1982 Marshall Assembly. The hat will be passed at this Area Assembly to help offset expenses.

11/13/82 The Area Assembly decided that the Area budget of \$11,800 for the 1983 was approved.

2/01/83

The Area Committee recommended to change the Area checking account to a 5-1/4% interest bearing account. An amendment to the motion included \$1000 as a prudent reserve.

The Area Committee decided to take the Guidelines for Financial Responsibility with the proposed changes to the April 9, 1983 Area Assembly for approval / disapproval.

4/09/83

The Area Assembly decided that item #3 in the proposed changes in the Guidelines for Financial Responsibility was adopted. It states "The Treasurer shall produce a trial balanced sheet showing all contributions, expenses incurred, checking account balance, and known unpaid and future liabilities of the Area Assembly. A copy of this trial balanced sheet shall be available to the Area Assembly and its Officers quarterly or at each Area Assembly meeting, whichever comes first, and will be included in the year-end statement."

The Area Assembly decided that item #5 in the proposed changes in Guidelines for Financial Responsibility was adopted. It states "The Treasurer shall publish in the Area Assembly Newsletter, in a format agreeable to both Treasurer and Editor, and accounting summary listening groups contributing since the last newsletter, the checking account balance, and the total of expenses a since the last newsletter."

The Area Assembly decided that item #8 in the proposed changes in Guidelines for Financial Responsibility was adopted. It states "These may be changed by a majority vote of the Area Assembly, following a Recommendation of the Steering Committee (now called the Area Committee).

The Area Assembly decided that the recommendation of the Area Committee that the Area checking account be changed to a 5-1/4% interest bearing account, with a minimum balance of \$1000 to be kept as an Area Prudent Reserve, was tabled until the 7-2-83 Area Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided that the Annual Report of the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly, as prepared by Carpenter and Associates, was approved for submission to the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce (for non-profit status).

The Area Assembly decided that effective April 10, 1983, mileage reimbursement was change from 20 cents per mile to 12 cents per mile, subject to a quarterly review by the Area Committee. An amendment was adapted that this mileage policy be reviewed no less often been every other Area Assembly meeting.

The Area Assembly decided that D.C.M.s would take back to the District meetings for discussion a proposal that the Area and the Districts split the expenses for Committee members to attend Area Committee meetings.

The Area Assembly decided that an additional \$312 was approved for the Area Public Information Committee's budget.

5/03/83

The Area Committee decided to bring the issue of Prudent Reserve to the July 2, 1983 Area Assembly meeting.

7/02/83

The Area Assembly decided that the discussion on Prudent Reserve was postponed until the August 13, 1983 Area Assembly meeting.

8/13/83

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed Area Budget for 1984 was tabled until the November 12, 1983 Area Assembly meeting.

The Area Assembly decided that an Area contribution of \$100 be given to District 8 for the State Fair Booth project.

The Area Assembly decided that a revised 1983 Area Budget was approved.

11/12/83 The Area Assembly decided that the Prudent Reserve policy was approved.

03/24/84

The Area Assembly decided that an extra \$100 was authorized for a larger Area hospitality room at the 1984 Gopher State Roundup.

6/05/84

The Area Committee decided that the proposed resolution regarding financial reports was approved.

The Area Committee recommended that the Area contribute \$150 to the State Fair Booth project.

6/30/84

The Area Assembly recommended that an Area contribution of \$150 to the State Fair Booth project was approved.

The Area Assembly decided that action will be taken on the proposed 1985 Area budget at the October 20, 1984 Area Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed changes in the Guidelines for Financial be acted on at the October 20, 1984 Area Assembly.

10/02/84

The Area Committee recommended that the mileage reimbursement amount be raised from 12 cents per mile to correspond with the IRS allowance business travel expense.

10/20/84

The Area Assembly decided that the mileage reimbursement amount be raised from 12 cents per mile to correspond with the IRS allowance business travel expense.

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed 1985 Area budget was approved.

The Area Assembly decided that the recommended changes to the Guidelines for Financial Responsibility were approved.

12/04/84

The Area Committee decided that they would defer action on the Delegates Fund to the March 23, 1985 Area Assembly.

2/05/84 The Area Committee recommended that the Area budget for 1985 be approved with a revision.

The Area Committee recommended that the Area Treasurer be bonded.

The Area Committee recommended that the profit from the Area Service Conference be divided between the General Service Office and the Area Prudent Reserve.

3/23/84 The Area Assembly decided that the revision to the 1985 area budget was approved. The Area Assembly decided to divide the profit from the Area Service Conference between the General Service Office and the Area Prudent Reserve, with a \$200 contribution going to the General Service Office and \$400 to the Prudent Reserve.

The Area Assembly decided to continue the delegate escrow fund to send our 1990 delegate to the 1990 International Convention.

The Area Assembly decided that the Finance Committee was authorized to study bonding versus robbery/ theft insurance for the Area Treasurer, to make a decision on this matter and carry that decision out.

5/07/85

The Area Committee decided that the Finance Committee will present the proposed 1986 area budget to the Area Assembly at the June 1985 assembly meeting.

6/15/85

The Area Assembly decided that they would defer action on the proposed 1986 Budget until the October 19, 1985 Area Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided that they would not bond or purchase insurance for the Area Treasurer position.

9/03/85

The Area Committee decided that the auditors report was approved.

10/19/85

The Area Assembly decided that the oppose budget for 1985 was approved with a revision (increase) to be Area Public Information Committee budget.

06/14/86

The Area Assembly decided that they would defer action on the proposed budget for 1985 until the October 18, 1986 Area Assembly.

10/18/86

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed 1987 budget was approved with the following revisions: Cooperation With The Professional Community increased to \$500, Correctional Facilities increased to \$500, and Public Information increased to \$3000.

12/02/86

The Area Committee decided that to pay Area Officer's expenses to both the Sioux Falls Service Conference in March 1987 and to the Regional Forum in Fargo in September 1987.

2/07/87 The Area Committee decided to accept a financial review rather than an audit for 1986.

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided to table the question of past Delegate reimbursement until the June Assembly.

5/02/87

The Area Committee recommended to add to the Financial Guidelines "No Officer or Committee Chair may commit more than \$200 to any project which does not have Assembly approval. (Note: If a project is itemized in the approved Assembly budget, it is assumed to have Assembly approval.)"

The Area Committee recommended to add to the Financial Guidelines "No Officer or Committee Chair may embark on an Assembly approved project costing more than \$100 without first consulting with the Treasurer to see whether funds are available. In case of conflicting requests for money, the approval of the Area Chair and the Area Finance Committee Chair must be obtained. The Treasurer is to make a note of the proposed expenditure, so as to be able to track the Area's financial condition more accurately. If the proposed cost exceeds the amount budgeted by more than 20% the Finance Committee Chair's approval must be obtained."

The Area Committee recommended to add to the Financial Guidelines "budgeted travel amounts for Committee Chairpersons are for Area Committee meetings, Area Assemblies, the annual Area Service Conference, and Regional Forums or Conferences. Other travel expenses should come from committee budgets and should be itemized as such when submitted to the Treasurer."

6/13/87

The Area Assembly decided that the most recent two past Delegates be reimbursed for Area Assemblies, each not to exceed \$50 per assembly.

The Area Assembly decided to establish an ad hoc Committee chaired by past delegate, Don B. and consisting of not more than six people to poll, consider and establish an overall finance policy including budgeting for the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided to add to the Financial Guidelines "no Officer or Committee Chair may embark on an Assembly approved project costing more than \$100 without first consulting with the Treasurer to see whether funds are available. In case of conflicting requests for money, the approval of the Area Chair and the Area Finance Committee Chair must be obtained. The Treasurer is to make a note of the proposed expenditure, so as to be able to track the Area's financial condition more accurately. If the proposed cost exceeds the amount budgeted by more than 20% the Finance Committee Chair's approval must be obtained."

