

MOTIONS GUIDE – SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15

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This Guide is intended to provide assistance to the Fellowship in drafting motions, it is not intended to be definitive. In keeping with our Traditions and Concepts, there may be motions that are unacceptable for presentation to the body (for example, a personally punitive motion would be contrary to Concept 12, Warranty 5). The Current Practice Committee will work with anyone requesting assistance in the preparation of a motion.

MOTION:

- Should be clearly stated and be able to be answered as a "yes" or "no". Needs to be able to be understood without reference to any other material, including the background material.
- Be aware that two part motions may fail by resistance to one part or the other, or a lack of clarity in one part.
- Consider reviewing the Area 15 Book of Motions for examples.
- Ensure it does not conflict with our Traditions or Concepts.
- Use plain language.
- You will have an opportunity to speak to the motion, but the motion must still stand on its own.
- Needs to be presented within 30 days after an Area 15 Assembly, to be added to the agenda for discussion and vote at the following Assembly.
- Background, if included, is limited to 150 words.
- Is this time-sensitive (motion needs to be addressed prior to the following assembly)? When possible, members should be given time to get their group conscience.

HISTORY OR CURRENT PRACTICES:

- This is intended to help understand the context of the motion.
- What are we doing now? Are there other related motions in place or being considered?
- Has this kind of motion been considered before (see the Book of Motions & Book of Current Practices)?
- Try not to refer to what someone in AA says or does.
- Are we correcting something inconsistent with past AA practice?

IF PASSED:

- What will change?
- How will AA be impacted?
- Is there any negative effect?
- Why should we do this? Why is this motion needed?

IF NOT PASSED:

- How will AA be impacted?

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

- Any other useful information. Again, not referring to what any individual says or does.