



NFAC Newsletter

1st Quarter Assembly- January 7th, 2024

Motion Highlights:

- Motion to increase Corrections line item as follows:
 - 7410- Duplication by \$25.00 for a total of \$50.00
 - 7430 - Supplies by \$25.00 for a total budgeted \$75.00
 - 7450 - Literature by \$150.00 for a total budgeted \$200.00
 - 7460 - Workshops by \$150.00 for a total budget of \$300
 - Motion passed.
- Motion: To increase the Cooperation with Professional Community Budget by the following amounts:
 - 7310 - Duplication by \$450.00 for a total budgeted \$475.00
 - 7370 - Convention Travel by \$700.00 for a total budgeted \$1050.00.
 - Motion passed.

Important News:

NEW ADDRESS FOR NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONTRIBUTIONS:

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- There will be a vote for a new Treasurer for the area.
 - Please submit service resume to secretary@aanorthflorida.org ahead of the next assembly's business meeting.
- Area 14 Pre-Assembly Meeting (Thursday April 4th prior to Area Conference at 7pm online)
 - Zoom log-in:
 - Meeting ID: 7165954145
 - Passcode: 73

Please send all upcoming newsletters and flyers to webchair@aanorthflorida.org so Area 14 can support outreach.

A Member's Story:

When I came into AA for the first time, I asked my current sponsor if he would sponsor me. What he had asked of me was, "Are you willing to go to any length to stay sober?" and for the first time in my life I could honestly say yes. It turns out that a lot of those lengths are in service. It was suggested of me to start with a coffee commitment at my home group; it was new to do and felt strange, but frankly everything did especially early in my sobriety. From there, I have just been taking suggestions from both my sponsor, others, and sometimes just raising my hand or standing for a position when it felt right.

I have served in several different positions from helping on the Technology Committee for the North Florida Area, being a chairperson of my first homegroup's Beginner's Meeting, and most importantly saying yes when an alcoholic asks if I'd be willing to sponsor them. However, one of the positions that I most remember was my first Gratitude Dinner, when I was about three months sober. I helped make coffee and serve other alcoholics. What was most impactful was when one of the coffee makers malfunctioned and we didn't have de-caf coffee available to serve. I found out that some AA members felt it important to give me grief about the lack of coffee they wanted, which I quickly gained resentment toward them (an easy start to a 4th a step). But the members of AA that had helped me from the beginning and were among those that served at the event gave me an ear to listen and advice that helped me realize that I was doing my best, even though it didn't feel like enough. And that I am not responsible for making everyone happy. I am responsible for doing the next right thing and being there for the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

I was told to continue to take suggestions from those who had what I wanted. And those that have what I want and need in my life (peace and serenity), are the ones that continue to do service no matter how many days of sobriety they have behind them. To me, service doesn't mean being perfect or playing every role in the show. It's giving my time and energy toward the AA program that gave me a new way and joy for life and passing on a message of recovery to those who are willing to listen.

-Dylan P.

Upcoming Area Assembly (April 5-7):

- There will be a vote for a new Treasurer at the April 7th business meeting.
- Pre-conference the delegate will be taking a "Sense of the Assembly."
- Motions to vote on at April's Area Assembly:
 - Move to change Structure & Guidelines Section 11- Voting Eligibility and Privileges: Privileges change:
 - FROM: Any eligible voter who is not in their seat at their District table at 9:00 a.m. for roll call at the start of assembly shall have their voting privileges suspended for assembly.
 - TO: Any eligible voter who is not in their seat at their District table at 9:00 a.m. for roll call or in the virtual waiting room by 8:45 a.m. for roll call have their voting privileges suspended for that assembly.
 - Motion added to the minutes to be voted on at the upcoming April assembly.
 - Move that starting with the April 2024 Business meeting; that Area 14 provide a virtual meeting platform for login to the business meeting including voting capability for those who are voting members of the assembly according to voting privileges as set forth in Structures and Guidelines.
 - Motion tabled.

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