The Area Assembly decided to increase the Area budget by a lump sum-of \$2000 to cover the cost of Committee Chair travel to the basic service meetings remaining in 1987 and that the Area Treasurer distribute the budget addition to the individual committees per anticipated need.

The Area Assembly decided to increase the Area printing budget by \$2400.

8/29/87

The Area Committee recommended that the ad hoc committee on Finances proposal be accepted as follows:

1. Financial Policy - approval of this section
2. Budgeting Process - approval of this section
3. Treasurer's responsibilities and Banking Procedures - approval of this section.
4. Self-support - non-approval and returned to committee.
5. Expense reimbursement - approval of this section
6. Limitation of Accumulated Funds - no recommendation

The Area Committee recommended that the proposed 1988 budget be approved.

The Area Committee recommended that the following budget increases be approved:

1. Finance Committee by \$700
2. Area printing and copying by \$750
3. Area telephone costs by \$200
4. Mailing list maintenance by \$200

10/17/87 The Area Assembly decided to accept the opposed financial policy as written.

The Area Assembly decided to accept the proposed 1988 budget.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the following budget increases:

1. Finance Committee by \$700
2. Area printing and copying by \$750
3. Area telephone costs by \$200
4. Mailing list maintenance by \$200

2/6/88

The Area Committee recommended to refer the 1989 Service Conference Budget to the Finance Committee to be brought before the next Area Committee meeting.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided that the registration cost not be reimbursed for the Statewide Service Conference.

4/30/88

The Area Committee recommended that the regularly reimbursable positions be reimbursed for the March 1989 Regional Conference.

The Area Committee recommended that the following be amended to the Reimbursement Section of the Area Financial Policy: "We trust that those qualifying for reimbursement from area funds to attend regional events will:

1. Attend workshops or meetings relevant to the particular service responsibility that is held.
2. Attend the entire function if possible.
3. Report their experience to the Committee or body to whom they are responsible and right a report for the Pigeon.
4. Review and determine future action with those to whom they are responsible.
5. Report to the Area Assembly.

6/25/88 The Area Assembly decided that the regularly reimbursable positions be reimbursed for the March 1989 Regional Conference.

The Area Assembly decided that the following be amended to the reimbursement section of the Area Financial Policy: "We trust that those qualifying for reimbursement from area funds to attend regional events will:

1. Attend workshops or meetings relevant to the particular service responsibility that is held.
2. Attend the entire function if possible.
3. Report their experience to the Committee or body to whom they are responsible and right a report for the Pigeon.
4. Review and determine future action with those to whom they are responsible.
5. Report to the Area Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided that the proposal "In the spirit of the 7th Tradition the Area be fully self-supporting, accepting voluntary contributions only from AA groups or AA members" be tabled indefinitely.

10/29/88 The Area Assembly decided that the 1989 Area Budget be approved as written.

2/4/89

The Area Committee decided to place an item on the December 1989 Area Committee agenda concerning a voluntary increase in the Area's contribution towards the Delegates' expenses to the General Service Conference.

5/13/89

The Area Committee decided that the following budget increases were approved: Meeting room rent-\$1000; Miscellaneous-\$300; Supplies-\$200; CPC-\$1700; Grapevine-\$179.

6/24/89

The Area Assembly decided that the Area fully reimburse only the Delegate, Area Chair, and one other person (to be selected by the Area Committee) and a \$100 cap on travel and hotel expenses for all other reimbursable trusted servants to the Regional Forum (1989 only).

The Area Assembly recommended that the Finance Committee and the Area Committee consider the Assembly's discussion regarding group contribution reminder letters for possible changes.

8/26/89

The Area Committee recommended that the 1990 Area budget be approved as written.

The Area Committee decided that the following budget increases were approved: Delegates Expenses - \$300; Officer Travel - \$200; Grapevine Committee Expenses - \$300; Newsletter -\$700; Public Information Committee Expenses - \$200; Supplies - \$200, and to move \$100 from the Archives Committee Travel to the Archives Committee Expenses. These were passed with the understanding that the Finance Chair, the Treasurer, and the Chairperson would balance the budget with offsetting revenue and moving some funds out of presently inactive committees.

10/7/89

The Area Assembly decided that the 1990 Area budget be approved as written.

5/12/90

The Area Committee decided that the following budget increases were approved: Group Contributions - \$1800; Committee revenue - \$3500; Special Contributions - \$500; Total Committee Expenses - \$4800; and Delegates Expenses - \$1000.

10/6/90 The Area Assembly decided that the 1991 Area budget be approved as written.

12/8/90

The Area Committee decided that no to change the policy regarding who's eligible to sign Area checks.

2/8/91

The Area Committee decided to approval the transfer of funds from the Prudent Reserve Fund to meet Area expenses when necessary.

The Area Committee decided that the Area Officers shall be reimbursed for attendance at regional functions in accordance with the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly Financial Policy.

6/23/91

The Area Assembly recommended that reimbursement shall be provided to the Area Chair for attendance at the 1991 A.A.W.S. Intergroup Seminar to be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

8/24/91

The Area Committee recommended that reimbursement (\$500) shall be provided to the Delegate for attendance at the 1991 A.A.W.S. Intergroup Seminar to be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

10/5/91 The Area Assembly decided that the 1992 Area budget be approved as submitted.

6/13/92

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly updated Financial Policy, with the inclusion of the word "Area" in from of Committee where appropriate.

The Area Assembly decided that the 1993 Area budget be approved as submitted.

2/6/93

The Area Committee recommended that the reimbursement for service responsibilities be discussed on the Assembly floor so it can be out in the open and discussed by all.

8/21/93

The Area Committee recommended that the proposed 1994 Area budget be sent to the Area Assembly for approval.

The Area Committee decided to have a pro and con session at the October 1993 Area Assembly on the merits of sending our trusted servants to Regional Forums and Conference functions.

10/30/93

The Area Assembly decided that the 1994 Area budget be approved as submitted.

5/7/94

The Area Committee recommended to delete from section 4-1 in the Area Financial Policy the wording: "this letter will be printed in the Area newsletter as well as mailed via the Area's mailing list." Finance Committee asking to delete the finance letter from the Pigeon.

The Area Committee recommended to:

- A) Add to section 2-5 "and reviewed by the Area Finance Committee" after contribution; B) Add between sections 2-5 and 2-6 "after the Area Chair has made all adjustments to the worksheet of the Financial report and has combined them into an overall budget and worksheet of the Financial report, shall be sent to all districts approximately 60 days prior to the Area Assembly that the budget will be voted on and be included in the Area Newsletter.";
- C) Add to section 2-7 "Delegates Workshop";
- D) Delete from section 4-1 "This letter ... list".

6/18/94

The Area Assembly decided to accept the following proposals of additions and deletions to the Area Financial proposal from the May 7, 1994 Area Committee meeting.

8/27/94

The Area Committee recommended that the proposed 1995 Area Budget be presented to the October 1994 Assembly.

10/29/94

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 1995 Area budget as presented.

2/14/95

The Area Committee decided to put the following proposal on the March Assembly agenda: The Finance Committee proposes to have a pro/con session on the topic that the General Service Office be separately incorporated as a wholly owned corporation of the General Service Board.

10/7/95

The Area Assembly decided to form an ad-hoc committee to review the current Area Financial Policy such as:

1. Update by addition or deletion per area action.
2. Address current policies; bring them in line with current practices.
3. Look at certain policies, do they need amending? (Discussion to include but not be limited to: Delegates International Convention Fund, Delegates General Service Conference Fund, mileage reimbursement rate, travel and lodging reimbursement by event.)

