

R&C Agenda Feb 15, 2026

- Open
- Welcome. Introductions if there are new comers to the committee
- R&C Secretary report
- Newsletter Report
- Registrar Report
- Review Scope of R&C
- Review Resolution of Agenda Items
- Old Business
 - Past Actions - Changes? Ready to post?
 - Handbook - Edits okay?
 - Spanish Handbook - Changes? Ready to sendout?
 - Agenda Items
 - **Agenda Item 2026-01-10 002 Report and Charter:** Proposed Newsletter Chair Scope and Responsibilities
 1. Serve as a point of contact for items to be published in the Newsletter, following guidelines set by the Area 41 Report and Charter Committee. The focus is on sharing Area 41 information with members to help them reach an informed group conscience.
 2. Assist the secretary in maintaining a current list of all Area Officers, Area Committee Chairpersons, District Committee Members, and past Delegates.
 3. Remove last names, make necessary grammatical edits, and create a Spanish-language translation of the Newsletter.
 4. Deliver materials to the printer for publication and provide a digital copy of the Newsletter to the secretary. Publish and distribute the Newsletter within six weeks of an assembly, in a cost-effective manner.

Background: *In keeping with Concept X, we need to clearly define the scope of all service positions. Currently, there is no defined scope for the Newsletter Chair. Establishing one will clarify the responsibilities of the role and ensure that the authority given is appropriately matched to the responsibilities the fellowship has entrusted to this position.*
 - Reunion Item
 - Subcommittee report
 - Discussion - What next?
 - **2026-01-10 005 Agenda item: Report and Charter:** That past Delegates be granted lifetime voting privileges at Area Assemblies,

effective immediately upon completion of their service term as Delegate.

Background: *Ensure all past Delegates are included as voting members on Area business matters. Align our structure more closely with the spirit of Concept IV. Reflect practices already in use in other Areas of the Fellowship. Help encourage participation from past delegates to continue to have a voice of institutional memory and elder statesmen.*

- **2022-04-02 005 (j) Agenda Item FUNction Ad Hoc:** Report and Charter: All documents distributed at or by Area 41 should have a revision date on them.

BACKGROUND: *Frequently, documents get updated or are out of date and no one is ever sure when they were last updated. This would allow for a general idea of accuracy of information, and to help denote what may need to be updated.*

- **2026-01-10 006 Agenda Item: Report and Charter:** Change the Area 41 Newsletter distribution process so that the standard printed copies just include the agenda, voting items, business meeting minutes, new agenda items, agenda items still in committee, contact list, and the Officer reports. Printed copies of the additional reports will only be printed as requested on demand from the Area Secretary.

Background: *Newsletter distribution challenges have been a recurring issue for many rotations. While many members use the digital tool, some members and groups rely on a physical copy. Streamlining what is printed would allow the hard copy to be available sooner, faster, and printed at a far reduced cost. Having the additional reports be able to be sent if requested still ensures the information is available if a member requests it but ensures that hundreds of copies of reports aren't printed if not needed.*

- **2022-04-02 005 (n) Agenda Item FUNction Ad Hoc:** Report and Charter: That Area 41 make District Committee Member (DCM) reports available on the Area 41 website rather than printing them in the Newsletter.

BACKGROUND: *Have you ever read anyone's report that wasn't yours? Have you read another District's report? Many members have expressed a desire for continued access to DCM reports. By moving these reports to the website, we can maintain open access for all while reducing printing and mailing costs. This change supports better financial stewardship, expands accessibility for*

members who prefer digital formats, and keeps the newsletter focused on timely highlights and fellowship news. By posting DCM reports on the Area website instead of printing them in the newsletter, we can keep all information publicly available, archive it for future reference, and make it easier for members to find at any time. This also allows us to use our limited funds more effectively for outreach, translation, and other vital services. The intent is simply to modernize how we share information, while continuing to honor transparency, participation, and unity in Area 41.

- Set date for when to meet again and discuss frequency
- Close. Thank you for your service!

Minutes from:

Jan 10, 2026

In attendance: Beth, Zach, Mark, Bob, Yvonne, Jaiden

Opened with serenity prayer

Reviewed Report and Charter scope of business

Discussed procedure on how to update past actions from the last two years

- Discussed adding the date of when these items were voted in into the past action to help find certain items
- Committee members decided to look over these items on our own time to review each before approving adding these into the past actions and will vote on at the April Area Assembly

Spanish translation

- Secretary translated the Area 41 Handbook by using an online translation tool; however, has been unable to verify how accurate this Spanish version is, despite having reached out to people
- Unanimously decided to email the translated version to Beth and Bob for them to reach out to people they know to help verify

Area 41 Handbook edits:

- Page 17 section H letter i: "Remove taper" service from item
- Section III subsection C duties iii: Need to add language to the scope of responsibility that the Chairperson is now responsible for choosing the slate panel for committee positions

Reviewed agenda item 2024-01-06 003

- "Reunion" has to change to Area 41 State Convention

- Needs clarification on the whole item
- New positions would need funding to attend the event
- Would force a review of budget
- What is really the point of the Convention? Not necessarily just about the Delegates report - it is a fellowship event
- As it stands right now: this item says that we would have to create a standing committee and where the Chairperson would be required to choose the new slate of people for that committee
- The intention of this item to have a service position - not a new committee so this item does not meet the intention
- Need clarification on how the convention is losing money but in the background it states the convention has been gaining a profit of over \$5000
- Do we need to edit this item to fix the item to fit the intention?
- Will this take DCMs from other committees? Can we afford to lose members from current committees?
- Should we take no action, then someone can submit a new item written differently?
- Financially this will be much more expensive if passed - Finances stated a vague "Much More Expensive"
- Would equitable distribution work at Area level?
- Would we be willing to discuss this item outside of committee time to discuss it then next time we decide?
- Made a motion to take no action, 3 votes in favor, 2 against
- Minority voice: would like to discuss and visit this item and possibly edit this to make it work better, fix the item to make the item to match up with the original intent
- Motion to revoke
- Motion to take no action 1 in favor 4 for against
- Motion to table this item and form a sub committee to discuss this item before next Area assembly - Secretary will email and get us all together on Zoom

Delegate joined to inform us that the hotel contract includes \$500 fine if there are hot foods at the State Convention

- He agreed he will check to clarify if it is "hot foods" (pizza, etc.) or if we cannot "cook" food with crockpots etc.. Marlin - Crystal

Agenda item: 2026-01-10 005

- Will their voting influence other people's vote
- Why can't they participate? Not voting allows other people to take over the past positions - prevents bleeding decons
- Would like this vote to be taken by ballot versus by paddle
- Clarify "Our past Area 41 Delegates may vote at Area 41 assemblies"
- Some past delegates have commented saying new people should be come in to do these positions
- Not comfortable with the "life time" privileges

- Motion to table the following items: 2026-01-10 005, 2026-01-10 006, 2022-04-02 005 (n), 2022-04-02 005 (j)
- Will meet via Zoom - Secretary will email committee members to schedule