

TABLED MOTIONS

MOTION #1:

Submitted to Oregon Area 58 at the May 2008 Assembly in Albany, OR
On behalf of District 18, by GSR Cricket

To establish an Area practice that, when appointing an ad hoc committee, the Area Chairperson should supply the ad hoc committee with specific area(s) of focus and a definite timeframe, whenever possible.

As an extension of the office of the Chair, such an ad hoc committee should be in communication with the Chairperson to receive support and direction before proceeding, if they discover in the course of their work that they need to extend their scope and/or that they need more time than initially specified.

CURRENT PRACTICE:

In the current Area 58 Guidelines, Section I: Glossary and Acronyms (page 3) defines an ad hoc committee as "A temporary committee assigned to address one specific item or topic".

The relevant Area Chairperson's duty is presently defined in III.A.4.f.(9) as "Appoint ad hoc committees to address specific issues as needed".

INTENT & PURPOSE:

To clarify the scope of future ad hoc committees, establish clear practices, reduce confusion, and increase effectiveness.

It is understood that a Chairperson should have as much autonomy as possible in exercising their duties as a trusted servant on behalf of the fellowship. Since an ad hoc committee is by definition both *temporary* and *specific*, we do feel strongly that clear Area practice in this regard can prevent future confusion. (For example, when an ad hoc committee appointed by one Chairperson is still in operation when the next Chairperson rotates in.)

If clarity is built in from the beginning, all parties are free to use their energy for carrying the message.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: None anticipated