

5/9/18 - Spring Committee Meeting Motions

MOTION 1 (Corrections Committee)

The NIA corrections committee moves that, per request from Area 21 (Southern Illinois), we order 12 cases of big books to be distributed among the prisons. Below is a copy of the request from Ed H (Area 21);

Hello Dawn,

At our Area Assembly 3/4/18 our Corrections Committee unanimously approved a Literature disbursement from your Area to ours. The District 19 Committee (Springfield) stated that with four prisons in their district that they request twelve cases of Big Books by themselves. We very much appreciate your Area responding to our ongoing literature situation.

Thanks for your service. Best regards, - Ed

Background-

Area 21 has the majority of the prisons in the state of Illinois. Most of the inmates originally come from Areas 19 and 20, and will be returning there. Area 21 is a very rural area and not as populated as Areas 19 and 20, so the monetary resources for literature are not as plentiful there.

MOTION 2 (Corrections Committee)

The NIA Corrections Committee requests reimbursement for the NIA Corrections Chair and Alternate Chair to attend the 2018 Annual National Corrections Conference, not to exceed a cost of \$800 each, to include airfare, conference registration and hotel. The 2018 Conference is in Maine.

MOTION 3 (Electronic Equipment Committee)

Motion, from the electronics Equipment Committee, for a new computer and projector as requested by the Area Chair and Delegate:

I move that the Area buy a new lap top (including Microsoft Office Suite) and projector that are capable of connecting wirelessly for use at Area meetings, Area workshops, and Delegate reports; and annual renewal of Microsoft Office.

Background / Reasoning-

Our current projector requires a cable to be connected to a computer in order to do presentations. This limits the presenter's ability to set up the computer farther than a couple of feet. While this works in some applications, it does not in others. For example: if the Area Chair is using the projector during an Area meeting, someone has to be sitting beside the computer while the Area Chair sits on the dais (during the Spring Assembly this was the delegate). Furthermore our current projector is near the end of its life expectancy and obtaining a new one before this one gives out would eliminate a gap in the availability.

The lap top that is currently being used is from around 2007, or 10 years old. As you know this is an antique in the computer world and needs to be replaced before it stops working. The estimated cost for these items is 1,149.97 including the projector, lap top and a one year's subscription for Microsoft Office Suite. Office Suite cost is 69.99 and will need to be renewed annually.

MOTION 4 (D52)

The Bourbonnais Terrace Group asks for the Area's support that the Delegate write a letter to the conference coordinator for consideration of the item below as an agenda item at the 2019 GSC.

That a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be developed, and that the stories section contain stories that focus on issues that include technology and social media; and members in active military service.

Background Material

We believe that the time has come for the personal stories in the second section of the book Alcoholics Anonymous needs to reflect experiences of members who have been in the military, those with a physical disability, those who have a mental health diagnosis, and issues with technology and social media.

The Editions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous have been published in somewhat regular intervals.

The First Edition was published in 1939 16 years later came the
Second Edition was published in 1955 21 years later came the
Third Edition was published in 1976 25 years later came the
Fourth Edition was published in 2001

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