

Area 68 Process of a Proposal for Structure and Procedures Changes

Submitting a Proposal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal can be submitted by: A.A. member, AA Group, District Member, Service Committee, Area Officer or Chairs • Proposal is submitted to both the Area Chair and Area Delegate • Must be submitted a minimum of 45 days prior to the Voting Assembly • Voting Assemblies are held in the Spring and Fall
Communication to Voting Body		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Chair responsible to e-mail the proposal to the District Committee Members (DCM) and Area Newsletter Chair • DCMs are responsible to send the proposal to the General Service Representatives and District Committee • Proposal is to be published in the next Area Newsletter
Voting Assembly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Chair will read the proposal (verbatim) • Two A.A. Members, selected by the Area Chair, will present on the Pros and Cons of the proposal
Floor is open		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Chair will open the floor for questions of clarity and discussion (any A.A. member may participate) • Participants are asked to line up at the available microphones • Friendly and Formal amendments are not permitted
Closing Discussion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion may be presented to "Call the Question" (any A.A. member may call the question) • The motion to "Call the Question" must be seconded • A simple majority vote in the affirmative will close discussion • Alternatively, the Area Chair may assess discussion has concluded and calls for voting on the proposal
Voting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This vote decides if the proposal is to be sent to the A.A. Groups for GSRs to gather an informed group conscience • Area Chair will call for a count of eligible voters to obtain the maximum possible votes • Area Chair reads the proposal • Area Chair will ask for all voting members to cast their vote of In favor or Not in favor • The required vote must reach a simple majority (51%) in the affirmative to pass
Minority Opinion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Chair calls for any voting member in the non-prevailing vote to share their minority opinion
Motion to reconsider		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After minority opinion, anyone in the prevailing side of the vote may announce a desire to change their vote • Area Chair opens the floor for discussion until the question is called or the Area Chair assesses to close discussion • Voting occurs - Minority Opinion is not heard on the second vote - results of this vote constitutes the final decision
Results of the Motion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the proposal does not reach a simple majority in the affirmative, no further action is taken • If the proposal reaches a simple majority vote in the affirmative, GSRs and DCMs have approximately 5-6 months to discuss and gather a conscience
GSRs and DCMs gather informed conscience		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSRs review with their A.A. Home Group, deliberate and gather an informed conscience on the proposal to carry into the next Assembly meeting • DCM assists the GSR in sharing with their Group and gathers the District conscience
Next Voting Assembly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the following voting assembly, the proposal will be heard and the process outlined above will be followed • During this Voting Assembly the proposal requires a substantial unanimity (2/3rd) affirmative vote for adoption