

Motion: Round-Up Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee

Title: An ad hoc committee on the Round-Up's guidelines and the Area's corporate documents

Presenter: Mike M., DCM, District 6

Type: Floor motion under New Business. It forms a committee and does not amend the Handbook.

Group conscience: Not yet taken to District 6. Presented by the DCM as a voting member of the Assembly.

Motion

That the Assembly form an ad hoc committee to propose how the Area 28 Guidelines Handbook should take in two sets of documents that sit outside it today: (a) the Round-Up Committee's operating guidelines and procedures, as kept and handed down by the Round-Up Committee; and (b) the Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws of General Service Area 28, the Area's 501(c)(3) corporation. Specifically:

1. **Task.** The committee's only task is these two sets of documents. It collects the current versions, compares them with the Handbook, and proposes how each should be included, referenced, or reconciled.
2. **Membership.** Open to any interested AA member in Area 28. It includes the Round-Up Chairperson or Alternate and a member of the Guidelines Committee, and it invites a member of the General Service Area 28 Board of Directors. The committee chooses its own convener at its first meeting.
3. **Report.** It brings a motion to the February 2027 Area Committee Meeting, after review by the Guidelines Committee, for the Spring 2027 Assembly agenda under Section V.C.2. The committee dissolves when that motion is presented, unless the Assembly continues it.
4. **Limits.** The committee does not amend the Articles or the Bylaws, which are changed only as they themselves provide, and it does not change how the Round-Up operates. Any change to the Handbook comes back to the Assembly through the normal amendment process.

Effective on adoption. No cost is expected; the committee meets online or hybrid.

In brief

How it works today. The Round-Up Committee keeps its own operating guidelines, handed from one committee to the next, and they are not in the Handbook. General Service Area 28's Articles and Bylaws, which the Assembly accepted in Fall 2015, appear in the Handbook only in a note on officers' familiarity.

What hasn't worked. A document outside the Handbook isn't in front of the Assembly, and its standing can be disputed. A 2016 motion to reference the Bylaws in the Workbook was withdrawn.

What this changes. One committee, scoped to two sets of documents, open to anyone, and due back by the February 2027 ACM.

Why it works. The Area has folded committee guidelines into the Handbook before (CPC, Fall 2013; Website and Webmaster, Fall 2015). In the Handbook, the Round-Up's procedures are visible to every GSR and DCM, which gives the Area visibility and input without adding meetings or work for the Round-Up's officers.

Background

Why a separate committee. The Guidelines Committee's purpose includes "the writing and maintenance of guidelines for Area 28 officers, committees, and functions" (Section VI.K.1), and this motion builds it in: a Guidelines Committee member serves on the ad hoc committee, and the Guidelines Committee reviews its motion before the February ACM. The Guidelines Committee meets monthly on every part of the Handbook. These two sets of documents need dedicated attention, and a separate committee lets members serve on this work without taking on all guidelines business.

Precedent. The Assembly has formed ad hoc committees by motion many times, for example on One Day Assemblies (Spring 2010, simple majority) and on hybrid meetings (Fall 2021, a floor motion under New Business). It has added committee guidelines to the Handbook: Al-Anon Liaison (Spring 2008), Struggling District and Public Information (Fall 2008), CPC (Fall 2013), and Website and Webmaster (Fall 2015). In Fall 2008 it adopted a "Round Up committee guidelines" item, now Section VI.O.1.e.

The corporate documents. The Area voted to incorporate in Fall 2013 and accepted the General Service Area 28 Bylaws in Fall 2015, 77 to 2. Area officers serve on its Board of Directors, and the Handbook recommends familiarity with "the Area 28 Corporate Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and other documents" without saying where to find them. Bringing the documents into the Handbook, or referencing them from it, does not change them.

Details open to the Assembly. The membership and reporting details above are the presenter's proposal, and friendly amendments are welcome.