

## District 21 September 2013 Business Meeting

**\*\*Business Meeting was cancelled due to Area 41 Assembly being held the same weekend\*\***

### DCM Report-

District 21 was well represented again at the September 2013 Area Assembly last weekend. We are gearing up for our November Area 41 Assembly for 2014-2015 Officer and Committee Chair Elections!

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Voting Results from Sept Assembly:

#### **AGENDA ITEM: 2013-01-12 #007 Report & Charter : FAILED**

Any literature or service tool, developed in an Area 41 committee that affects AA as a whole, be approved by the Area 41 Committee. Any modification to already approved items would also require approval by the Area 41 Committee. (see background from Newsletter located on [area41.org](http://area41.org))

#### **AGENDA ITEM: 2012-03-10 007 Finance : PASSED**

Area 41 maintain officer and committee checking accounts at one bank. (see background info on Newsletter on [area41.org](http://area41.org))

**EMERGENCY VOTING ITEM:** Due to contract issues, the Grand Island location previously selected to hold the 2015-2016 Area 41 Assemblies/Reunion, Rescinded their offer. We also found out that the New World Inn in Columbus was currently being renovated to become an Ramada Inn and the cost of rooms increase significantly.

After a Vote:

**North Platte, Sandhills Convention Assembly will be the location for the 2015-2016 Area 41 Business Assemblies and Area 41 Reunions.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) We are still seeking a location to have our Dist 21 GSR workshop on either December 1<sup>st</sup> or December 8<sup>th</sup> (shooting for December 1<sup>st</sup> now). Please let me know as soon as possible if you know of a place that would fit 30-50 people, handicapped accessible, and would allow us to bring food in.
- (2) Elections for Dist 21 2014-2015 Officers will be held at October 20 Business Meeting. Please refer to your AA Service Handbook for the suggested qualifications and responsibilities for these positions.
- (3) We will have at least 3 voting items on top of the election and will get you more details once the November 2013 Newsletter comes out. Please see the next page to see details.

One of the Agenda Items up for a vote would be a really exciting opportunity for District 21. This opportunity only comes around once every 16 years! Area 41 will be hosting the 2015 West Central Regional Conference!

**Please ask your groups** if they would be interested in Dist 21 placing a bid to host the WCRC in 2012

**If so**, would they like us to invite Dist 3, 22, 29 (and possibly Dist 32 since they are currently dark) to go in on the Bid?

**\*\*\* Please see the next page for the voting items going to Vote for November Assembly\*\*\***

# NEW VOTING ITEMS TO VOTE AT NOVEMBER AREA 41 ASSEMBLY

## New Agenda Items Sent to Committee for Discussion

- ① **AGENDA ITEM 2013-09-14 008 Report and Charter**  
When DCM assignments are drawn for each election assembly, the first 2 committees to get 3 DCMs assigned be the Agenda and Report and Charter committees.

Background:

There are 31 DCMs in Area 41. There are currently 12 committees that get DCMs assigned to them. Each committee gets 2 DCMs assigned out of the hat, the remaining 7 DCMs are then matched to a committee whereby both the Committee and DCM are pulled from the hat. The Agenda Committee and Report and Charter committee historically have the most to do in committee and usually have fewer non-assigned members attend their meeting than other committees do. This would ensure at least 3 assigned DCMs per rotation in committee to help do Area business.

Background:

The purpose of having this on the agenda so soon is so the committee can begin work and submit the 2014 budget for approval in a timely manner.

- ② **AGENDA ITEM 2013-09-14 010 Agenda**  
Select a district or group of districts to host the 2015 West Central Regional ~~Forum~~ Conference.

Background:

Every 16 years Area 41 has the opportunity to host the West Central Regional Forum. The program is the responsibility of the General Service Office. A copy of the WCRF Host Guide will be sent to each Area 41 DCM to assist the districts in their decision.

- ③ **AGENDA ITEM 2013-09-14 009 Finance**  
Approve 2014 Area 41 budget.