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 1996 Area Budget.

10/8/95

The Area Committee decided to appropriate an amount to cover costs as defined by committees to attend Area round-ups as requested until such a time as our Financial Policy is amended.

5/4/96

The Area Committee recommended that the updated Financial Policy be put on the June 1996 Area Assembly agenda.

6/22/96

The Area Assembly decided to approve the following changes in the financial policy:

1) To add the following to Section Three, number eleven and twelve: 11. Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted on a form provided by the Treasurer. It is recommended that reimbursement forms be submitted to the Treasurer on a monthly basis to insure that the necessary funds are available. 12. Disbursements of funds for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Area Officers and Committee Chairs shall be handled in a timely manner. Whenever possible the Treasurer will distribute reimbursements within two weeks of receiving them. In the event that Area funds do not permit reimbursement within this timeframe, the Treasurer will notify the Officer or Committee Chair promptly. The Treasurer will then disburse funds when they become available according to the guidelines set forth in Section Seven, 9.

2) To add to Section Five, number six: 6. The Literature and Archives committees will be reimbursed by Area Funds for expenses incurred in the transportation and storage of their displays at round-ups and district functions they have been requested to attend. This will include hotel room reimbursement when necessary. All other committees will be reimbursed only for transportation of the display to the event. Rental of the Public Information booth is permitted by districts and roundups at a cost of \$50.00 per event which will go towards the maintenance of the display.

3) To add Section Six: SECTION SIX - EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

1. Prudence is of the utmost importance in spending the Area's funds. Therefore, the following guidelines have been set forth for the approval of expenses:

- a. When a Standing Committee Chair or Area Officer requests approval for an expense that is in excess of \$1000 that has not previously been approved by the Assembly as a budget item (appearing on the approved budget or implied in the attached budget worksheets), the proposed expense must be presented to the Assembly and approved by a 2/3 majority before it may be incurred.
- b. Expenditures that are outside of a committee's budget but below \$1000 must be carefully considered by the Area Chair and the Area Treasurer. If the requested amount warrants further review before approval, the Area Chair may consult with other Officers or Standing Committee Chairs and may place it on the next Area Committee Meeting agenda for discussion.

8/17/96

The Area Committee decided to place the proposed 1997 Area Budget on the October Assembly agenda.

10/26/96 The Area Assembly decided to approve the 1997 Area Budget as presented.

5/3/97

The Area Assembly decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee to submit a proposal to the October Assembly regarding long-term (six months or longer) computer usage for the Area Secretary. The Ad Hoc committee headed by the Area Chair consisted of 3-5 people and included a member of the Finance committee. The Area Chair maintained right of decision regarding computer usage until such proposal was addressed at the October Assembly.

10/25/97

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 1998 Area Budget as presented.

12/6/97

The Area Committee decided to take action to purchase a computer for the Area secretary.

10/24/98

The Area Assembly decided that since there was no budget up for proposal due to the Chair's failure to produce a budget in time, the budget be mailed Monday, October 26, 1998 followed by a provisional vote at the Area Committee meeting in December with formal approval at the next Area Assembly.

12/5/98

The Area Committee decided to preliminarily implement the submitted 1999 Area budget. A revised 1999 Area budget will be mailed to the Area Committee for distribution at the January district meetings, and be published in The Pigeon prior to the April Assembly in accordance with the Financial Policy and Trusted Servant Guidelines.

1/30/99

The Area Committee decided to conduct a full audit of 1998 Finances, with the cost not to exceed \$1800.00.

The Area Committee decided to revise the 1999 Area budget to reflect travel reimbursement to the Regional Forum and the West Central Region Service Conference based on the existing financial policy.

3/3/99

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 1999 Area budget.

6/26/99

As it had been determined that a full Area audit of 1998 Finances would cost in excess of \$1800.00, the Area Assembly decided instead to proceed with a review of the Finances.

The Area Assembly decided to revise the Area Financial Policy to reimburse for mileage at the IRS Charitable rate of 14 cents per mile.

The Area Assembly decided to adhere to an earlier Area Action which had placed a cap of \$100 on travel and hotel expenses for Committee Members traveling to the Regional Forum, with the exception that the Delegate, the Area Chair, and one other person to be chosen by the Area Committee would be fully reimbursed.

10/30/99

The Area Assembly decided to change the wording in the Financial Policy regarding hotel reimbursement which read “hotel room reimbursement shall be based on single room occupancy rates, unless the room is shared by other ~~General Service Representatives~~, in which case reimbursement shall be paid on a prorated basis” to “...unless the room is shared by other Trusted Servants...”

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Area budget for the year 2000.

3/31/2001

The Area Assembly decided to increase the International Delegate’s fund from \$500 to \$1000.

The Area Assembly decided to change the Financial Policy Section 7 #6 from \$500 to \$100 either up or down.

The Area Assembly decided to add the following to the Financial Policy:

Flying expenses shall be reimbursed on an as needed basis determined by the area officers and funds available, with the delegate receiving first priority for the WCRAASC and Forum, when the meeting is in held in distant locations.

6/30/2001

The Area Assembly decided to change the previous motion regarding flying expenses. The new wording to be added to the financial policy instead of the flying expense verbiage is as follows:

Travel in excess of pre-determined mileage shall be reimbursed on an as needed basis determined by the area officers and the funds available, with the delegate receiving first priority for the WCRAASC and Forum, when the meeting is held in distant locations.

10/27/01

The Area Assembly approved: A motion was made to approve an amended 2002 budget to include committee expense for the January Service Conference and \$1,500 for the Remote Communities Committee.

10/26/02

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 2003 Budget as written by vote 69 to 5.

The Area Assembly decided to approve Finance Motion Section 5G-“The Delegate will be reimbursed by the Area for up to two nights hotel at the General Service Conference.” Motion passed 70-9.

6/21/03

The Area Assembly decided to approve most recent two past delegates shall be reimbursed for travel and lodging to Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings. Include in Area Financial Policy, Section 5, Expense Reimbursement, as new section (i)

10/25/03

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 2004 Area Budget unanimously.

6/26/04

The Area Assembly decided to approve: The Area now raises its travel reimbursement rate for trusted servants to midway between the US-IRS non-profit rate and the US-IRS business rate rounded to the nearest cent. (Effective for travel today forward.)

10/23/04

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 2005 Area Budget.

10/22/05

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 2006 Area Budget.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the purchase of computer for Archives for up to \$2,000.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the amendment to the Finance Policy for use of Area debit card.

3/18/06

The Area Assembly decided to approve the revision of the Finance Policy so we can exclude the Pink Can Plan funds when determining prudent reserve based on total operating expenses.

10/28/06

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 2007 Area Budget.

10/13/07

The Area Assembly decided to approve the motion to extend the 2007 Budget until the March Assembly, at which time we will vote on a 2008 Budget.

3/15/08

The Area Assembly decided to approve the 2008 Area Budget.

VII. Redistricting

3/6/84

The Area Committee recommended that the proposed redistricting of District 7 be brought to the 3/24/84 Area Assembly for discussion and approval.

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed redistricting of District 7, beginning with Anoka County as a new District effective on January 1, 1985, be approved.

5/6/86

The Area Committee recommended that Washington County be approved as a new District as of January 1, 1987.

The Area Committee recommended that Wright County be approved as a new District as of July 1, 1986.

The Area Committee recommended that Rice County and Southern Dakota County be approved as new Districts as of January 1, 1987.

6/14/86

The Area Assembly decided to approve Wright County as the new District 14, effective July 1, 1986.

