

MOTION: Motion to create separate Spanish language committees for Accessibilities, Convention Liaison, CPC, DCM School, GSR school, Literature, PI, and Treatment Facilities. Current Spanish co-chairs will become chairs of new committees. These committees will be autonomous and operate with their own budgets. Committees will operate within the current 2018 budget and can submit separate budget requests for 2019.

The participation of Spanish speaking members and groups of AA has been a great benefit to our area and AA as a whole. For as long as I have been in General Service (since 2000), there have been Spanish speaking Co-Chairs of the Standing Committees in order to better serve the needs of their community. They meet separately from their English speaking counterparts to discuss issues and find solutions to problems in order to improve AA Unity and serve the Alcoholic who is seeking relief from the disease of Alcoholism.

For budgetary purposes there has been one committee with one budget to divide between the English and Spanish. There is also a perception that a Co-Chair is beneath a Chair which places the English committee over the Spanish committee. This is the reason for this motion. To place the Spanish standing committees on an equal footing with the English committees.

This motion does not create any committees but redefines their status to be equal.

First, they will become autonomous and have their own budget. They will submit their own budget request to the Finance Committee for 2019. They will be responsible to staying within their budget and not be affected by what the English speaking committee does.

The current Spanish Co- Chairs will become Chairs and operate their committees with the full rights the Concepts provide.

The committees that do not currently have Spanish Co-Chairs will not get a new committee; however if the need and willingness to serve for a separate Spanish committee arises, a proposal can be brought to the Assembly to create one if the body agrees.

There will be little budgetary impact as the new committees will take their portions of the former combined budgets to the new committee.

If approved by the Assembly, the GAP Committee will draft the new language to have the Guidelines reflect the new changes.

Again, the Board wishes to express its gratitude for all the Trusted Servants that help Area 09 serve the alcoholic that still suffers and hopes this motion will nourish even greater unity in our future endeavors.

Thank you