

## **Oregon Area 58 Motion #1 May 2012**

Submitted by: Don E., Oregon Area 58 Corrections Committee Chair  
As amended

**Motion:**

To fund \$150 each for the 5 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) Regional Coordinators to attend 2 Area Assemblies per year (May and November).

**Intent/Purpose:**

To help the 5 Regional Coordinators with expenses to attend the May and November Assemblies. Allowing the CFC Chair, Co-Chair and Regional Coordinators to meet face-to-face twice per year will better facilitate the exchange of information, provide ongoing training, assist Coordinators in fulfilling their responsibilities, and allow the Committee to share current experiences and challenges with carrying the message to the State prisons and Federal Penitentiary, and Oregon Youth Authority.

**Current Practice:**

The CFC Chair and Co-Chair attempt to meet with the Regional Coordinators two to four times per year (see CFC Guidelines). In order for this to happen, even in a central location, some Regional Coordinators must travel long distances. Often, the Corrections budget does not have funds available to help the Coordinators with their travel expenses. If the CFC Chair and Co-Chair are fulfilling their responsibilities, very little money is available for the Regional Coordinators meetings and the Coordinators are either unable to attend the meeting or must cover their expenses out of pocket.

**Budgetary Impact:**

If all 5 Regional Coordinators attend two Assemblies per year, the budgetary impact would be 5 X \$150, or \$750 per Assembly and \$1,500 each year. This would create a new line item in the budget. We propose that the new line item be effective with the 2013 budget.

Seconded by, Kelly D., Proxy Columbia River Corrections Institution

John A., Finance Committee Chair: Don, you amended your motion to include another facility, will that increase your 2013 budget by an additional \$300.00 to \$1800.00?

Don E., Corrections Chair: Yes, you are correct.

John A., Finance Committee Chair: At this time we do not have the money.

**Discussion:**

Gus P., Alternate Delegate: The proposed activities are unnecessary. I don't think that the Regional Coordinators need to be at our Assemblies. Their work is to be done in their respective Regions in our Area. Communications between the Area Corrections Chair and Co-Chair and the Regional Coordinators can be accomplished by regular visits by the Chairs to the Regions under the existing Corrections Committee budget line item of \$3000, and proposed for \$3200 in 2013. The Area Guidelines for Corrections suggests that communications can be accomplished by conference calls as well as face-to-face. The Area Delegate, Chairperson and their Alternates have used conference calls and emails to communicate both in the past and currently. Recruitment of new Corrections volunteers is best done locally; and recruiting at Assemblies can be done by the Corrections Chair and Co-Chair. Additionally, adding \$1500 of fixed costs to our Area budget seems imprudent at this time. Thank you for listening.

Nick F., D23: With the ability to use technology today; using Skype or other free video chatting software you can do face to face and still be thousands of miles away. It's definitely a way we can still be face to face and communicate with large groups of people without spending the money to travel.

Bill: I agree that two assemblies a year isn't asking a whole lot, I don't understand why the budgetary impact is so crucial. Why can't there be adjustments made in the budget for two visits a year. I have been a proxy myself and I understand what it takes to be a Regional Coordinator and what they have to do and I don't think it's asking too much.

Dean: I don't personally know what Regional Coordinator's do, if someone could explain that to me. I would have a better idea if they actually need to be here for two assemblies per year.

Don E., Corrections Committee Chair: Referring to our Area (2011 -2012) Guidelines page 19, it explains the duties of the Regional Coordinators; *Don reads the following:*

1. Obtains clearance to enter all correctional facilities in their region.
2. Initiate inside meetings in the correctional facilities in their regions where none exist.
3. Work with the correctional facilities forming guidelines and rules for volunteers.
4. Hold workshops at the Districts in their regions, and recruit Outside Sponsors.
5. Hold meetings with their Outside Sponsors.
6. Recruit and select "Outside Sponsors" for each correctional facility in their region, and ensure that the Outside Sponsors are performing their duties.
7. Train Outside Sponsors.
8. Always attempt to get the District Corrections Committees to assist with the above activities.
9. Offer assistance to District Committees with their work in county jails.
10. Collect records and facility rules for the Oregon Area Chairperson.
11. Make written requests to the Chairperson for regional expenses.

12. Provide a written quarterly expense report and a written quarterly activity report to the Oregon Area Chairperson two weeks prior to each Area Assembly.

Ian: My question is that do the inmates get a vote?

Don E., Corrections Committee Chair: Yes, through a proxy. Inmates have their own AA Group inside the facility. They have an internal GSR and because they can't leave the facility, we have an outside AA member that attends the meeting. The inmates vote a member to be their proxy to carry their vote to District and Intergroup meetings and to Assemblies.

Denise N., D20: My question is there is a budget line item for Corrections for \$ 3200. Are we asking for more than that?

Don E., Corrections Committee Chair: This would be a separate line item and would not be included in the Corrections line item.

John A., Finance Chair: We have a couple of different types of budget line items; Service Committees budget lines which Don operates on, and a separate section for administrative costs which includes travel for getting Area Committees, Proxy GSR's and DCM's to Assemblies. These are fixed costs they don't change as long as you decide you want these people at the Assemblies. This \$1500.00 would go under Area Committee to Assembly and would become part of that fixed cost.

Kim A., D5: Would the motion maker like to amend his motion to make it only 5 assemblies for the year, so that they each had the opportunity to attend one Assembly per year, reducing the cost by half to \$750.00.

*Skip A., Chairperson: Asks Don E., Corrections Chair if he would like to amend his motion.*

Don E., Corrections Chair: I would like to, but no.

Dean: I think this can be accomplished by our Chairpersons through technology. If we want this to happen we will find the money, I just don't know if it's necessary. I think it is part of our Corrections Chair's duty and that travel expense is already in the budget.

Mike, D5: Calls the question  
Seconded by Jim F., D1

*Skip: That means we will vote on whether to end discussion or not.*

Vote to end discussion  
**Discussion is ended**

Vote is taken to determine if the matter presented is Urgent and/or Administrative, or whether it should be tabled and sent back to the Groups.

Vote is taken

**Motion is tabled**