

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

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VISION OF THE ALASKA REGION OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve, our Vision provides direction for all the efforts and actions of the Alaska Regional Committee of Narcotics Anonymous. In our vision is a time:

- when addicts throughout the Alaska region need no longer suffer and die without having had the opportunity to discover and experience the miracle of recovery offered by Narcotics Anonymous;
- when the NA message of recovery is freely carried in every language and across all boundaries of culture, ethnicity and geography within the Alaskan region;
- when service bodies across Alaska work together to support the groups to better carry our message;
- when the Alaskan Region of NA is universally recognized as a dynamic and reliable resource for NA services and information.

This vision directs all our service efforts. With the guidance of a loving Higher Power we strive towards these ideals. ⁱⁱ

PURPOSE OF THE ALASKA REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Regional Service Committee is to be supportive of its Areas and Groups and their primary purpose (Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry the message to the addict that still suffers), by linking together the Areas and Groups within its region; to serve as a link between the Areas and the World Service Conference; by helping Areas and Groups with their basic situations and needs; and by encouraging the growth of the Fellowship. ~~Although the Alaska Regional Service Committee may offer advice and suggestions, the Alaska R.S.C. does not have binding authority over the decisions or the activities of any Areas or any groups~~ This body recognizes itself as a service committee of NA, and thereby adheres to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous.

~~A~~The REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE (R.S.C.) is a committee made up of (Regional Committee Members) RCM's from all of the Areas within the Alaska Region. This service committee is designed to provide service to its member areas. An A.S.C. and R.S.C. are similar in nature and purpose, but their respective functions are slightly different. While the A.S.C. serves the common needs of its member Groups, the Alaska Regional Service Committee serves three basic functions:

1. To unify the Areas within it's Region.
2. To carry the message of recovery.
3. To contribute to the growth of N.A., both by initiating much of the work to be finalized at the World Service Conference, and by helping our World Services.

TRADITION NINE

~~The Tradition states that we ought never be organized, but we may create special service boards and committees directly responsible to those we serve.~~

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~~We are not organized in the sense that there is no MANAGEMENT OR CONTROL. We are directly responsible to those we serve. Whether or not Areas choose to utilize our services is up to them.ⁱⁱⁱ~~

I. REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Only NA approved Guidelines and literature will be used in the Alaska Region. ~~(Only “A Guide to Local Services In Narcotics Anonymous” will be used in the Alaska Region.)^{iv}~~
2. The only voting members of the Regional Service Committee (RSC) are RCMs, RCM Alternates, or duly appointed members of their respective Area if pre-arranged with the Regional Chairperson. There is one representative for each Area. *(There is only one vote per Area, regardless of the number of Area Representatives in attendance at the meeting.)*
3. There must be a Quorum to carry the vote. In the Alaska Region, a Quorum is over 50% of the voting members (RCMs) present.
4. For a motion to pass, over 50% of the voting members (RCMs) present must vote yes, providing there is a Quorum. The only exception is for Motion’s concerning policy, then the vote must be unanimous, that is all voting members (RCMs) present voting yes. *(Additionally, the “Motion Table” in the Guide to Local Services in Narcotics Anonymous will be used as a guide for motions, seconds, debates, and voting. Copy is attached to this document.)*
5. Motions in the Alaska Region can ~~only~~ be made by Voting Members (RCMs) or Sub-committee Chairs when dealing with their specific-respective Sub-committee issues. ~~(The RSC Chair may “entertain” a motion.)^v~~
6. Elections are held as follows:
 - i. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer biannually during odd years, at the Fall quarter regional committee meeting;
 - ii. Subcommittee Chairpersons, biannually during even years at the Fall quarter regional committee meeting;
 - iii. Alternate Regional Delegate (ARD), biannually during even years at the fall quarter regional committee meeting.
 - iv. The incumbent ARD will roll into the Regional Delegate (RD) position biannually during even years. If the ARD position is vacant or if the ARD cannot fulfill the duties of RD, an election for RD and ARD will be held.
 - v. Elections will be held whenever a position becomes open and a nomination is brought forward. Nominations will be accepted 60 days or more after a vacancy occurs, which affords an opportunity for all areas to bring forward a nomination. Such a partial term ends according to the biannual schedule outlined above, at the Fall Regional Committee meeting of the even or odd year respective of the position.

