

# Proposal for a YPAA Standing Committee

## **Proposal:**

We propose to create a YPAA standing committee in Area 9.

## **Background:**

The idea for a YPAA standing committee came to our minds while at an Area Service Committee meeting. Although individual YPAA “coordinate committees” get a vote at area assemblies, there is a lack of direction for members of YPAA committees at ASCs. What table should we go to? We wished there was a round table that YPAA committee members could go to and learn how to better serve their committee, ask questions, and share their experiences with others. YPAA committees are in contact with each other via closed Facebook groups, email, and phone and will see each other at events, but really don’t have a place where we can all come together to share what we have learned and offer help to each other.

Creating an Area 9 YPAA Standing Committee will allow our current and future YPAA coordinate committees and anyone else interested in YPAA service to work together as one entity at the area level. YPAA Coordinate committees will still exist as they are still separate committees in their area of operations and still have reports of their own to give. Coordinate committees can also present their reports to the YPAA standing committee, who can offer advice or help prior to the report being presented to the area. The YPAA Standing Committee can outreach directly to individual YPAA committees within Area 9 and explain the new standing committees role in the area. YPAA committee members are usually very knowledgeable about all three legacies and would be a great addition to General Service in Area 9. A lot of young people are attracted to YPAA committees in early sobriety and start their service experience there, but we could really use more participation from young people at the area level. Creating a YPAA Standing Committee would give them a chance to have role to fulfill, to participate more at Area Service Committee meetings, to be introduced to other roles in General Service and to truly come together in unity.

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of a YPAA Standing Committee is to connect individual YPAA coordinate committees within our Area, to participate in the Conference structure through our Area Service Committee meetings, and to teach others interested about YPAA and general service opportunities. The AA Service Manual 2015-2016 Edition states “...the area holds an important middle position in the conference structure--through the elected delegate, it participates in AA worldwide, while through the DCM’s and GSR’s, it is close to the local scene.” We bring YPAA into the fold of the General Service “scene” in the Mid Southern California Area and serve as a connection between all YPAA coordinate committees within the Area.

## **Duties and Responsibilities of a YPAA Standing Committee:**

- I. Teach the history of YPAA

- II. Explain what individual YPAA committees consist of and their functions
- III. Knowledge of YPAA related literature
- IV. Q & A and round table discussion of topics such as common misconceptions, problems that may arise within a YPAA committee, and how to help a committee thrive
- V. Throwing YPAA committee workshops to share experience, strength and hope for the future of YPAA
- VI. Encourage YPAA participation in General Service in the Mid Southern California Area through outreach, workshops, and a monthly committee meeting.

**Membership & Voting:**

Membership shall consist of an English speaking Chair, a Spanish speaking Co-Chair, YPAA committee members within Area 09 and all members of Area 09 interested in the activities of the committee. All members who have attended one previous YPAA standing committee meeting are full voting members.

**Committee Meetings:**

The Chair and Co-Chair will maintain contact with local YPAA committees and other committee members and set up meetings prior to the Area Service Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary.

**YPAA Standing Committee Officers:**

- I. An English speaking Chair, to stand and be approved by Area Assembly, will serve a two-year term, beginning in January of even number of years.
- II. A Spanish speaking Co-Chair, to stand and be approved by Area Assembly, will serve a two-year term, beginning in January of even number of years.
- III. An The Alternate Chairperson, to stand and be approved by Area Assembly, shall carry out the duties of the Chair when asked or when the Co-Chairpersons are unable to do so.
- IV. Other Committee positions will be on a volunteer basis with approval of the committee membership.
- V. It is suggested that the Chair or Co-Chair have some service history within YPAA committees.

**Funding:**

Expenses incurred by the YPAA Standing Committee shall be within the budget amount requested and approved by the Mid Southern California Area Assembly and shall be disbursed at the sole discretion of the YPAA Standing Committee. The YPAA Standing Committee will submit the budget for the upcoming year to the Area Finance Committee by September.