

Area 42 Proposal

Motion: Create 4 teleconference places as an option for participating in Area Assemblies. The Assemblies would still be held in Tonopah as scheduled. But for those who would prefer less travel time and cost, they could participate via teleconference. These points would be in Las Vegas, Reno, Elko and somewhere in the Sierras(selected by the Area). Those wishing to go to Tonopah would still do so.

Why? 1. Greater participation in Assemblies. Teleconference points would open up our Assemblies to those who presently can't afford to go or can't leave town to go. 2. Big cost savings. At present, it costs at least \$60,000 per year to send 150 people to the twice-yearly Tonopah Assemblies. If one-third of the people stayed home for the teleconferences, this would save some \$20,000 per year.

Cost: Spend approximately \$2,000 for 4 big-screen TVs(\$500 each); approximately \$2,000 for 4 laptops(\$500 each); approximately \$100 for a cell phone used by the Area Chair; and approximately \$84 a year for a teleconference service such as Skype. Rent for the four teleconference buildings would be about \$250 per year or \$1,000 total. Total implementation cost about \$6,000. Yearly cost about \$1,500 for building rent, cell phone and teleconference service.

The need: Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Greater participation in our Area Assemblies would strengthen our fellowship. Group savings on travel costs would allow these groups more money to give the AA service structure.

Guideline changes: To implement this, changes must be made to our Area 42 Guidelines.

Section 1.2 Meetings:

- A. The Area Assembly shall meet semi-annually, at the end of March and September. The time and place of each meeting will be selected, by the Area Assembly, far enough in advance to guarantee the scheduling of the appropriate facility(add) plus the 4 teleconference facilities.

1.4 Area Officer Duties:

H. The duties of the Registrar shall be:

- 3. Coordinate efforts at the (add) 4 facilities holding the teleconference assemblies, (continue) Area Assembly and Committee meetings to accomplish responsibilities of the Area Registrar.

2.2 Area Committee Meetings:

A. The Area Committee shall meet at least twice a year at the Area Assembly (add) and at each of the 4 teleconference facilities holding the Area Assemblies at a time and place to be determined by the Area Assembly at the last meeting.

Effective Date: This motion will take effect for the March, 2013 Area Assembly.

Please let us increase Assembly participation and decrease Assembly costs. This motion will achieve both of these aims.

Respectfully submitted,

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