

Area Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM

April 16th, 2025

Google Meets

<http://meet.google.com/wtt-dgaf-arj>

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer by Kevin

Attendance: Kevin- Finance Chair, Brandi- Alt Treasurer, Jackie – Secretary, Michael – Past Delegate, Alise – Newsletter, Debi F – Alt Finance Chair, Malana – Chair 2026 Convention, Darrell, Sommer – Convention Co-Chair 2026, Alicia – Treasurer, Tony TFC Chair, Terri, Byron

Secretary Report: – Minutes Approved

Ongoing Business:

- Motion to change the SETA yearly budget process – Tabled at SETA Assy in April 2025. The motion was read and background information.
 - Alise - A comment on changing the name of the fully funded budget to pre-funded budget due to the fully funded budget is paid after the conference for the Delegate to attend. There was discussion regarding the different points of view. There was agreement with the suggestion to rename the budget item due to full funding can be confusing to new GSRs and other committees to understand what it means. There was a discussion that it is an accounting term and shouldn't be changed. There was agreement to this due to confusing people. It was discussed what the concepts say about which model that is to follow a Corporate Model vs a foundation model.
 - Change our fiscal year to budget through January. There was some agreement to change the fiscal year. Feb – January, currently follow a calendar year. The budget is voted on in January. There were comments that it really doesn't need to be changed, it could cause confusion. Leaving it with the rotation to eliminate confusion. The budget process starts in October and is voted on in January. There is a question is how the committees fulfill their budgets if it stays with the calendar year. The outgoing and incoming committee chairs work together in January to fulfill their obligations. There was a suggestion that a percentage to be approved to cover their costs until the budget is approved. **Kevin will reach out to everyone individually and bring it back to the committee in May.**
- **Delegate funding letter to GSO** – It is suggested the letter come from SETA vs. the finance committee.
 - Alise – It should go to the GSO Board not the GS Office.
 - Tony commented on reducing costs.

- Debi – states that SETA has always been able to fully fund. Mike - They only ask for a certain amount; but the SETA can fully fund. Alise – SETA should pay their share.
- Debi asks Mike to give clarification on Area send the minimum and use the rest of the money in Area. There is a minimum amount to pay for the delegate, the rest are encouraged to keep the rest to continue to do the business of the Area.

New Business:

- SWRAASA hotel payment
 - Mike proposed allocating \$35,000 from unrestricted funds for the Southwest Regional Service Assembly. GSO wants us to do is use our money in our area to promote service and provide service in our AA. There's no greater need that we can offer is when we host the SWRAASA.
 - Aliciea clarified the actual unrestricted funds available after accounting for the budget of \$50,702. **Aliciea will need to update the treasurer's report to reflect accurate unrestricted funds.** – The extra money is for the budget; the treasurer's report needs to be clarified about what is unrestricted and what is used for the budget. Aliciea agrees that the treasures report needs to be updated clearly. Technically there are only about 11K of unrestricted.
 - Aliciea
- 2026 Convention Budget – Malana – presenting the 2026 convention budget. Basing numbers against for the past 2 years and based on attendance of 800. Review the budget income and expenses. Questions were asked and they were answered who get rooms and the expense of the rooms. Regional trustees are paid by convention. No ice cream social, more prudent to have coffee from the hotel. There was items regarding food and with cost efficient options for people to have. Byron – what is BMT acronym for Beaumont. Darrell – suggested payments via Zelle? Malana is looking for better options. Kevin will touch base with Aliciea and provide a copy of the budget.
- Elect Committee Positions – Debi is standing for alt finance hair
- Does anyone have any items they wish to discuss or present?

Next Meeting: May 21, 2025, Wednesday at 8pm

Close Meeting: Responsibility Statement