

2021 Website Committee report January

The goals for this committee for this year are as follows.

- 1) Present a motion to dissolve the Website Committee
- 2) Provide a means for support to the Webmaster
- 3) Facilitate a means for oversight to changes to the Area 31 website going forward

Admittedly having a committee was useful in the early formative years of the Area website, 2012 – 2015'ish That need however has long since passed.

There have been no posted minutes on the website by the website committee for the past three years. January 2018 were the last minutes posted. There has been no functioning committee in the last quarter of 2020 at all.

There has been little, to no group representation over the past several years. In 2016 there were 8 group representatives listed as attending the committee over a period of 5 of the 12 months of the year. The majority of those were in January (4) and February (2). There was only one rep that attended more than one meeting. They showed up for two months. 2017 listed 1 rep for one month. 2018 listed 1 rep and the rest of the year is unknown because minutes stopped being posted.

The dissolution of the committee was discussed at the 2019 Fall Assembly in the website workshop that was held. I was in attendance at that workshop. At that time some of the feedback by people attending were that the committee should meet every month. That suggests that at that time the committee wasn't meeting regularly. These people were members of AA from the area, however everyone in attendance at that workshop that were either current or past members as Website Committee chairs, Co-chairs, Webmaster or otherwise affiliated with the committee in some way felt to a person that there was no longer a need for this committee. There was no committee report given at that assembly.

In the Webmaster's report from that Assembly: under the paragraph titled Website Committee he stated the following.

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"Yesterday in our inventory it was brought up that many felt that the website committee needs to be meeting monthly. I just want to point out that while it has been a big help to me in previous years the fact remains that it has been over two years since they have had any useful things to do, the creation of a pamphlet and the display boards are done. The group representatives that have come to the meetings don't feel they are getting anything useful to take back to their groups and do not stay for more than a few meetings. We are not getting any feedback from these members even they do come. So, I think that the committee has outlived its usefulness; I would greatly appreciate help with the technical portion which includes posting minutes (the most time-consuming part of the job for me) but there does not need to be committee for that purpose. I realize that there may be other opinions about this I hope we can start a dialog at a future area meeting".

In order to dissolve a Standing Committee, the process is described in the Area Handbook pg.40 Section IV Standing Committees Section F. Dissolution

“Dissolution of a Committee requires, first, the vote of a majority of the Committee’s current membership, second, the approval of the Area Committee, and third, the approval of a two-thirds majority of an Area Assembly”.

The Website Committee has voted unanimously 3 – 0 to dissolve the committee.

The second part is the approval of this committee. That part will be addressed as a motion that has been placed on tonight’s agenda as new business. I would recommend that we table the vote until February’s Area meeting to allow time for thought, discussion and questions to be responded to.

The third part of this process (providing there is approval at the Area Committee level) will be the same motion as presented to the Area Committee to be presented at the Spring Assembly 2021 as new business, with the recommendation to be tabled for vote until the Fall Assembly 2021.

The motion incorporates the three goals as stated previously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl G. Website committee Chair.