

Motion: Round-Up Treasurer Elected

Title: The Round-Up Treasurer to be elected by the Assembly, with defined duties and two signatures

Presenter: Mike M., DCM, District 6

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 the Area 28 Guidelines Handbook so that:

1. The Round-Up Treasurer is elected by the Area Assembly at the October Assembly of each odd year, rather than appointed by the Round-Up Chairperson.
2. The recommended service experience for the Round-Up Treasurer is prior service as a Group, District, or Area treasurer, or bookkeeping or business experience. Familiarity with computer accounting programs is strongly suggested, with a suggested minimum of five years' sobriety.
3. If the Round-Up Treasurer's position is vacated, the Round-Up Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Area Treasurer, appoints an interim Treasurer to serve until the next Area Assembly, which elects a Treasurer for the remainder of the term.
4. The Round-Up Treasurer has custody of all Round-Up funds, receives all income, pays all expenses, keeps the records, turns over the books, records, and proceeds to the Area Treasurer after the Round-Up, and sits on the Area Finance Committee.
5. Every disbursement of Round-Up funds requires two signatures, the Round-Up Chairperson's and Treasurer's; while either seat is vacant, the Area Chairperson or Area Treasurer, respectively, signs in its place.
6. Like the other elected positions, the Round-Up Treasurer attends Area meetings and can be replaced after three consecutive absences by vote of the Area Panel, approved by the next Area Assembly.

Effective on adoption. The first election is held at the Fall 2026 Assembly, for the remainder of Panel 76.

In brief

How it works today. The Round-Up Chair appoints the Round-Up Treasurer, who has paid all Round-Up expenses since 2017. The Handbook never mentions the position: no duties, no qualifications, no signing rule.

What hasn't worked. When one person picks the other, the person steering the Round-Up and the person holding its money are not independent, and questions about the Treasurer have no rule and no forum.

What this changes. The Assembly elects the Treasurer, at the Area Treasurer's standard of experience. The Treasurer's duties are written down, and every payment takes two signatures, as the Assembly decided in 1986 and 1987 but never wrote down.

Why it works. The money is held by someone the Assembly chose, and two people sign for it, since "ultimate financial responsibility lies with Area 28." That holds whether the Chair is 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 III.A.1, Elections (page 9)

1. At the October Assembly of each odd year the Area will elect the following: All Area Officers, Round-Up Chairperson, Alternate Round-Up Chairperson, **Round-Up Treasurer**, and any other elected officials required.

Section III.B.8.d, Election roll call (page 11)

- d. The Election Chair reads the names from the current Area 28 Contact List prepared by the Area 28 Secretary of voting Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs, DCMCs, GSRs within a district, ~~Round-up Chair and Alternate Round-Up Chair.~~ **Round-up Chair, Alternate Round-Up Chair, and Round-Up Treasurer.** As names are called, the person answers "yes" or "no" if they are willing to serve in that position.

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 **other than the Round-Up Treasurer**
- ...
2. The elected Alternate Round-Up Chairperson will vote in the Chairperson's absence.
- 3. The Round-Up Treasurer:**
 - a. Is elected by the Area Assembly and is empowered immediately after elected.**
 - b. Has custody of all Round-Up funds. Receives all Round-Up income, pays all Round-Up expenses, and keeps accurate records of both.**
 - c. Shall turn over the books, records, and proceeds after expenses to the Area Treasurer under the Round-Up Committee's duty to submit proceeds.**
 - d. Shall be a member of the Area Finance Committee.**
 - e. Recommended service experience: prior service as a Group, District, or Area treasurer, or bookkeeping or business experience; familiarity with computer accounting programs is strongly suggested. Suggested minimum of five (5) years' sobriety.**
 - f. If the Round-Up Treasurer resigns or the position is otherwise vacated, the Round-Up Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Area Treasurer, shall appoint an interim Treasurer to serve until the next Area Assembly, which shall elect a Treasurer for the remainder of the term.**
 - g. Shall attend all Area meetings including Area Committee meetings (ACMs), Assemblies, Inventories, and Forums whenever possible with the understanding that emergencies can happen.**
 - h. Can be replaced after three consecutive absences by vote of the Area Panel and approved by the next Area Assembly.**
- 4. Every disbursement of Round-Up funds requires two signatures, those of the Round-Up Chairperson and the Round-Up Treasurer, on checks or the electronic equivalent. While the Round-Up Chairperson's position is vacant, the Area Chairperson signs in its place; while the Round-Up Treasurer's position is vacant, the Area Treasurer signs in its place.**
- ~~3.~~ **5.** Area 28 will reimburse the Round-Up Chairperson and Alternate Round-Up chairperson for expenses to

attend Area Committee meetings and Area Assemblies.

4. **6.** The Round-Up Committee shall be responsible for: ...

If the Round-Up Reporting motion also passes, its Treasurer item (providing the figures for each financial report and preparing the final written financial report) joins these under the same heading.

Section VI.I.3, Finance Committee (page 25)

3. Should include ~~District Treasurers as well as the Area Treasurer.~~ ***District Treasurers, the Area Treasurer, and the Round-Up Treasurer.***

Section IV.B, Assembly Non-Voting Members (page 13)

5. Alternate Webmaster

6. Round-Up Treasurer

Transition (not printed in the Handbook)

The first election of a Round-Up Treasurer under this section is held at the Fall 2026 Assembly, for the remainder of Panel 76.

