

Motion: Round-Up Reporting

Title: Round-Up reporting to the Area Committee and the Assembly

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Sponsor of record: District 6 (Handbook §V.C.1.b)

Group conscience: District 6, 11 September 2026, 7–0–0 (September text; revised on Guidelines Committee feedback)

Guidelines Committee review: 16 September 2026

Motion

District 6 moves to amend Section VI.O (Round-Up Committee) of the Area 28 Guidelines Handbook so that:

1. The Round-Up Chairperson reports on the state of the Round-Up at every Area Committee Meeting and Area Assembly, including the state of the Round-Up accounts: total income and total expenses since the last report, and the current balance, not itemized.
2. The Round-Up Chairperson provides a written financial report within two weeks of a request by the Area Committee.
3. The Round-Up Chairperson delivers a written financial report, showing all income and expenses, to the Area Chairperson and the Area Treasurer within 30 days after the Round-Up ends.
4. A final written financial report is presented at the Fall Assembly, and proceeds after expenses are submitted to the Area Treasurer before the Fall Assembly.
5. The Round-Up Treasurer provides the figures for each financial report the Round-Up owes the Area Committee or the Area Assembly, and prepares the final written financial report.

Effective on adoption.

In brief

How it works today. The Handbook asks only for "timely reports to the Area Committee" and a written financial report "available at the Fall Assembly": no accounts in between, no deadline after the event, nothing from the Treasurer.

What hasn't worked. In 2026 no one could say what report was owed or when; the Handbook had no answer.

What this changes. A fixed point for every report: the state of the accounts at every ACM and Assembly, a written report within two weeks of a request, a full report within 30 days after the Round-Up, and the final report at the Fall Assembly. The Treasurer provides the figures and prepares the final report.

Why it works. Everyone knows what is owed and when, whether the Round-Up's officers are elected or appointed.

Proposed text edits

Handbook citations are to the Area 28 Guidelines Handbook, Fall 2025 print (11/18/25). Proposed insertions are **shown like this**; deletions are ~~struck through~~. Unmarked lines are the current text, shown for context.

Section VI.O, Round-Up Committee (page 27)

1. The elected Round-Up Committee Chairperson:
 - a. Is empowered immediately after elected
 - b. Shall appoint the members of the committee
 - c. Is responsible for timely reports to the Area Committee. **Shall report on the state of the Round-Up at every Area Committee Meeting and Area Assembly, including the state of the Round-Up accounts: total income and total expenses since the last report, and the current balance, not itemized. A written financial report shall be provided within two weeks of a request by the Area Committee.**
 - d. A written financial report shall be available at the Fall Assembly. **Shall deliver a written financial report, showing all income and expenses, to the Area Chairperson and the Area Treasurer within 30 days after the Round-Up ends. A final written financial report shall be presented at the Fall Assembly.**
 - e. Has full authority to contract with the chosen facility, as an agent of Area 28, in order to plan and effectuate the Round-Up. Ultimate financial responsibility lies with Area 28.
2. The elected Alternate Round-Up Chairperson will vote in the Chairperson's absence.
- 3. The Round-Up Treasurer:**
 - a. **Shall provide the figures for each financial report the Round-Up owes the Area Committee or the Area Assembly, and shall prepare the final written financial report.**
- ~~3.~~ **4.** Area 28 will reimburse the Round-Up Chairperson and Alternate Round-Up chairperson for expenses to attend Area Committee meetings and Area Assemblies.
4. **5.** The Round-Up Committee shall be responsible for:
 - a. to d. (unchanged)
 - e. Report of expenses and income
 - f. **e.** Submit proceeds after expenses to the Area Treasurer **before the Fall Assembly**
 - g. **f.** American Sign Language interpreters will be provided at the Round-Up with 30-day advance notice. ...

If the Round-Up Treasurer Elected motion also passes, item 3.a joins the Treasurer's duties it adds under the same heading.