Q1) WOULD DISTRICT 21 WANT TO  
PUT A BID IN TO HOST?

Q2) IF SO,  
WOULD WE WANT TO ASK OTHER  
LINCOLN DISTRICTS 3, 22 & 29  
TO JOIN US?

## Voting Items for Sunday, September 15, 2013

### OLD BUSINESS None

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **VOTE: AGENDA ITEM 2013-01-12 #007 Report and Charter**

Any literature or service tool, developed in an Area 41 committee that affects AA as a whole, be approved by the Area 41 Committee. Any modification to already approved items would also require approval by the Area 41 Committee.

#### Original Background:

Often Areas develop their own literature or service tools for use in their Area. Some recent examples within our own Area would be our GSR Orientation Packet, Corrections Power Point, and the CPC Working With Professionals pamphlet/envelopes. At times these projects involve the website and a

certain amount of financial investment. Even though a Committee may try their best to come up with items that meet all of A.A. criteria, it seems that when others from outside of the Committee look at it, they see adjustments that need to be made. Some of these are self-adjusting such as limitations put on to the amount of moneys that can be spent and a webmaster who edits what goes onto the website.

Printed literature and other such tangibles, however, have no other built-in check. Although good sponsorship is probably the best way to handle this, our sponsors are not always available while a vote is being taken in a Committee.

There are things that we can and should do at the Area level which do not need to be conference approved that can help the still suffering alcoholic right in our own Area. I have seen some items produced by other Areas that are not conference approved and would like some way to check items that are de-

## Voting Items for Sunday, September 15, 2013 Continued

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veloped within a Committee before they are used within the Area. One way might be to send these items to ie. Report and Charter, Finance, Website or Literature to further check the facts etc. Perhaps this would be a way to find a balance between Concept 3/Right of Decision and accountability to the Area.

#### Additional Background:

The Report and Charter committee discussed and reworded this item as such to present for a vote of the Area body. It was submitted and approved by the original presenter prior to presenting to the body for vote.

The two banks consulted were in agreement that our current banking procedure is not secure, and Area has a history nearly every rotation of unaccounted funds. It would be nearly impossible for Area funds to be unaccounted for with the proposed system because the Area 41 Treasurer would be on each committee and officer account with access to an on-line view. There would be one Primary Account with the Area 41 General Fund, and 18 Secondary Accounts, one for each Officer and funded Committee Chair. Secondary Accounts would be operated with debit cards specific to the Officer or Committee, with the Committee Chair or Officer holding the debit card. The Area 41 Treasurer could electronically transfer funds between the Primary and Secondary accounts. Treasurer/Finance Chair and the Alternate Delegate would be the signers on the Primary account, with the Treasurer conducting all online activity.

#### **VOTE: AGENDA ITEM 2012-03-10 007 FINANCE**

Area 41 maintain officer and committee checking accounts at one bank.

#### Original Background:

If all committees and officers had checking accounts at the same bank, trusted servants could use debit cards to access funds no matter where the bank was. It would also be easier to transfer names at the end of a rotation, and the Area Treasurer could make transfers to accounts without writing a check. Research needs conducted to see if it's logistically and financially feasible to do.

There was a wide variation in banking costs to the Area between the two bank proposals. To make this new system work for the Area, we would need to switch banks to the one with the least (zero) charges. A change in Officers and Committee Chairs at rotation would not require opening and closing of new accounts, like the current system does. The current Area 41 budget includes \$360 for banking charges, which could be saved.

#### Additional Background:

The Finance Committee held this item in committee for an extended period of time gathering information from banks and discussing it thoroughly. After final review of two bank proposals and considering the advice professionals in banking offered, the Area 41 Finance Committee unanimously recommends this proposal to the Area.

Under the current system, Officers and Committee Chairs open their own accounts at a bank of their choosing, and the Area 41 Treasurer has to sign on, which sometimes requires physically going to the chosen bank. Banking charges vary from committee to committee. At the end of each rotation, old bank accounts are closed and new ones have to be opened.