

## Major Changes to Area Guidelines

Current Guidelines	Proposed Guidelines
<p>We have no statement of purpose</p>	<p>1. On page 5, added Area Purpose statement, which corresponds to the Area Preamble found in other Area Guidelines, including Areas 2, 4, 9, 15, 17, 18, 26, 38, 53, 60, 64, 68, 71</p> <p>Proposed Area Purpose statement:</p> <p><i>Area 54 Northeast Ohio General Service Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous shall always be a service body of trusted servants elected by the AA groups of Area 54, and shall respect the autonomy of AA Groups within Area 54.</i></p> <p><i>In the course of its deliberations and discussions, the Area Assembly shall be mindful of the ideals expressed in the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, and the AA Service Manual. The Area Assembly shall encourage all AA Groups within its geographic boundaries to participate in and support its efforts to be the true voice and group conscience of Northeast Ohio AA</i></p> <p><i>The Area Assembly is primarily responsible for electing and preparing a delegate to attend the annual General Service Conference and to provide adequate financial support to assist the delegate in carrying out the responsibilities of this service position. The Area Assembly also elects an alternate delegate and other officers, and provides adequate financial support to conduct the service responsibilities associated with these service positions.</i></p>
<p>We have no statement of operating principles</p>	<p>2. On page 5, added Area 54 Operating Principles that coincide with the general warranties of Concept XII</p> <p><i>Proposed Operating Principles statement:</i>  <i>In keeping with the general warranties of the Conference described in the Twelfth Concept for World Service:</i></p> <p><i>In all of its proceedings, the Area 54 Northeast Ohio General Service Assembly shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Traditions, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.</i></p>
<p>Currently states: The host district for the Area Open House picnic and Gratitude Sunday are seeded \$200</p>	<p>3. On page 8, added clarification on repayment of seed money</p> <p>The host district for the Area Open House picnic and Gratitude Sunday are seeded \$200 annually; there is no strict requirement to repay the Area</p>

annually	
There is no statement about the practice of mileage reimbursement	4. On page 8, added statement about mileage reimbursement of delegate and area officers
There is no statement about the practice of paying delegate Conference expense	5. On page 8, added statement about delegate Conference expenses to GSO
There is no statement about the practice	6. On page 8, added a statement about Area support of hospitality room at the Ohio State Convention
There is no statement about the practices	7. On page 8, added a statement about sending the delegate to the International AA Convention (every 5 years) and supporting the ECR hospitality (when there is one)
There is no statement about the practice	8. On page 8, added a statement about the two signature checking account the Area treasurer uses
	9. On page 8/9, added Area Committee meeting agenda template
	10. On page 9/10, added Area Assembly meeting agenda template
	11. On page 10, added explanation on the Intergroup/Central Office liaison
	12. On page 10, added explanation about Ad hoc committees
	13. On page 11, added an explanation about Area equipment, its disposal and the floor manager responsibility
This has been a separate document prepared by the delegate chair prior to the election	14. On page 11, added Election Assembly meeting template
Currently states: Area officers do not stand for an office they currently hold	15. On page 13, modified Area officer election eligibility statement  Proposed statement: Area officers do not stand for an office they currently hold, unless they were appointed or elected to fill a vacated position, then they can stand for a full term by election
Current statement: The delegate and past delegates do not stand	16. On page 13, added clarification of delegate election eligibility (per S49)  Proposed statement: If a delegate filled a vacant seat, the General Service Conference permits election to their own full term only if they have attended one

for any Area office	<p>General Service Conference; a delegate that has filled a vacancy and attended two Conferences cannot stand for reelection (see page S49 of the AA Service Manual)</p> <p>Past delegates do not stand for any Area office</p>
We do not have a removal policy	17. On page 14, added Removal of delegate and Area Officers clause
We do not have a written policy; in practice, we have appointed and/or elected replacements	<p>18, On page 14, added a vacancy of an Area Officer statement</p> <p>The important change is that we are calling for a strict Alternate delegate to delegate rotation to confirm to Conference admissions policy; the Conference will only admit the Alternate delegate as a substitute for the delegate</p>
	19. On pages 14-20, expanded the description of responsibilities and duties of officers to reflect current practices
	20. On pages 20 – 23, expanded descriptions of Area Committee chairs to reflect current practices
	21. On page 23, clarified duties of Area workshop chair
	22, On page 23, clarified Unity Day agenda
	23. On page 24, clarified role of host district and agenda for the Area Open House picnic
	24. On page 24, clarified role of host district and agenda for Gratitude Sunday
	25. On pages 25 – 26, added description of Area publications, clarifying some unwritten policies that relate to their usage
	26. On pages 27 – 29, added description about Area’s role in State and ECR events, including the Ohio & SE Michigan Convention, ECR Convention, ECR Forum, and ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present. The Area is a planning member of these conventions and hosts the events on a rotating basis
The current practice is the district GSR replace the DCM; however, there have been occasions where the delegate has appointed DCMs for inactive districts; one delegate replaced a DCM because of lack of cooperation deemed harmful to the Area	27. On page 31, added a written policy for replacement of vacant DCM

<p>There is no written policy, but this reflects recent efforts exercised in the past decade</p>	<p>28. On page 31, added a written policy on redistricting that reflects current practice</p>
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