The Area Assembly decided to approve Rice County and part of Dakota County as the new District 16, effective July 1, 1986.

The Area Assembly decided to approve Washington County as the new District 15, effective January 1, 1987.

10/18/86

The Area Assembly decided to approve McLeod County and Carver County as the new District 17, effective January 1, 1987.

2/7/87

The Area Committee recommended that the groups meeting in 2218 First Avenue South in Minneapolis be approved as a new District.

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided to approve the groups meeting at 2218 First Avenue South as the new District 18.

10/6/90

The Area Assembly decided that the groups in Dakota County (formerly District 8) become District 19.

The Area Assembly decided that the groups in the northern portion of Hennepin County (formerly part of District 7) become District 20.

The Area Assembly decided that the groups in Sibley County (formerly part of District 9) now become part of District 7.

3/21/91

The Area Assembly decided to approve the District boundary changes for District 1 and 12.

10/31/92

The Area Assembly decided to approve the new District 21 (NW Hennepin Cty.) currently in District 7.

6/26/93

The Area Assembly decided to approve the new District 22 which consists of Golden Valley, St. Louis Park, Hopkins and Minnetonka.

2/5/94

The Area Committee recommended that the new District 23 (from District 9) be taken to the March 1994 Area Assembly for approval.

3/5/94 The Area Assembly decided to approve the new District 23.

5/7/94

The Area Committee recommended that the new District 24 (Scott County and part of Carver County) be taken to the June 1994 Assembly for approval.

The Area Committee recommended that the new District 25 (from District 7) be taken to the June 1994 Assembly for approval.

6/18/94

The Area Assembly decided to approve the new District 24 and its boundaries and District 25 and its boundaries.

8/12/95

The Area Committee recommended that the new District 26 be put on the October Area Assembly agenda for approval.

10/7/95 The Area Assembly decided to approve the new District 26.

3/19/05 The Area Assembly decided to approve the formation of Spanish Linguistic District 27.

VIII. Archives

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided that the Archives Committee proceed with the investigation of a suitable storeroom/office and report back at the next Assembly.

6/13/87

The Area Assembly decided that the Archives Committee be authorized to locate and contract for a storeroom for the Archives material. Approval of this proposal carries with it two factors:

- a) For the year of 1987 the committee will accept the offer made by one of two meeting places and the rent will be considered a "contribution in kind";
- b) The Area Assembly will place the rental of the independent space on its agenda for the first Assembly in 1988.

The Area Assembly decided that the Southern Minnesota Area delegate to the Archives Committee have full authority to determine the nature and extent of materials to be collected for archival purposes. The Committee policy will always be consistent with and complimentary to the Archives Policy of the General Service Office of A.A.

6/13/92

The Area Assembly decided that the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly instate an Archivist who would be appointed by the 1993 Area Chair upon the advice of the 1991-1992 Area Archives Committee.

2/14/95

The Area Committee decided to put the following proposal regarding Archivist Trusted Servant Guidelines on the March Assembly agenda:

1. The position of Archivist be a non-voting position.
2. The Archivist work most closely with the Archives Committee. Their responsibilities lie with this committee.
3. At the time the newly elected Area Chair makes his or her appointments, the Archivist will be asked if he or she wishes to continue serving. If reappointment is not accepted, recommendations from the Archives Committee should be requested from the Area Chair as to a new Archivist. The Area Chair will make the new appointment.
4. An Area Archivist, if nominated, may stand for Area Office. If elected, he or she must relinquish the duties of Archivist.

3/18/95

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1. The position of Archivist be a non-voting position.
2. The Archivist work most closely with the Archives Committee. Their responsibilities lie with this committee.
3. At the time the newly elected Area Chair makes his or her appointments, the Archivist will be asked if he or she wishes to continue serving. If reappointment is not accepted, recommendations from the Archives Committee should be requested from the Area Chair as to a new Archivist. The Area Chair will make the new appointment.
4. An Area Archivist, if nominated, may stand for Area Office. If elected, he or she must relinquish the duties of Archivist.

10/7/95

The Area Assembly decided to not display the first edition/first printing Big Book in its current condition.

The Area Assembly decided to not recognize a monetary value of the first edition/first printing Big Book.

IX. Corrections

5/2/87

The Area Committee recommended to approve the proposed pre-release Sponsorship Guidelines.

The Area Committee recommended to approve the proposed District Correctional Facilities Committee responsibilities.

6/13/87

The Area Assembly decided to increase the Correctional Facilities Committee budget by \$300.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the pre-release Sponsorship Guidelines.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the District Correctional Facilities Committee responsibilities.

2/6/88

The Area Committee recommended to approve the Correctional Facilities Meeting Guidelines.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Correctional Facilities Meeting Guidelines.

The Area Assembly decided to increase the Correctional Facilities Committee budget by \$200 for tapes from the Gopher State Tape Library of people who found A.A. in prison.

3/27/04

The Area Assembly decided to change the name from Correctional Facilities Temporary Sponsorship program to Correctional Facilities Contact Program.

The Area Assembly decided to change the Correctional Facilities Contact Program pamphlet-set forth on marked-up draft distributed as an exhibit. (as amended with substantial unanimity).

The Area Assembly decided to refer to Corrections for development and then to Structure for review – the issue of a Pink Can Plan Policy generally, including the issue of cost sharing, by invitation, with Area 35. Further, pending prior invitation to Area 35, to provide without delay, all funds for AA literature requested by St. Cloud Reformatory. (with amendment).

10/22/05

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Pink Can Plan Policies and Procedures.

10/28/06

The Area Assembly decided to change the name of the Correctional Facilities Committee to the Corrections Committee.

X. Grapevine

2/6/88

The Area Committee recommended to approve the Grapevine Committee budget increase of \$300 for project mileage.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Grapevine Committee budget increase of \$500 for project expenses.

10/5/91

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Grapevine Committee's proposal to request from the General Service Conference that the Grapevine Editorial Board have regional representation acting in an advisory capacity to the Grapevine Editor.

10/25/03

The Area Assembly decided to send two motions to the General Service Conference from the Literature and Grapevine Area Committees as follows:

Consider a request to produce a booklet for teenagers similar to the booklets "AA in Prison – Inmate to Inmate," "Living Sober," and "Came to Believe."

Amendment accepted as friendly. Motion passed with substantial unanimity. Amended by substantial unanimity "to examine any non-service materials...".

Amendment accepted as friendly.

XI. Literature

11/7/81

The Area Assembly decided that the guidelines developed for the Area Literature Committee were approved, noting that these guidelines are for the committee level and not for individuals or Groups unless they request to use them.

12/1/81

The Area Committee decided to approve the rental of the film "Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions" for one week to use at the Service Conference in January 1982.

6/1/82

The Area Committee recommended that the proposed pamphlet to the homosexual be brought to the full Assembly for a consensus.

8/14/82

The Area Assembly decided that the Literature Committee will send a letter to the G.S.O. regarding the proposed pamphlet to the homosexual alcoholic. An amendment was added that the letter from the Summit Women's Group and an update from the Area Literature Committee be included with the letter and to send copies of these to the other Areas in the West-Central Region.

2/1/83

The Area Committee decided that the Guidelines developed by the General Service Conference concerning the use of directories should be printed in local directories.

5/3/83

The Area Committee decided that funds would be allocated to the Literature Committee to replenish the display case.

3/6/84

The Area Committee recommended that the concept of an Area G.S.R. pamphlet will be brought to the Assembly for consideration.

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided to direct the Area Literature Committee to develop a draft of a G.S.R. pamphlet to present to the October 24, 1984 Assembly.