Background

Why. The current text names one dated report, at the Fall Assembly, and otherwise asks for "timely reports to the Area Committee." It does not say that the Area Committee's meetings are the ACMs, how often a report is due, or what it contains. The general rule that every standing committee reports "to the Area Committee Meetings and the Area Assembly" is in Section VI.B.1, thirteen sections earlier. In 2026 that gap produced a dispute over whether the Round-Up owed any report before October. One reading took the Fall Assembly report as the first date anything was due, and the other took "timely reports" to mean every ACM. Both readings were possible, and the Handbook should not allow both.

What changes in practice. The Round-Up Chair gives a short report at each ACM and Assembly. It includes the state of the accounts: total money in and total money out since the last report, and the balance now. That is totals, not an itemized list of income or expenses. Between meetings the Area Committee can ask for a written financial report, due within two weeks. After the Round-Up, a full written report of income and expenses goes to the Area Chair and Area Treasurer within 30 days. The final written report comes at the Fall Assembly, and the proceeds are turned over before it, under the committee's existing duty to submit proceeds. The Round-Up Treasurer provides the figures for each report and prepares the final written report. The committee duty "Report of expenses and income" is struck as redundant, since the Chairperson's duties now say who reports, to whom, and when.

Why 30 days rather than "the next ACM." The Guidelines Committee suggested a fixed number of days. Under the ACM schedule adopted for 2027 (February and September), the next ACM after a June Round-Up would be three months away. Thirty days is inside the "month or two" the GSO's guidelines describe as common practice, and it does not move when the meeting calendar does.

The Treasurer's figures. Fall 2017 Motion 1 directed "that all expenses for the Round Up be paid by the Roundup Treasurer," so the numbers in every Round-Up report are the Treasurer's. This motion says so: the Treasurer provides the figures and prepares the final written report, and the Chairperson reports. The Treasurer's other duties, and who chooses the Treasurer, are in the separate Round-Up Treasurer motion.

Why this cadence and no more. The Round-Up's money moves in the first half of the year and barely at all from July to December. A monthly schedule would produce empty reports for half the year. When a Fall 2023 motion asked the Finance Committee to bring current actuals "at every Area committee meeting and Assembly," the Assembly voted it down 23 to 72. This asks less of the Round-Up than that motion asked of the Finance Committee.

GSO guidance. The A.A. Guidelines on Conferences, Conventions and Roundups (MG-4): "Most convention committees require a complete report from the treasurer within a month or two of the convention." The A.A. Guidelines on Finance (MG-15) ask whether members are "holding the treasurer accountable by receiving regular financial reports."

Elsewhere. Every Area reviewed that has a written convention committee names the meetings at which it reports. Vermont Area 70, whose wording is nearly Maine's, at least names the meetings: "timely reports to A.C.M.s and F.A.A.s," with a written financial report at the Fall Assembly after the convention. Northern Illinois Area 20 and Idaho Area 18 require a report at each meeting.

History (White Book). Fall 2006: "A written financial report shall be available at all Fall Assemblies," 106 to 1, which is today's item 1.d. Fall 2017 Motion 1: full financial autonomy to the Round-Up, all expenses paid by the Round-Up Treasurer, 103 to 43. Financial autonomy without a reporting schedule is what the 2026 dispute exposed. This motion supplies the schedule and keeps the autonomy.

Consultation. Reviewed with the Guidelines Committee on 16 September 2026. The report at every ACM and Assembly on "the state of the Round-Up accounts," and the 30-day report after the event, are the Committee's suggestions. The definition of "state of the accounts" as totals and the balance is District 6's, written to keep that report short.

Cost. None.

Effective date. On adoption, in time for the 2027 Round-Up planning year.

Knock-on edits. None outside Section VI.O. If more than one of District 6's Round-Up motions passes, or if they pass alongside another Round-Up motion, the edits to Section VI.O are merged and renumbered together. The Round-Up page on maineaa.org should list the reporting schedule.