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- vi. Pro-Temp appointments – When a position vacancy opens up, the Chair may appoint someone to temporarily fill the position in order to keep business running as usual. The “pro temp” position candidate shall meet the minimum position requirements.

7. Conditions of Nomination(s)

- i. Nominations for any RSC office shall be brought by an Area RCM or RCM alternate (or duly authorized proxy), or by a group from an unorganized area. Nominations shall be made at a duly convened RSC meeting. Alternatively, an Area may bring a nomination to the Regional Chair 60 days prior to the Fall Regional Committee meeting, which if he or she (the nominee) meets the minimum position qualifications, will be distributed to the Area RCMs to gather Area vote or conscience to vote at the Fall RSC meeting.
- ii. A nomination shall include a written statement of the (i) members clean time, (ii) service background, (iii) understanding of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts, (iv) willingness to serve, and (v) any plans for the position. Nominations do not require a second. Nominations will be brought back to the Areas.
- iii. RSC should ~~consider~~ not ~~waiving~~ waive clean time. ^{vi}
- iv. No member will hold an RSC elected position more than one consecutive term. A partial term will not disqualify a member from holding that position in the following cycle.
- v. The clean time requirements shall be as follows:
 - a. RSC Chairperson -- 7 years
 - b. RSC Vice Chairperson - 7 years
 - c. Secretary -- 3 years
 - d. Treasurer -- 5 years
 - e. Regional Delegate -- 7 years
 - f. Alternate Delegate -- 7 years
 - g. Subcommittee Chair -- 5 years
 - h. Convention Committee Chair 5 years
- vi. The minimum service experience shall be as follows:
 - a. RSC Chairperson -- 2 years of Regional Service
 - b. RSC Vice Chairperson -- ~~1~~2 year of Regional Service^{vii}
 - c. Secretary -- no requirement
 - d. Treasurer -- 2 years of Regional or Area level service
 - e. Regional Delegate -- 2 years of Regional Service
 - f. Alternate Delegate -- 2 years of Regional Service
 - g. Subcommittee Chair -- 2 years of Area Level Service
 - h. Convention Committee Chair – 2 years of Area Level Service, and must have served as a Convention subcommittee chair or on a Convention executive committee.

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8. No committee member (Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Subcommittee Chair, Regional Delegate or alternate RD) may hold more than one position on the committee at the same time nor be a voting member of this committee (i.e., RCM).
9. If a Regional Officer or Sub-committee Chair misses two consecutive RSC meetings without either *alternate* representation or submitting a written report, then their position becomes ~~open~~ vacant. Sub-committee Chairs may be represented by a duly appointed representative as long as such person does not already hold a position on the RSC
10. If an Area is not represented at two consecutive RSC meetings then they cannot vote at the next RSC meeting in which they are present.
11. Geographically remote Area voting is by Proxy if they cannot afford to have their RCM present. (do we get rid of this -- not that relevant – geographically remote areas may be present by phone. Maybe just keep it because it reflects a spirit of inclusion if not unity.)
- ~~11.12.~~ Groups outside of “Areas” may be heard, but do not vote. ^{viii}

II. RSC CHAIRPERSON

1. Contact all RCMs no later than 30 days prior to the quarterly RSC meeting informing them of any changes since the previous RSC meeting and asking if their Area has anything (i.e., Motions (*motions should be in writing with the “intent” of the motion stated*), Nominations (*should be made in writing and include the qualifications required in Guideline #7*), etc.) to go on the RSC Agenda.
- ~~1.2.~~ Contact committee chairs every 30 days to see how their projects are going and if they need support. ^{ix}
- ~~2.3.~~ Arrange and Mail/Draft and distribute ^x RSC Agenda to all Areas no later than 21 days prior to the Quarterly RSC meeting.
- ~~3.~~ Verifies the minutes of the RSC are accurate before copies are made. ^{xi}
- ~~4.~~ Suggested Four years continuous abstinence from all Drugs and participation in the RSC for the past Two years. ^{xii}
4. Chairperson, or the chairperson’s designee, conducts or facilitates the meetings. ^{xiii}

III. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

1. Keeps in contact with all Sub-committees so that if a Sub-committee Chairperson or representative is absent from the RSC meeting the RSC Vice-chair can answer all questions concerning that Sub-committee
- ~~1.2.~~ Contacts RCMs and Committee chairs 7 days in advance of the RSC meeting, and 1 day in advance of the RSC meeting, reminding them of the meeting. This may include texting. ^{xiv}
- ~~2.3.~~ Perform all duties of RSC Chairperson in the absence of the RSC Chairperson.

IV. SECRETARY

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1. ~~Keeps accurate~~Drafts^{xv} minutes of each RSC Business meeting. Types and Distributes copies of the minutes to all members of the RSC no later than ~~one month~~ 2 weeks^{xvi} after the RSC meeting. ~~(Posting on the Regional Web Page is not readily available to all members).~~^{xvii}
- ~~1-2.~~ Minutes should include (i) meeting action (motions introduced, motions adopted, housekeeping actions, date set for follow up meeting), (ii) who attended the meeting including which officers and or Areas were present and not present, (iii) reports submitted by any officers or RCMs, (iv) main points of discussion (pros and cons or effects of an action) of a motion, (v) minutes approved from the prior meeting. Note that another officer or RCM at a meeting may be tasked with drafting the “main points of discussion” of an action item.^{xviii}
3. ~~Have minutes verified by RSC Chairperson before copies are made.~~^{xix}
4. Maintains contact list of the RSC officers – executive, standing and ad hoc subcommittee chairs and members, and RCMs and the RCM alternates. Also maintains a list of Area Chairs^{xx}
- ~~2-5.~~ Distributes agenda on behalf of the Chair as required.^{xxi}

V. TREASURER

1. Coordinates payment of RSC bills and allocation of RSC Budgets.
2. Handles RSC Banking accounts and is Co-signer of RSC checking account along with the RSC Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. If one of these positions is not filled then the RD will assume responsibility of being of one the Co-signers.
- ~~2-3.~~ Reports expenditures and revenue at the regular meetings. Maintains the cost versus budget spreadsheet.^{xxii}

VI. REGIONAL SERVICE DELEGATE (or Regional Delegate, RD)

1. Must have the ability to participate in the WSC biannual Meeting. RSC is responsible for providing money.^{xxiii}
2. Manages pre-conference activity during Conference years. This means gathering our groups' conscience for the Conference Agenda, and may include anything from Area workshops to a pre-conference Assembly.
- ~~1-3.~~ Reports results of NAWS Conference and Zonal participation.^{xxiv}
- ~~2.~~ Five years continuous abstinence from all Drugs and suggested participation in this RSC for the past Two years.^{xxv}

VII. REGIONAL SERVICE DELEGATE ALTERNATE (or Alternate Regional Delegate, ARD)

1. Responsible for the Policy of this RSC. Knowledgeable in all Areas of Policy. If an answer is not known then they are responsible for getting an answer.
2. Performs ~~all~~ duties of the RSD in the RSD's absence.
3. Must have the ability to participate in the WSC bi-Annual Meeting. RSC is responsible for providing the money.
4. Participates with RD in managing the pre-conference activity.
- ~~3-5.~~ Attends ARSC meetings.

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VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

1. Subcommittee chairs primarily need to be trying to carry the message of freedom from addiction – all that we do is secondary to that primary vision.
2. Must provide written report ~~to~~ at the Quarterly RSC meeting including a financial report. (Subcommittee chairs will submit their respective subcommittee budget annually for approval by the committee.)
- 1.3. Should request changes to their subcommittee budget biannually (as part of the biannual budget process) as required to fulfill the purpose of their subcommittee.^{xxvi}
4. Must follow WSC Approved guidelines (see note in Guideline #1) for their Sub-committee and Regional Guidelines and Directives.^{xxvii}
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IX. ~~PUBLIC INFORMATION~~ PUBLIC RELATIONS^{xxviii}

1. ~~Produce regional schedules quarterly.~~^{xxix}
- 2.1. Hold regular workshops to address the needs and activities of the Alaska Region and its individual Areas.
- 3.2. Oversee ARSC web site maintenance.
- 4.3. Oversee ARSC outreach activity.
- 5.4. Be responsible for ARSC phone lines.