10/2/84

The Area Committee recommended that the draft of the proposed G.S.R. pamphlet be presented for action at the October 24, 1984 Assembly.

10/20/84

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed G.S.R. pamphlet was tabled until the December 4, 1984 Area Committee Meeting.

6/13/87

The Area Assembly decided that the Area lease "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" and "Young People in AA" as soon as they are available and that the Area Literature Committee be responsible for monitoring Area films and filmstrips.

2/6/88

The Area Committee recommended to approve the Literature Committee budget increase of \$300 for project mileage.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Literature Committee budget increase of \$500 for project expenses.

6/24/89

The Area Assembly decided that the issue of whether or not the fellowship needs a 4th edition of the Big Book be sent to the Area Literature Committee and brought back to the next Area Committee Meeting and Area Assembly.

10/6/90

The Area Assembly decided that the topic of a Unity/ Singleness of Purpose pamphlet be slated for an Area Assembly workshop in 1991.

5/11/91

The Area Committee recommended to approve the Literature Committee's maintenance of a small inventory of literature (\$410.84).

10/7/95

The Area Assembly made a strong suggestion that the Literature Chair appoint an ad-hoc committee to develop an editorial policy for the Literature News to be brought back to the Assembly and that publication cease until such time.

The Area Assembly decided to forward a proposal to the 1996 General Service Conference to place all copyrighted A.A. literature in the public domain.

The Area Assembly decided to reconsider the above proposal.

The Area Assembly decided to postpone the above motion until a report is prepared giving the Assembly more information.

12/2/95

The Area Committee decided to approve the ad-hoc committee's guidelines provisionally until approval at the March Assembly with the addition to item 5-c as follows: "or discussions of personal experiences with non-conference approved A.A. or A.A. related literature." And with addition to item 2 to add, "except as so stated below in item 5-c."

2/3/96

The Area Committee decided that the Literature News item has been handled and that it does not need to be put on the March Assembly agenda.

10/25/03

The Area Assembly decided to send two motions to the General Service Conference from the Literature and Grapevine Area Committees as follows:

A consistent policy be developed stating: "All Conference members shall be allowed to view or examine any materials being submitted for Conference Approval prior to deliberation and voting at the General Service Conference. This includes an item of literature, a collection of work, a film, video, or any other statement. This policy should be included in writing with any and all information discussing conference-approved literature." Amended by substantial unanimity "*to examine any non-service materials...*". Amendment accepted as friendly.

XII. Newsletter

5/6/86

The Area Committee decided to not print and mail the Pigeon and the Area Directory due to lack of funds.

2/7/87

The Area Committee recommended that the Area newsletter, the Pigeon, be published four times per year.

5/2/87

The Area Committee recommended that other Groups, Committees or entities in the Fellowship be required to pay half of the cost of the mailing if they wish to include an insert with the Pigeon.

6/13/87

The Area Assembly decided that the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly abandon the practice of having a Newsletter Committee in favor of an Editor position and Newsletter staff.

The Area Assembly decided that other Groups, Committees or entities in the Fellowship be required to pay half of the cost of the mailing if they wish to include an insert with the Pigeon.

10/17/87

The Area Assembly decided to use full names in the directory section of the Pigeon and on articles where last names are submitted.

12/5/87

The Area Committee recommended that the Districts go back and discuss:

- 1) The format of the Pigeon and
- 2) The means of communicating District and Committee reports.

The Area Committee recommended that the Pigeon remain in its present format.

3/19/88

The Area Assembly decided that the Pigeon remain in its present format.

8/27/94

The Area Committee recommended to take to the October 1994 Assembly for approval the following proposal on the 4th edition of the Big Book: "Southern Minnesota Area 36 recommends we publish a 4th edition of the Big Book. We see a need for a more complete and up-to-date representation of our current membership, cleaving to our Singleness of Purpose. We request that any 4th edition be circulated among the Delegates well before Conference consideration. Area 36 requests the Trustee's Literature Committee to provide models of how the first 164 pages of the Big Book might be updated."

10/29/94

The Area Assembly decided to accept the Literature Committees proposal on the 4th edition of the Big Book from 8/27/94.

3/22/97

The Area Committee decided to refer revision of the Trusted Servant Guidelines to the Structure Committee to reflect publication of The Pigeon three times yearly.

12/5/98

The Area Committee decided to purchase a copy of PageMaker for the Area newsletter chairs.

3/19/05

The Area Assembly decided to approve The Pigeon Policy.

3/18/06

The Area Assembly decided to approve the publication of The Pigeon in electronic format.

The Area Assembly decided to approve sending the paper format of The Pigeon newsletter to the regional Delegates, Area Chairs and Newsletter Chairs.

XIII. Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community

4/9/83

The Area Assembly decided to approve an additional \$312 for the Area Public Information Committee's budget.

7/12/83

The Area Committee recommended that the Area contribute \$100 toward the support of the State Fair Booth project.

8/13/83

The Area Assembly decided that the Area would contribute \$100 to District 8 for the State Fair Booth project.

3/6/84

The Area Committee recommended that the Area Assembly convey to the General Service Conference the possibility of including the statement "or check you local newspapers" (for locations of meetings) at the end of the Public Service Announcements.

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided that the General Service Conference will be asked to include "or look us up in your local newspapers" in the Public Service Announcements.

6/5/84

The Area Committee recommended that the Area contribute \$150 to the State Fair Booth project.

6/30/84

The Area Assembly decided that the Area would contribute \$150 to the State Fair Booth project.

10/19/85

The Area Assembly decided that the Public Information Committee would communicate to the General Service Office non-approval of the G.S.O. - produced public service announcements.

10/18/86

The Area Assembly decided to approve the "Mr. Grassroots" presentation and that the P.I. Committee proceed with this project and provide the General Service Office with a copy.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the taping of the proposed public service announcements developed by the P.I. Committee.

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided that the topics of the P.I. scrapbook preservation and policy on archives material collected be tabled until the June Assembly due to lack of information.

4/30/88

The Area Committee recommended that the State Fair Public Information Booth be an Area responsibility beginning in 1989, with cooperation from District 8.

6/25/88

The Area Assembly decided that the State Fair Public Information Booth be an Area responsibility beginning in 1989, with cooperation from District 8.

The Area Assembly decided that the Public Information luncheon idea will be put on the August Area Committee Meeting agenda pending further investigation.

8/27/88

The Area Committee recommended that the Area put on a Public Information luncheon for professionals on the Friday of the January Service Conference.

10/29/88

The Area Assembly decided that the Area put on a Public Information luncheon for professionals on the Friday of the January Service Conference.

3/19/89

The Area Assembly decided that the Area Committee be granted the right of decision with regard to the proposed guidelines for A.A. informational luncheons.

5/15/95

The Area Committee decided to put the following proposal on the June Assembly agenda: Include on the June 10 Area Assembly agenda the PI/CPC proposal to put Al-Anon cards at convention sites in the PI booth.

6/10/95

The Area Assembly decided to include an Al-Anon phone number card in the items available at events where Area 36 P.I. or C.P.C. staffs our display booth.

10/24/98

The Area Assembly decided to make the following amendments to the Area Financial Policy:

1. Rewrite the first sentence of section five number six to include the italicized and underlined wording.
2. The omission of the last sentence of section five number six (bold type).

The C.P.C., P.I. Literature and Archives committees will be reimbursed by Area funds for expenses incurred in the transportation and storage of their displays at roundups and district functions they have been requested to attend. This will include hotel room reimbursement when necessary. All other committees will be reimbursed only for transportation of the display to the event. **Rental of the Public Information booth is permitted by districts and roundup at a cost of \$50.00 per event which will go towards the maintenance of the display.**

3. The omission of section 7, number 6.

A separate fund shall be maintained to track revenues that result from the rental of the Public Information booth.

