

## Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Develop Policies for New Technologies - August 2011

The Committee notes that all of the areas in the Northeast Region have websites except Area 31. A call to the GSO found that nationwide, Areas with websites have website committees. The committees range from several volunteers to specific positions. In Rhode Island, for example, the committee is made up of a representative from the Area, from General Service, from Intergroup and from the Convention Committee. Delaware and Maine have their website as part of P.I. The vote of the Area 31 assembly to not have a standing committee but to have a website seems to run counter to the experience of other areas. Concept IV states that "Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

Therefore, the Committee recommends that:

1. A Website Standing Committee be created with a Chair, Co-Chair and Webmaster appointed by the Area Chair; the Chair and Co-Chair to be voting members of the Area Committee and the Webmaster to be a non-voting member, similar to the Archivist and Registrar. A suggested set of Guidelines for the Website Committee is attached.
2. A new Standing Committee requires multiple changes in the Area 31 Handbook, the Area 31 Guidelines and the approval of an Area Assembly.
3. Therefore, we recommend that a member of the Area Committee make the following motion:

I move that Area 31 reconsider its vote against a standing website committee, and that area 31 create a Website Committee with a Chair, Co-Chair and Webmaster to be appointed by the Area Chair, with roles and responsibilities as outlined in the attached guidelines; and that this motion, if approved, be taken to the Fall Assembly for Area 31's approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee wishes to express its thanks to Area 30, in particular to Francis G., for sharing their Guidelines with us.