X. LITERATURE

1. Produce a Regional Newsletter.
2. Keep Area Literature Sub-committees informed of newly approved literature, Approval Literature, literature in Draft or Review Form, and the work of other Area Literature Sub-committees.
3. Facilitates Workshops to teach Area Literature Sub-committees the Literature Review process, especially the importance of the Area Literature Sub-committee participation.
4. Keep accurate files of Area and Regional literature Sub-committee action.

XI. HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

1. Is a resource for members, Groups, and Areas in their H&I efforts to better carry the message to addicts without regular access to NA meetings. Includes passing on information
2. Provides a forum or pooling place for Area H&I Subcommittees to share their experience and best practice. Includes conducting H&I workshops as requested by Areas or groups.
3. Serves facilities that are not served by an Area.
4. Orders and distributes literature to addicts within facilities as budget allows. Communicates with institutions to encourage facility purchase of literature – Corrections will probably not buy literature but a treatment center might.
5. Passes on information from NAWS about H&I material and methods.
6. Oversees “Working the Steps Behind the Walls” (WTSBW) correspondence program.

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~~XI~~.XII. CONVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE

1. ~~Use the approved WSO Convention Guidelines. The purpose of the ARSC Convention is to celebrate recovery. This purpose does not override NA's primary purpose.~~ ^{xxx}
2. ~~Convention subcommittee is a subcommittee of the ARSC.~~
3. ~~Convention shall be held in September, October or November each year~~ ^{xxxii}
4. ~~Convention is hosted in turn annually as follows: Kenai, Anchorage (2015), Golden Heart, and Anchorage, and Kenai, etc.~~ ^{xxxiii}
2. ~~Annually, at the October meeting, the next year's Host Area should commit to hosting the convention. If the Area whose turn it is to host in the cycle declines to host, then the next Area in turn shall have opportunity to host, unless Golden Heart or Kenai decline to host, in which case Kenai or Golden Heart may elect to host instead of Anchorage, who would have just hosted.~~ ^{xxxiii}
3. ~~Areas seeking to host the convention shall submit a request to the ARSC 30 days prior to the October ARSC meeting. (Allows the RSC Chair to include it on the agenda, and Areas to consider the request.)~~ ^{xxxiv}
4. ~~The Convention host Area will be decided at the October ARSC. In voting for what Area shall host the next convention, the RCM's (and Areas) shall consider an Area's human resources capacity, accessibility, the principle of rotation, and cost to Alaska Region.~~ ^{xxxv}
5. ~~The host Area shall elect the Convention Chair who meets the qualifications set out in part (7)(v) and (7)(vi) of these guidelines. The Convention Chair is accountable to the RSC.~~
- 5.6. ~~The convention chair is accountable to the Host Area and the Area is accountable to the RSC.~~ ^{xxxvi}
7. ~~Convention chair will submit a Convention report and transfer all funds to the RSC treasurer within 45 days of the Convention.~~

~~XII~~.XIII. REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS (and ALTERNATE RCMs)

1. ~~The Regional Committee Members (RCM) are provided by the Areas.~~
2. ~~The RCMs are the voting members of the Alaska Regional committee. Each Area has one vote, which they exercise through their RCM.~~
3. ~~The RCMs are the communication channel between the Region and the Area Subcommittee.~~
 - a. ~~It is the job of the RCM (and alternate RCM) to brief the Area of the business at Region and request a vote or advice from his/her Area as required by the Regional business.~~
 - b. ~~The RCM (and alternate) bring concerns, motions, and voting results to the Region.~~
4. ~~The RCM (and Alternate) may request assistance in making a motion at the Region~~
5. ~~The RCM (or Alternate) should advise the Chair or the Secretary of new business that he or she may bring on behalf of his or her Area in order to put it on the agenda.~~
6. ~~The qualification of the RCM (and alternate) is that he or she be elected (or duly appointed pro temp) by his or her Area.~~
7. ~~The RCM (or Alternate RCM) should help coordinate regional business that will be held in the Area. Such business may include Regional Assembly, conference workshop, literature workshop, or other regional business.~~