XIV. Remote Communities and Special Needs

10/27/01

The Area Assembly decided (Motion, no disposition:) that the Area establish a new Remote Communities Committee, with the definition of a remote community identified as “any community where it is difficult to carry the AA message because of language, culture, geography or life condition.”

03/23/03

The Area Assembly decided unanimously, that the Remote Communities and Literature Committees examine the issue of providing a written American Sign Language (ASL) Big Book for the ASL community and give a presentation at the June Assembly.

06/21/03

The Area Assembly decided (motion, no disposition) the Remote Communities Committee shall study and make recommendations regarding potentially funding ASL interpreter for Area functions. We would need two for one day - totaling \$50-80 per hour, \$400 to \$640 per day for Area Assembly. Thirty days notice for scheduling required.

03/27/04

The Area Assembly decided to change the name from Remote Communities to Remote Communities and Special Needs Committee.

06/24/06

The Area Assembly decided to provide ASL interpreter(s) at August Committee Meeting if deaf community requests it for all day (approx. \$640).

03/24/07

The Area Assembly decided to have the Area pay for a ASL interpreter services at the May 2007 Area Committee Meeting for a cost of up to \$240.

XV. Structure

1/6/81

The Area Committee recommended that the responsibilities of the Area Chairperson be divided between the Chairperson and the Alternate, with the Chairperson working with the D.C.M.'s and the Alternate Chairperson with the Area Standing Committees.

4/4/81

The Area Assembly decided that the proposed District map be approved.

6/9/81

The Area Committee recommended that the Area keep a check on voting procedures at Area Assemblies as far as who is qualified to vote and who is not.

9/1/81

The Area Committee recommended that the proposed Committee structure changes be discussed at the District level and it will be again discussed at the 11/7/81 Area Assembly.

The Area Committee decided that a Special Area Committee meeting be set for 10/6/81 to establish guidelines for Service (Standing) Committees.

11/7/81

The Area Assembly decided that a time limit of 15 minutes will be set for the discussion of the proposed changes in the committee structure.

The Area Assembly decided the Institutions Committee will be replaced by two separated committees: Treatment Facilities and Correctional Facilities. The Newsletter was made a separate Committee, no longer a subcommittee of Public Information. The Zoning and Intergroup Committees were abolished and a Structure Committee was established. The Steering Committee (now called the Area Committee) was formally approved as a part of the Area Structure. (Prior to the action the Steering Committee was an ad hoc Committee.)

3/16/82

The Area Committee decided that the Area Committee represents the members of the Area and is entrusted with the authority to make decisions involving Area funds when necessary, especially if time does not permit Assembly action.

4/9/83 The Area Assembly decided that the Steering Committee be renamed the Area Committee.

The Area Assembly decided that an Area Archives will be created, its purpose being to preserve the history of A.A. A budget of \$300 was set, for files to store information and displays for the Southern Minnesota functions.

10/4/83

The Area Committee recommended that those eligible to vote at Assemblies be: Alternate Chairpersons and members of Area Standing Committees and past Delegates.

11/12/83

The Area Assembly decided to make those eligible to vote at Assemblies to include Alternate Chairpersons and members of Area Standing Committees and past Delegates (in addition to Area Officers, D.C.M.'s, GSR's and Area Standing Committee Chairpersons).

The Area Assembly decided that the Structure Committee would be directed to study redistricting for the Area and develop a proposed set of guidelines for redistricting.

10/20/84

The Area Assembly decided that the Alternate Delegate position need not rotate between the metropolitan area and the out-state area.

The Area Assembly decided to grant permission to the chairperson-elect to appoint Area Standing Committee Chairpersons.

12/4/84

The Area Committee decided that should the St. Paul Intergroup purchase a computer, the Area would examine the potential of using their services.

5/7/85

The Area Committee decided to ask the Structure Committee to establish some recommended guidelines for redistricting and present them at the 9/3/85 Area Committee meeting.

9/3/85

The Area Committee recommended that the metro/out-state rotation of the Area Delegate be eliminated.

10/19/85 The Area Assembly decided to eliminate the metro/out-state rotation of the Area Delegate.

5/6/86

The Area Committee decided to not print and mail the Pigeon and the Area Directory due to lack of funds.

The Area Committee decided that a discussion of the Area mailing list be placed on the agenda for the 6/14/86 Area Assembly and the D.C.M.'s discuss this with their Districts.

6/14/86

The Area Assembly decided to form a committee to discuss the Area mailing list and establish some recommendations to be considered at the 10/18/86 Area Assembly.

9/2/86

The Area Committee recommended that the recommendation for the mailing list be referred to the 10/18/86 Assembly for approval.

The Area Committee decided that the discussion on whether to include all the D.C.M.'s from the large Districts in the Area Committee will be brought back as a proposal.

10/18/86

The Area Assembly decided to approve the recommendations for the Area mailing list.

12/2/86

The Area Committee decided that the terms for the Editor and the Archivist will last three years for the first term beginning in 1987, to be followed by two-year terms in 1990 and thereafter.

The Area Committee decided to direct the Area Secretary to send a letter to the General Service Conference Coordinator requesting that an examination of the use of surveys in A.A. be on the agenda of the 1987 General Service Conference.

The Area Committee decided to produce the Area Directory in a loose-leaf format that will be put in a three-ring binder.

2/7/87

The Area Committee recommended that the Archivist and Editor be voting members of the Area Committee.

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided that the Editor will work with the Structure Chair to determine exactly to whom the newsletter is sent and to report on this in the next issue of the Pigeon.

The Area Assembly decided that the Editor and Archivist will be voting members of the Area Committee and will be reimbursable for expenses directly related to their Area positions.

5/2/87 The Area Committee recommended to increase the Structure Committee budget from \$100 to \$300.

6/13/87 The Area Assembly decided to increase the Structure Committee budget from \$100 to \$300.

10/17/87

The Area Assembly decided to follow the practice of hearing the minority opinion used by the General Service Conference, that being:

1. A non-unanimous decision is reached by Assembly vote.
2. Those voting in opposition are allowed two minutes each if they wish to speak to the minority opinion.
3. Should anyone feel the number of people for comments to be excessive, a motion to "end debate" may be made and must pass by two-thirds majority vote.
4. The minority opinion having been heard, a motion to reconsider the issue may come only from someone who voted in the majority.
5. The minority can move to have an "amendment to the motion" considered and voted upon. This must pass with a two-thirds majority.
6. Should the amendment pass, the original decision with the amendment must be brought before the Assembly for reconsideration.
7. The original motion, if passed with the amendment, is again subject to the minority opinion process.

4/30/88

The Area Committee decided that the Trusted Servant Guidelines be completed by the June 25 Assembly.

The Area Committee recommended that as an experiment, the Alternate Chairperson position be dropped for a two-year term and at the summer Assembly of 1990 the Area will make a decision as to whether or not to reinstate the position.

6/25/88

The Area Assembly decided to table any action on the Trusted Servant Guidelines until the October 29 Area Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided that as an experiment, the Alternate Chairperson position be dropped for a two-year term and at the summer Assembly of 1990 the Area will make a decision as to whether or not to reinstate the position.

The Area Assembly decided to reconsider the previous motion concerning the Alternate Chair position.

The Area Assembly decided to leave the Alternate Chair position intact.

8/27/88

The Area Committee recommended that the Area Chair be responsible for appointed Committee Chairs and is therefore responsible to ensure that they carry out their duties.

10/29/88

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Trusted Servant Guidelines.

