

Proposal: To Amend the Priority of Spending Section 7.5.D.4* Other Spending

This proposal does NOT affect:

7.5.D.1 - Delegate Expenses

7.5.D.2 - Area Assembly and Committee Meeting Expenses

7.5.D.3 - Standing Committee Expenses

This is a proposal to split Section 7.5.D.4 Other Spending into two separate spending categories, 7.5.D.4 Area Operating Expenses and 7.5.D.5 Service Events.

The proposal is as follows:

- Strike 7.5.D.4 Other Expenses in total
- Add
Section 7.5.D.4 Area Operating Expenses
 - a. Pay the necessary legal responsibilities of the corporation (refer to Section **)
 - b. Pay post office box rental fees
 - c. Pay premiums on a general comprehensive liability insurance policy.
 - d. Pay all other business operating expenses of Hawaii Area
- Add
Section 7.5.D.5 Service Events
 - a. Fund expenses related to the Delegate's attendance to PRAASA and Pacific Regional Forum. In years that correspond, pay expenses to send the Delegate to the International Convention.
 - b. Fund expenses related to the Area Chair's attendance to PRAASA and Pacific Regional Forum.
 - c. Fund expenses related to the Pacific Region's Trustee biannual visit to the Area.

* This proposal references the Sections as they stand in the current S&G and would apply to the new section numbering recommended in the adjacent proposal.

** This reference will be numbered or omitted according to whether the adjacent motion to add a section on the legal responsibilities of the Area passes or not.

Background:

The first Priority of Spending was set in the 1980's as the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines was written. The Priority of Spending is set according to the guiding principle of the Area, which is Service. The 4 main points of the Priority of Spending have not changed since the original inception.

As the years have rolled on, many changes have occurred in the Area. The Area became a 501c3 nonprofit corporation in 2000 to comply with federal and state tax and banking laws. The Area added on a liability insurance policy as deemed necessary due to societal changes. The Area began sending trusted servants to PRAASA and the Pacific Region Forum, when fiscally able. This past year, the Area unexpectedly and necessarily added a digital meeting platform to operating expenses. As the Area has grown and added responsibilities, important line items have been added to the Priority of Spending as the Area Assembly saw fit to make motions and amend the S&G.

This suggested amendment to the Priority of Spending is being made in order to help clarify and make transparent the Area's Priority of Spending for the entire body of the Hawaii AA community. The category 7.5.D.4 Other Spending has clearly evolved over the past 35 years to encompass 2 separate spending categories, which are a) the Area's business operating expenses and b) funding our trusted servants to attend Service events.

Based on my personal experience of presenting the past 2 budgets and researching well thought out questions about the ambiguity of the current Priority of Spending, I am bringing forward this motion in order to help clarify the Area's Priority of Spending. The hope is to create a transparent Priority of Spending and Area Budget in order to help every Hawaii AA member understand how their 7th Tradition Contribution will be used in Area General Service.

Submitted in Love & Service,
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