~~XIII~~.XIV. REGIONAL FINANCES

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1. Money is handled at the regional level in pretty much the same way it's managed by area treasurers. The regional committee as a whole considers it's projected expenses and authorizes expenditures to cover them. These costs often include:
 - WSC participation expenses for the regional delegate and alternate
 - Space rental for committee meetings
 - Phone lines
 - Outreach
 - Service forums
 - The regional assembly
 - H&I literature
 - Mailings

2. Budget
 - i. Purpose: The purpose of the bi-annual budget is to have a prudent and balanced spending plan, which protects the fellowship from capricious and unreasonable expenditure. The purpose of the review process is to give all members in the Alaskan Regional fellowship the opportunity to participate in our budget formation and adoption.
 - ii. Budget Formation and Adoption:
 - It is a basic principle that the initial draft budget comes from the RSC and is sent to the Areas for approval.
 - The Area groups review the budget, making suggestions to revise the budget, and providing direction and conscience to their Area RCM.
 - The RCMs bring their area's suggestion(s) and conscience back to the RSC. The RSC revises the budget according to Area direction.
 - The revised budget is then returned to the Areas for approval/disapproval. The draft budget is not amended at this point except for serious flaw or omission.
 - A majority of Areas must approve the budget in order to adopt.
 - iii. Budget is adopted in of the first half of odd years. It is reasonable practice to amend the budget in the second year.
 - iv. Budget Schedule:
 - October - At the regular Fall RSC meeting during even years, the RSC will form an ad-hoc budget committee to draw up the initial draft budget.
 - November - Before the end of November, the ad hoc budget committee will provide the draft budget to the RSC for review. When the draft budget is approved by the RSC by a simple majority vote, the draft budget will be distributed to the Areas for review and comment.
 - December - RCMs will distribute the draft budget to their Area groups for review and comment.
 - January - GSRs will discuss proposed changes to the budget with their RCMs at their ASC meetings.
 - February – After their ASC meetings, the RCMs will meet with the Budget ad hoc committee or RSC to work out budget revisions.

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- March - The RSC will approve the revised budget for disbursement to and approval by the ASCs. RCMs then present the revised budget to their Areas and the revised budget goes back to the groups for approval or disapproval
- May - The RSC will convene to vote on the budget. If approved, budget is finalized.

ii A vision keeps us focused – experience recovery in culturally relevant terms, obtaining spiritual satisfaction doing service, trusting one another and listening to one another. Do we try to express the role of Region. Region has some key roles: insurance for the Alaska Fellowship, serving the geographically isolated addict in Alaska, Fellowship Development (though most people might argue with the need for it.), I think this page 1 misses the mark. Vision Statement was somewhat borrowed from the Canadian Assembly.

iii Any member can look up Tradition 9 or any of the Traditions. It does not add anything in the context of the Guidelines.

iv “Only NA Guidelines” is ok but the parenthetical “Guide To Local Services” is too rigid because it is being revised, which centers around the whole service project. The Guide says to use Robert’s Rules, whereas now there is option to use Consensus Based Decision Making.

v This change cleans up “Chair may entertain a motion”, which does not make any sense. Like of course the Chair and the whole Committee can entertain a motion.

vi “Region should not waive clean time” is more direct. And while they should not waive clean time, this is not a prohibition.

vii The Vice Chair may assume responsibility of the Chair so why should they be less qualified than the Chair. There is experience with Vice Chair that has little experience, and it was not positive.

viii If a group gets a vote, then it is not fair to an Area that represents multiple groups. Being heard is important and can move the RCMs to act one way or another. This is worth some discussion.

ix Promotes accountability and responsibility. Offers help to the committee chairs.

x Lets get with the times: no one “mails” minutes. Just unnecessary.

xi This is unnecessary. It is not the Chair’s responsibility to make sure the minutes are correct. The RCMs “approve” the minutes in the ordinary course of the RSC meeting. This provision kind of inhibits the Secretary distributing the minutes, which is not good. The Chair reviews the minutes along with everyone else.

xii This is redundant. Chair qualifications are in Section I(7)(v). This is an artifact from a former set of minutes.

xiii States the obvious maybe, but may not be that obvious. It is one of those things the Chair does.