The Area Assembly decided that the Area Chair be responsible for appointed Committee Chairs and is therefore responsible to ensure that they carry out their duties.

12/10/88

The Area Committee recommended that each District have one vote at the Area Committee meetings, as it is suggested in the A.A. Service Manual.

The Area Committee recommended that the responsibility of the Alternate Chair include chairing the Finance Committee, the Alternate Delegate's responsibilities include chairing the Structure Committee and that there be a new position of Group Records Secretary.

2/4/89

The Area Committee recommended that the Area produce a half-size directory instead of full-size.

The Area Committee recommended that the Group Records Secretary be responsible for determining the format of the directory.

The Area Committee recommended that the Area sell Area Directories for \$1 a piece.

3/19/89

The Area Assembly decided that the responsibility of the Alternate Chair include chairing the Finance Committee, the Alternate Delegate's responsibilities include chairing the Structure Committee and that there be a new position of Group Records Secretary.

The Area Assembly decided that the Area will produce a half-size directory instead of full-size.

The Area Assembly decided that the Group Records Secretary will be responsible for determining the format of the directory.

The Area Assembly decided to sell Area Directories at cost.

The Area Assembly decided that the Area will trust its trusted servants and that future agendas be composed of some sharing sessions and workshops concerning Twelfth Step work.

The Area Assembly decided to direct the Structure Committee to consider what the responsibilities of the Area Assembly and the Area Committee are and report its recommendations back the Assembly.

The Area Assembly decided to table the D.C.M. voting issue until after a decision is reached concerning the position of L.C.M.s in the Area.

8/26/89

The Area Committee recommended that the following proposal regarding the status of L.C.M.s in the Area be adopted:

1. L.C.M.s (Local Committee Members) be recognized in the Area structure.
2. L.C.M.s be approved by the Area Committee when:
 - a. A District requests approval, on an individual basis, to have an L.C.M. position recognized.
 - b. The District provides a listing of the L.C.M.'s name and the groups or geographical Area they represent.
 - i. The Area Structure Committee will review this in light of the suggestions about the number of groups per D.C.M. in the "District" portion of the A.A. Service Manual.
 - ii. the District may also wish to have an alternate L.C.M. (see voting).
3. The L.C.M.s have a vote at the Area Assembly only.
 - a. Only the registered L.C.M.s or their alternates in their absence may vote.
 - b. L.C.M.s must be registered with the Group Records Secretary by a District Officer or District Structure Chair.

The Area Committee recommended that the following proposal regarding voting be approved:

1. Voting member of the Area Assembly be identified by a different color name badge for each kind of position; white being the color of "non-voting observers".
2. A "sense of the meeting" be used for all Area business with the exception of special situations and elections.
3. Secret ballot voting always be used for elections and those special situations determined by the Area Officers or the Area committee to require a vote.

10/7/89

The Area Assembly decided that the proposal regarding L.C.M.s developed at the previous Area Committee meeting be approved.

The Area Assembly decided that voting member of the Area Assembly be identified by a different color name badge for each kind of position; white being the color of "non-voting observers".

The Area Assembly decided that a "sense of the meeting" be used whenever possible and that all motions be avoided until adequate discussion and debate has taken place.

1/27/90

The Area Committee decided to allow the Structure Chair, on a one time basis, to approve the present L.C.M.s and that the D.C.M. register the L.C.M.s with the Group Records Secretary on or before the day of the March Area Assembly.

6/23/90

The Area Assembly decided that the Area committee be allowed to make routine and custodial decisions regarding Area business.

The Area Assembly decided to allow each District only one vote at the Area Committee meetings.

8/25/90

The Area Committee decided that when compiling the list of all those eligible to stand for Area Officer positions, anybody who has held any position in the Area Committee for any amount of time within the last two years should be included. Furthermore, these people should be listed alphabetically.

10/6/90

The Area Assembly decided that only G.S.R.s be allowed to vote on the issue of Area Standing Committee members voting at Assemblies.

The Area Assembly decided to redress the issue of only G.S.R.s voting on the previous topic.

The Area Assembly decided to not only allow G.S.R.s to vote on the issue of Area Standing Committee members voting at Assemblies.

12/8/90

The Area Committee decided to leave to the Area Officers to decide how to solve the problem of a sudden vacancy in either the Area Treasurer or Area Secretary position and that they should consider filling the position with either a past Treasurer or the Alternate Chair.

3/23/91

The Area Assembly decided that the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly shall follow voting procedures as outlined in the Service Manual, voting members to include Area Officers, District Committee Members, General Service Representatives, Area Standing Committee Chairs and past Delegates.

12/14/91

The Area Committee decided to approve the updated Area Trusted Servant Guidelines as submitted.

5/1/93

The Area Committee decided that D.C.M. reports at Area Assemblies be discontinued since their reports are in the Pigeon.

The Area Committee decided to have four D.C.M.s present (two pro and two con) on a topic and present at Area Assemblies for discussion and that groups be given the topic being presented before have so they have a chance to discuss in their groups.

8/21/93

The Area Committee recommended to take to the October Assembly the proposal regarding L.C.M.s voting at the Area level.

The Area Committee decided to conduct an Area Inventory at the October Assembly using an outside mediator and the mediator will develop questions and facilitate the Inventory.

10/30/93

The Area Assembly decided that the L.C.M.s will not have a vote at Area Assemblies. L.C.M.s are elected and appointed at the District level and it is a District position and not part of the Area Service Structure.

8/27/94

The Area Committee recommended that the following proposal and agenda on a two-day assembly go to the October 1994 Area Assembly: Recommend that a two-day assembly be held in October 1995 with an agenda of: Saturday morning - Breakout sessions similar to the Delegate's Workshop discussing a general Area topic and G.S.R.s would be assigned to a breakout session when registered; Saturday afternoon - Breakout sessions would report back to the rest of the Assembly and the Area would take care of it's business; Saturday evening - General Service Conference member would speak; Sunday morning - Area Committee meeting and discuss actions from previous day.

10/29/94 The Area Assembly decided to accept the two-day assembly proposal and agenda.

2/14/95

The Area Committee decided to put the following topic on the March Assembly agenda as a pro/con discussion topic: Do we as an Area want a formal mission statement to clearly communicate our purpose to the rest of our membership?

10/7/95

The Area Assembly decided to amend the Trusted Servant Guidelines as follows: The Structure Committee produce an Area Map at the end of each year.

5/4/96

The Area Committee recommended that the following proposal be placed on the June Assembly agenda: The Structure committee proposes that beginning in 1997 the Area Calendar be changed as follows:

1. That the March Assembly will be eliminated.
2. That the May Committee Meeting and June Assembly be combined into one two-day spring Assembly.
3. That the August Committee Meeting and October Assembly be combined into one two-day fall Assembly.
4. That the rest of the calendar remain unchanged.
5. That this change remain in effect until future Area Action.

6/22/96

The Area Assembly decided to adopt the above calendar changes beginning in 1997.

10/25/97

The Area Assembly decided that the Area Officers review the Trusted Servant Guidelines, make suggested changes and then send them to the Structure Committee.

The Area Assembly decided that a G.S.R. Orientation be held at 9-10 a.m. on Saturday morning, solely effecting the May 1998 assembly, focused on the actions of that day only.

The Area Assembly decided that the delegate send a letter on behalf of the Area to the General Service Office in support of the proposal to even out rotation in the West Central Region by changing North Dakota and Montana's delegate rotation to odd-year election to give us four delegates elected on each panel every year.

10/24/98

The Area Assembly decided to conduct an Area Inventory in the even year of every two-year rotation.

