

R&C Agenda March 22, 2026

- Open
- Welcome. Introductions if needed
- R&C Secretary report
- Newsletter Report
- Registrar Report
- Review Scope of R&C
- Review Resolution of Agenda Items
- Old Business
 - **Reunion Committee Item.**
 - **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BACKGROUND: *Frequently, documents get updated or are out of date and no one is ever sure when they were last updated.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.

- **New business:**

- **Agenda Item 2026-05-22 004 (Report & Charter):** Allow for the option to vote electronically with virtual platforms during all area voting.

Background: Promotes accurate counting and autonomous voting. It also would help expedite the counting process.

- **Agenda Item 2026-04-11 006 (Report & Charter and consult Technology & Communications):** Review recent changes to Area 41 service material and documentation posted on www.area41.org without requiring logging into Member Services, and create a policy for what requires logging in vs being publicly available. *Background: Recent changes to Area41.org have included posting information (Area Newsletters, reports, etc.) that previously required a member to log in to Member Services to access. There was no group conscience of Area 41 to change this practice.*

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

15, 2026

Report and Charter Zoom meeting

In attendance: Zach I., Mark S., Jaiden W., Bob, Yvonne C.

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes were read and approved

The newsletter chair gave a progress report: 325 English and 25 Spanish newsletters have been sent to printers and we're expecting about a week for a turnaround time

Registrar chair gave a report saying he attended the National Registrars meeting and has been working on cleaning up meetings

Secretary read through the scope and responsibility for Report and Charter

Motion made to pass the necessary edits needed to update the English and Spanish Handbook

Past actions:

- Discussed contents and possible edits
- **2022-04-02 004 Agenda Item Report & Charter: Evaluate alternative methods for recording Area 41 functions:** we're not sure what happened to this item - it may have been killed in committee. Zach will search further into what happened to this item
- Mark will make the minor edits he found and send to Zach
- Will add the latest Agenda Item passed in January: 2024-07-13 008 Regarding Area providing English to Spanish translation

Chairperson asked R&C to head up the **2022-04-02 004 Agenda Item** - committee agreed

Subcommittee:

- has not met and agreed on **Agenda Item 2024-01-06 003 Report & Charter: Area 41 to form a new Area committee tasked with hosting the area reunions**
- Subcommittee agreed to meet via Zoom to work on this item

Agenda Item 2026-01-10 002 Report and Charter: Proposed Newsletter Chair Scope and Responsibilities

- Discussed what role the newsletter person needs to take in maintaining area 41 contact lists
- Noted the confusion on verbiage regarding "make necessary grammatical edits" - we believe the intent of this is not to edit people's reports but to edit the rest of the newsletter and with doing so, believe this can remain in the item
- Unanimously voted to Recommend to the Area 41 committee

Agenda item 2026-01-10 005 Report and Charter: That past Delegates be granted lifetime voting privileges at Area Assemblies, effective immediately upon completion of their service term as Delegate.

- Discussion included:
- In AA, granting lifetime voting privileges to past delegates could potentially conflict with Tradition 9, which emphasizes that "AA as such should never be organized." Lifetime voting privileges might be seen as creating a special class of members, which could be perceived as organizing.
- Concept 4 – Voting representation in proportion the responsibility that each must discharge.
 - A) What is the responsibility of past delegates to Area 41? To be an elder statesman (do not drive by mandate they lead us by example, T2 p 135)? Does it warrant lifetime voting representation?

- B) Shouldn't they now exercise their "right of participation" through their home group or any committee they currently serve on? They no longer serve as an elected servant of Area 41, so therefore they should not have voting representation.
- Concept 12 –
 - A) Warranty One, we must recall we are protected from the calamities of too much authority by rotation. Would lifetime voting privileges (no rotation) open us up to unwarranted authority? Create a special class of privileged AA members?
 - B) Warranty three, unqualified authority over others: Voting representation equal to our responsibilities was created to protect us from absolute authority. Are we creating a "form of absolute human authority" by giving past delegates lifetime privileges? At the end of the day, they are just drunks like the rest of us. Why should they have special voting representation/authority that the rest of us don't have?
 - C) Warranty Four, substantial unanimity: When voting on Area 41 agenda items we use a simple majority (not substantial unanimity) to determine if an item passes. Since one vote can swing a vote one way or the other, I think we need to be careful who we give voting representation to at our Area Assemblies.
- Concerned about how voting at the Area level is viewed as representative voting - who are the past delegates representing?
- Noted some of the background may be based in opinion rather than fact
- There are only three different Areas utilizing lifetime voting for past delegates
- Does the voting of past delegates fall in line with the upside down triangle?
- How will their vote sway other people's vote?
- After research and discussion, committee members unanimously decided to take no action based on the fact this does not appear to fall in line with our traditions and concepts of AA.

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- Brief discussion on what this item entails
- Agreed to ask other committee chairs and members to see all angles of this item and will discuss at the next meeting

Next Meeting: Mar 22, 2026 5:00 pm Central Time