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^{xiv} Committee members frequently miss the meetings because they do not maintain a calendar. This helps out. The fact is we are all volunteers.

^{xv} “drafts the minutes” captures the spirit of the Secretary’s responsibility. It is the responsibility of everyone on the committee to review and, if necessary, to offer corrections to the minutes. Minutes are adopted at the following meeting and RCMs and officers should review the minutes before the meeting.

^{xvi} The RCMs and officers should be squawking for the minutes by 2 weeks after the meeting. After one month many have forgotten the details of the meeting. If the guidelines say the secretary has 1 month, then people cannot rightfully request the minutes after 2 weeks.

^{xvii} No need to include the justification for the provision to distribute minutes in the body of the guidelines.

^{xviii} Hopefully this captures the intent of having minutes. The note that another officer may draft the “main points of a discussion” is included because the secretary may have not background on a topic and could thereby be just lost in the discussion, which would make meaningful notes unlikely.

^{xix} See note viii above.

^{xx} Region has a serious communication problem. Often members do not know who is on what committee. Maintaining a list of member phone numbers and emails is good housekeeping and assists with communication.

^{xxi} Secretary maintains the contact list, then it would be easy for the Secretary to distribute agenda.

^{xxii} Self evident part of the treasurer’s job.

^{xxiii} Currently NAWS provides funding.

^{xxiv} Alaska fellowship is sending the RD to the Conference to carry conscience so the RD should report back results of conference. Also the Alaska fellowship is sending RD to the zonal forum annually, then RD should report back the results of that discussion. In its current state the, Zonal Forum is an information exchange forum not an action forum so the RD should report about the discussion – what are other Regions doing.

^{xxv} The clean time requirements for RD are set out Section (I)(7)(v). This is inconsistent and an artifact from the prior revision.

^{xxvi} The subcommittee budgets are set from year to year but an subcommittee chair needs to consider their subcommittee needs in light of revenue and what the chair thinks may be accomplished with more or less funding to better fulfill our Vision. (See NAWS Vision)

^{xxvii} No need for this. Just goes without saying – why have guidelines if we are not following them.

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xxviii Generally the term “Public Information” has been replaced with the more broad term “Public Relations”. We not only inform the public, we maintain relationships with the public in order to better carry our message. Additionally, the PI handbook has been replaced with the PR handbook.

xxix Compiling a regional schedule is a duplication of effort – the Areas compile and maintain their schedules, which can change rapidly. Current PR chair and Web person (under PR) do not support this provision.

xxx There is currently no WSO. I could not locate convention guidelines on the na.org. I could be wrong but I could not find a copy. We can hardly expect Areas to follow guides that are out of print.

xxxi This provision would make a guideline from what has previously been a tradition. The fellowship generally likes tradition and this is in keeping with that.

xxxii This was adopted by resolution in 2014.

xxxiii Sometimes the smaller Areas are not up to hosting a convention. If Anchorage has just hosted the convention, then it is appropriate to hold it elsewhere the following year, so if GH declines, it should go to Kenai or vice versa.

xxxiv Part 3 of this section supercedes this.

xxxv Part 2 supercedes this section.

xxxvi The RSC does not meet frequently enough to resolve issues that arise over the course of the convention planning cycle. The Convention Committee consists of members of the Area fellowship and the Area committee is in a better position to oversee the committee. Since the Area Committee elects the Convention Chair it is appropriate that the Convention Committee Chair be accountable to the Area Committee. Such a relationship between the host Area and the Convention committee fosters communication and understanding so the convention committee better reflects the conscience of the host Area, more particularly, the host Area groups.