10/24/98

The Area Assembly decided to change the current calendar containing two-day Assemblies to one that spread one-day Assemblies more evenly throughout the year. The sample 1999 calendar changes include:

1. Delegate's Workshop deleted (trial 1999 only).
2. Area Standing Committees will no longer meet at Assemblies.
3. There will still be a GSR orientation at the Assembly.
4. (4) Four - Area Standing Committee Meetings
(3) Three - Assemblies
5. Possible two-day Assembly in an election year if time is needed to complete agenda.

3/23/02

The Area Assembly approved the structure Committee Guidelines for addressing SMAA business:

1. Proposals from the standing committee to the Area Committee are considered a seconded motion. Such proposals should be approved in committee with substantial unanimity. A seconded motion is presented for discussion and does not require a second for deliberation. Proposals resulting in significant changes to the Trusted Servant Guidelines or Financial Policy should be routed to either the Finance or Structure Committee for review prior to the Area Committee.
2. Motions forwarded from Standing committees should be reviewed at the Area Committee and submitted as new business for the upcoming meeting. (Background materials should be mailed within two weeks of the Area Committee Meeting).
3. Proposed business for the Area Assembly should be reviewed at the Area Committee meeting along with any respective background materials. Upon approval by the Area Committee, the proposed business is forwarded as an Assembly agenda item. (Background materials distributed subsequent to the Area Committee meeting should be mailed within two weeks). In order to obtain an informed group conscience, at least two months' time should be allowed prior to the upcoming Area Assembly.

6/22/02

The Area Assembly decided to approve to have the Structure Committee look at the feasibility of moving either the Area Assemblies or Committee Meetings to the Twin Cities and also look at moving one of them to a more central location – that is – more to the West.

6/21/03

The Area Assembly decided to approve: Structure Committee shall review Area Election procedures and report back recommendations for discussion at Area Assembly.

6/24/06

The Area Assembly decided to approve a motion to let Area Chair decide how to handle request from Roundup to use our mailing list. Passed unanimously.

XVI. Treatment Facilities

3/6/84

The Area Committee decided to refer the discussion of the need for a Treatment Facilities Workbook to the 3/24/84 Area Assembly.

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided to convey to the General Service Conference the need for a Treatment Facilities Workbook in Southern Minnesota.

10/22/05

The Area Assembly decided to approve the Treatment Facilities Temporary Contact brochure.

XVII. Web Site

06/21/03

The Area Assembly decided to put the meeting locator on the website including all registered groups.

06/28/08

The Area Assembly decided to approve the motion by the Web Committee that only groups registered with GSO are to be listed in the online meeting directory.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the motion by the Web Committee that Area 36 share the full data download from FNV with the architect of the online meeting directory. The architect of the site will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

The Area Assembly decided to approve the motion by the Web Committee that, in the spirit of Tradition 7, Area 36 compensate, to some extent, the labor costs for the build of the online meeting directory. The amount is to be determined by the assembly. The total estimated cost for labor is \$5,000.

XVIII. Miscellaneous

4/4/81

The Area Assembly decided that the Area will host a hospitality room at the 1981 Gopher State Roundup.

4/21/81

The Area Committee decided that District 7 will host the Area hospitality room at the Gopher State Roundup 1981 and District 8 will host the film room.

5/23/81

The Area Assembly decided that the Area will host a service hospitality room at ICYPAA in June 1981.

11/7/81

The Area Assembly decided that there will be a report at the Area Assemblies in the Minneapolis Intergroup situation.

3/16/82

The Area Committee decided that there will be an Area hospitality room and a film room at the 1982 Gopher State Roundup.

8/14/82

The Area Assembly decided to direct the Area Committee to investigate the possibility of the Area discontinuing banquet and luncheons at conferences.

9/7/82

The Area Committee decided to form a committee to set up some suggested guidelines for future hosts of the Southern Conference.

6/7/83 Special Meeting

The Area Committee decided to send a letter of condolence to the Wisconsin Area Assembly for the death of Trustee Virginia H. and a memorial contribution of \$50 was sent to G.S.O.

3/6/84

The Area Committee recommended that the Area host a hospitality suite at the 1984 Gopher State Roundup with service displays and a film room.

3/24/84

The Area Assembly decided to host a hospitality suite at the 1984 Gopher State Roundup with service displays and a film room.

The Area Assembly decided to authorize an extra \$100 for a larger Area Hospitality room at the 1984 Gopher State Roundup.

3/23/85

The Area Assembly decided to host a large hospitality room at the 1985 Gopher State Roundup and have a film room.

2/4/86

The Area Committee decided to host a large hospitality room at the 1986 Gopher State Roundup and have a film room.

2/7/87

The Area Committee recommended that the Area produce an Area Service Workbook in a three-hole punch format.

The Area Committee decided to ask Stan Cameron to speak at the June Assembly.

The Area Committee recommended that the Area host a large conference hospitality room at Gopher State Roundup 1987 or a regular hospitality suite if none are available.

3/21/87

The Area Assembly decided to produce an Area Service Workbook in a three-hole punch format containing a welcome for new G.S.R.s, an Area calendar, guidelines of the Assembly, a section for meeting minutes, the summary of past recommendations and action of the Area, the Area directory, a financial section which includes the Area budget, the treasurer's reports, financial guidelines and the prudent reserve policy.

The Area Assembly decided to host a large hospitality room at Gopher State Roundup 1987 at no cost to the Area.

6/13/87 The Area Assembly decided to investigate the possibility of an annual statewide service conference.

The Area Assembly decided to bid for the 1995 International Convention contingent on any further information from our Delegate.

12/5/87

The Area Committee decided to have an information room at the Gopher State Roundup with Committee displays and room for District to be involved, and that this activity be coordinated by someone appointed by the Area Chair.

12/10/88

The Area Committee decided to direct the Area Chair to write a letter to the Chair of the Southern Conference covering its history and the history of the Area's relationship to it; how the Area had removed itself from the event; requesting that the conference incorporate separately; requesting that it not be called a "conference" to avoid confusion with a service event; and enclosing a copy of the guidelines on roundups.

3/19/90

The Area Assembly decided to grant the Area Committee the right of decision in regards to the issue of the relationship of the Area to roundups and conventions.

6/23/90

The Area Assembly decided to compile a bid to host the 2000 International Convention in the Twin Cities.

5/11/91

The Area Assembly decided that the Southern Minnesota Area Assembly shall become incorporated.

12/14/91

The Area Committee decided to accept the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as submitted.

11/21/92

The Area Committee decided to approve conducting Area business with Kwik Kopy of Northfield, Minnesota, pursuant to procedures established in the Area Financial Policy.

6/26/93

The Area Assembly decided to coordinate a response to the GSO referencing a letter from District 21 concerning the production of the little Big Book.

2/5/94

The Area Committee decided to add to the Area Assembly agenda "What's on your mind/Ask it basket" session.

3/22/97

The Area Committee decided to refer the issue of purchasing a computer for the Area secretary to the Finance Committee for a policy recommendation, and to allow the Area chair to handle the issue on a short-term basis.

10/26/97

The Area Committee decided to have the treasurer file the Annual Report of Charitable Organization to the Office of the Attorney General of the state of MN.

3/3/99

The Area Assembly decided to form an Ad Hoc committee to investigate the need for creating an Area website and make recommendations as to the proper way to proceed should such a need be found.

10/30/99

The Area Assembly decided to proceed with the creation of an Area website and to create a Standing Committee to administer the website.

10/27/01

The Area Assembly decided to proceed with the creation of a Remote Communities Committee.

3/19/05

The Area Assembly decided to pursue a joint service workshop with Area 35 and let Chairperson and a committee work out details.

6/23/07

The Area Assembly decided to defer discussion of appropriate dress memo until the next Area Committee Meeting.