

**“The Western Washington Area treasury fully fund American Sign Language (ASL) services at the annual Area Assembly and the three Area Committee Quarterlies for participating members as requested. It is not the intent of this motion to fund area standing committee quarterlies, which should be funded by the accessibilities committee.”**

Summary: This motion addresses the payment for only ASL services at three Area Quarterlies and the Assembly. It would shift payment of these costs from the Accessibility Committee’s budget to the general Area Treasury.

NOTE: This motion would not affect Spanish interpretation at Quarterlies and the Assembly. Spanish interpretation will continue to be provided and paid for from Accessibility Committee funds.

Current Practice: Currently, the Accessibility Committee is responsible for handling all ASL interpretation needs as detailed in their guidelines and that their budget of \$7,500.00 allows. The \$7,500.00 allocation was established, in part, with providing interpretive services in mind. The Committee Guidelines state that ASL interpretation will be provided for at Area Committee Quarterlies and the Area Assembly if requested. Typically, a request comes in about a month before the event. Because it is not known if the service will be required for the Quarterlies and Assembly, Committee funds are tied up for most of the year, “on hold” to meet any possible expense. In addition, if ASL services are required at all 4 events, along with Spanish interpretation, it leaves the Committee with very little funds to undertake other actions and may result in the Committee having insufficient funds to cover all events.

If Passed: Funding for ASL services would come directly from the WWA treasury instead of from the Accessibility Committee’s budget. The Accessibility Committee would be left with a \$7,500.00 allocation to work with. The Committee could use the funds to provide interpretive services at other Area business meetings, support new District Accessibility Committees by providing literature, and supporting outreach efforts for other accessibility needs (“shut ins”, sight impaired, etc.).

If Not Passed: ASL services would continue to be funded from the Accessibility Committee’s budget.

For Consideration: Tradition 7, Concept IV, WWA Accessibility Committee Guidelines

**Approved requests for interpretation and/or translation at the three Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly be funded by the Area treasury.**

Summary: This motion would fund all interpretation and translation costs for the four listed events from the Area treasury.

NOTE: For the Area's purpose, interpretation is the conversion of spoken or signed words from one language to another; translation is the conversion of written documents from one language to another.

Current Practice: Currently, the Accessibility Committee is responsible for handling all accessibility needs within their guidelines and that their budget of \$7,500.00 allows. This includes interpretation and translation costs for the Area Quarterlies and the Assembly. The \$7,500.00 allocation was established, in part, with providing these services in mind. Because it is not known if interpretation services will be required for the Quarterlies and Assembly, Committee funds are tied up for most of the year, "on hold" to meet any possible expense. In addition, if ASL and Spanish interpretation services are required at all 4 events, it leaves the Committee with very little funds to undertake other actions and may result in the Committee having insufficient funds to cover all events.

If Passed: Funding for interpretation and translation at the Assembly and the three Area Quarterlies would come directly from the WWA treasury instead of from the Accessibility Committee's budget. The Accessibility Committee would be left with a \$7,500.00 allocation to work with. The Committee could use the funds to provide interpretive services at other Area business meetings, support new District Accessibility Committees by providing literature, and supporting outreach efforts for other accessibility needs ("shut ins", sight impaired, etc.).

If Not Passed: interpretation and translation would continue to be funded from the Accessibility Committee's budget.

For Consideration: Tradition 7, Concept IV, WWA Accessibility Committee Guidelines

**The Western Washington Area makes available to the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee money for exhibit/booth fees at professional conferences/conventions not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year.**

Summary: This motion would provide funds for the Area CPC Committee to set up information booths at conferences and/or conventions held by members of the professional communities they interact with.

Current Practice: The CPC has an allocation of \$500.00 for literature and does not have allocated funds for attendance fees, etc. The CPC Committee has been asked to set up an information booth at the last two State Criminal Justice Conferences. These requests were unplanned for and the money to participate was covered under Motion 06.2. These requests have shown the Committee that this might be an annual activity for them (and thus, not an “unexpected” expense covered by 06.2) and raised the possibility for the Committee to participate in other such events. Potential events are the UW Continuing Nursing Education Conference, the Group Health Leadership Conference, and the Washington State Dental Association Pacific Northwest Dental Conference. Exhibit fees range from \$150 to \$1000 depending on the size and location of the conference or convention.

If Passed: The CPC Committee would have the means to participate in professional conferences and conventions, allowing them the ability to reach a larger number of people at one time. Potential events are

If Not Passed: The CPC Committee would have to react to requests on a case-by-case basis and seek funding under Motion 06.2. The uncertainty of annual expenses for these events might create a problem in calculating annual expenses for the Area.

For consideration: Tradition 7, Page 17 of the GSO CPC Workbook encourages participation in State and local professional meetings and states that, “If possible, the committee’s budget should include funds for exhibit space fees for these events, literature for professional meetings, and small, unanticipated opportunities throughout the year.”

[ [http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/m-41i\\_CPCWorkbook.pdf](http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/m-41i_CPCWorkbook.pdf) ]

**"We ask AA World Services to produce pamphlets without staples so that they can enter into all correctional facilities."**

Summary: This would be a request to AA World Services (AAWS) who may or may not choose to act on it. Requests to AAWS made with full Area support carry more weight at the General Service Conference. Other Areas have recently made similar requests.

Current Practice: AAWS produces most pamphlets with staples. Literature with staples is not allowed in some correctional facilities, requiring Correctional Committees to remove the staples and bind the pamphlets with thread or other methods before providing them to facilities. Among the pamphlets that the maker of the motion would like to see distributed to correctional facilities are:

"This is A. A."

"44 Questions"

"A. A. for Women"

"Memo to an Inmate"

"The A. A. Member - Medications and Other Drugs"

"Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"

"Is A. A. for Me?"

If Passed: Correction Committees would be able to more easily provide inmates with AA literature.

If Not Passed: Correction Committees would continue to have to remove staples and may be limited on the number of pamphlets they can provide to facilities depending on their ability to "de-staple" pamphlets.

For Consideration: Tradition 5, GSO Corrections Workbook

[http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/m-45i\\_corrections.pdf](http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/m-45i_corrections.pdf) ]

NOTE: In response to Area 72 inquiries, AAWS has stated that they have looked into staple-less publishing before, but have determined that it is was not feasible due to costs and there was no practicable non-glue method for binding smaller (fewer page) pamphlets without staples. They do produce several products bound with glue that can go directly into correctional facilities: "Memo to an Inmate" and "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell"; the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve soft cover editions and pocket editions; A.A. In Prison: Inmate to Inmate; and other soft-cover books. The A.A. Grapevine is also now bound with glue.

**" Move that the WWA 72 mileage allowance be reduced from the full IRS business rate to 2/3 the prevailing IRS business rate "**

Summary: This would reduce the amount of money the Area pays to compensate Area trusted servants for travel mileage under Motion 06.3.

Current Practice: The area reimburses mileage expenses of elected and appointed trusted servants and steering committee members at the current IRS business rate. The current rate is \$0.55 per mile. The IRS business rate takes into consideration transportation costs of operating a vehicle including gasoline, depreciation, insurance and wear and tear on the vehicle.

If Passed: The motion would decrease the amount spent on travel for Area 72 business. If this motion were currently in effect we would be reimbursing at \$0.36 per mile.

If Not Passed: Reimbursements would continue at the current full IRS business rate.

For consideration: Tradition 7