Background

Why. Area 28 elects its Round-Up Chairperson and Alternate at the Assembly (Section III.A.1). It leaves the person who holds the money to be appointed by the Chair, under "shall appoint the members of the committee" (Section VI.O.1.b). The Handbook does not otherwise mention a Round-Up Treasurer. The position appears only on the Area roster and on the "Who Votes?" sheet. Yet Fall 2017 Motion 1, passed 103 to 43, directed "that all expenses for the Round Up be paid by the Roundup Treasurer." The Assembly gave that person control of an Area event's funds and never gave itself a say in who the person is.

The Area Treasurer, by contrast, is elected by Third Legacy procedure and is expected to bring prior service, bookkeeping experience, and five years' sobriety. The Round-Up handles a comparable sum in a single weekend, and Section VI.O.1.e says "Ultimate financial responsibility lies with Area 28." The person holding that money should be chosen by the body that carries the liability.

Independence. When one person appoints the other, the person steering the Round-Up and the person holding its money are not independent of each other, whatever the qualities of either. Any question about that relationship, whether personal, financial, or one of loyalty, has no forum. When both positions are filled by the Assembly, each candidate stands separately, and any relationship between them is visible to the body doing the choosing. This motion does not judge any past situation. It removes the structure that lets the question arise.

Financial autonomy is kept. Nothing here moves Round-Up money to the Area Treasury. A motion to move all Round-Up monies to the Area Treasury failed by substantial majority in Spring 2015. Fall 2017 restored full financial autonomy. This motion keeps that autonomy and makes the Round-Up's own steward of it accountable to the Assembly.

Elected or appointed Chair. The motion does not depend on how the Round-Up Chair is chosen. If the Chair is elected, the Assembly elects both, separately. If the Chair is appointed, the Treasurer is the Assembly's one direct say over the Round-Up's money.

What changes in practice. At each election Assembly, the Round-Up Treasurer stands and is elected. If the seat comes open mid-term, the Chair fills it on an interim basis with the Area Treasurer's agreement, and the next Assembly elects. Like every other elected position, the Treasurer attends Area meetings and can be replaced after three consecutive absences by the Area Panel with the Assembly's approval. The Chair cannot remove a Treasurer the Assembly elected. Meetings are hybrid, so attending asks no travel. The reporting schedule is in the separate Round-Up Reporting motion.

The Treasurer's duties. Fall 2017 Motion 1 returned "full financial autonomy" to the Round-Up and directed "that all expenses for the Round Up be paid by the Roundup Treasurer," so the position has real duties that exist only in the White Book. This motion writes them down: custody of the funds, income and expenses, records, turning over the books and proceeds after the event, and a seat on the Finance Committee.

Two signatures. Two signatures on Round-Up checks is not new. After the 1986 financial breach, the Assembly required two signatures on the Round-Up account. In Spring 1987 it set the signers as "The Chairman and Treasurer of Round-Up." Neither motion was ever written into the Handbook. This writes down the 1987 arrangement: the Round-Up Chair and the Round-Up Treasurer sign every payment. When one of those seats is empty, the matching Area officer signs in its place, the Area Chair for the Round-Up Chair and the Area Treasurer for the Round-Up Treasurer. The 1986 motion had put the Area Treasurer on the account, so this fallback is not new either. There are always two signers, and a vacancy never stops the bills from being paid.

GSO guidance. The A.A. Guidelines on Conferences, Conventions and Roundups (MG-4): "Experience indicates it's best if the treasurer is a person with four or more years' sobriety and some solid business experience," and "Each check usually calls for two signatures." The A.A. Guidelines on Finance (MG-15) list "requiring two signatures on checks" among the usual safeguards, and ask whether members "choose well in their selection of a responsible member to be the treasurer." The A.A. Service Manual (Ch. 4) lists an area treasurer's qualifications as "a solid period of sobriety; organizational skills for good record-keeping; accounting or bookkeeping experience." The recommended experience in item 2 applies the same standard.

Elsewhere. None of the Areas reviewed elects a convention treasurer by direct vote of the Assembly. None of them elects its convention chair either, and Area 28 does. Every Area with a written convention treasurer defines the duties, and most require two-person control of the money.

History (White Book). In 1986 the Area collected \$20,791.92 into a "Restitution account" to repay the Round-Up. The 1986 Assembly responded with two motions, both passed: "that Round Up chair be elected by Assembly," and two signatures on the Round-Up account. The recorded reason was "To rebuild trust." Spring 1987 named the Round-Up Chair and Treasurer as the signers. Spring 2015: moving all Round-Up monies to the Area Treasury failed. Fall 2017: full financial autonomy, with all expenses paid by the Round-Up Treasurer. The Assembly has repeatedly trusted the Round-Up Treasurer with the money. It has never said who chooses that person. This motion finishes what 1986 started.

Consultation. Reviewed with the Guidelines Committee on 16 September 2026.

Cost. None. The Treasurer is not added to the reimbursement provision.

Effective date. On adoption. Under the transition sentence, the Fall 2026 Assembly elects a Treasurer for the remainder of Panel 76, provided the motion is voted before the Round-Up election item. The position is currently vacant.

Knock-on edits. Sections III.A.1, III.B.8.d, VI.O, VI.I.3, and IV.B are shown above. The Area roster should move the Round-Up Treasurer from "Standing Committee Chairs" to the elected positions. 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.