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Region 9

1. Instructions with Motion

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please read carefully

Re: 2017 Revised Policy Manual motion

Dear R9 Representative,

You will see we only have one (1) motion to consider this assembly. However, the motion about revising the “Policies and Procedures Manual” for Region 9 (R9 P&P) actually addresses multiple changes.

The R9 officers (2015-16, 2016-17) found our policy manual was not up to date and didn't reflect our current policies and procedures in several areas. So the 2017 R9 P&P Update Committee worked on the following:

- Updating to reflect our current procedures
- Updating to reflect our current policies
- Removing out-dated policies
- Removing policies that were unclear
- Making wording and layout clearer
- Making some P&P areas more flexible
(so fewer revisions are needed in the future)

The current board members also worked with the committee on this update.

In some instances, we are also recommending changes in policies/procedures or that different procedures be considered. These are based upon our best experience. Keep in mind that policies and procedures documents are intended to be guidelines and are subject to change more easily than our Bylaws.

Please take notice the changes in the following sections:

Committee Section: This has been changed to reflect experience over last few years. We tried the ‘task forces’ last year. Now the Board has recommended a new procedure for committees and ‘service coordinators’ to let us better carry out service work in R9.

WSBC delegate section: We have a choice in this area of two different policies with different implications. We will deliberate this as an ‘amendment’ to decide which is preferred.

Contributions: Recommendations are based on OA’s literature about financial practices and the 7th Tradition.

Finance and Budget section: Changes include updating for current electronic banking and also clarification of procedures.

Assembly Procedures for this motion:

During the assembly, there will be an ‘informal session’ to discuss these proposals plus time for questions and answers.

When the motion is ‘formally’ deliberated, there will be opportunity to suggest changes via amendments. **Because there will be limited time, the Committee is asking that if you have any concerns, suggestion, or questions: if possible please email them ahead of the assembly.** [Email to: chair@oaregion9.org] Then, the committee can try to address concerns/questions/suggestions prior to assembly. We believe this will help make for a smoother process at the assembly.

After amendments are considered, and deliberations concluded, we would vote on the document as a whole, taking into consideration any amendments adopted.

2. New Business Motion

Proposal Item: NBM 1

REGION NINE ASSEMBLY 2017

NEW BUSINESS MOTIONS

MOTION:

To adopt the attached Policy and Procedures Manual as revised

***SUBMITTED BY:**

NAME: Lisa B.

SERVICE BODY OR COMMITTEE: R9 P&P Update Committee 2017

INTENT:

To update and clarify R9 policies and procedures manual.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Post the manual on the Region 9 website

COST:

None

RATIONALE:

The current manual has text that is unclear and out of date. There are so many changes, it was inefficient to submit separate motions for each change. The format was changed as well to make the manual more user friendly.

*Note: Per Robert’s Rules, motions not submitted by a service body or committee, but by an individual, require a “second” by another OA member prior to submission.

Please send this completed form to chair@oaregion9.org, to arrive no later than **August 1, 2017** (90 days before Assembly).

Some suggestions when submitting your motions:

Motion Wording:

- Motions begin with “move that” followed by your “idea” for changes.
- If your motion is a change in the R9 Bylaws – you need to “delete” what should be removed and “insert” what is proposed instead.
- If your motion is a change to the R9 Policy Manual indicate the appropriate portion of the policy manual.

Intent:

Tell briefly what will happen if this motion is adopted. Remember that this section does not become part of the motion if adopted; it’s simply an explanation of “why do this in this way”

Implementation:

What else would need to happen if this idea were adopted?

Cost:

Estimate as best you can the cost of the idea.

Rationale:

Give reasons why this a good idea.

You can see prior motions on the Region 9 website for examples.

Proposal Item:

Order of Debate Number:

REGION NINE ASSEMBLY 2017
EMERGENCY NEW BUSINESS MOTION

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SUBMITTED BY:

INTENT:

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Why this is urgent?