Service Event Participation by SCWS Officers and Coordinators

May 17, 2025

Motion
November 1989 Assembly

"Committee decided that SCWS will send the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairman and the immediate Past Delegate and, in addition, send 3 to 5 Officers and/or Coordinators each year to PRAASA, the number depending on the location of PRAASA and that all these names be put in the hat excluding only those who have gone to PRAASA during the current three-year term thus enabling all Officers and/or Coordinators to attend PRAASA at least once during the current term."

PRAASA is the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly.

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"Subject to budget considerations and according to appropriate standards of financial stewardship, the board will send its members on a rotating basis to PRAASA, SWRDM, RSS outside our region, an area assembly meeting in another World Service Area in our SW region, and/or another Al-Anon service function. The board will make a complete report to the Area Assembly at least annually of meetings attended and funds spent. According to Concept Three, we affirm that the Board has the right of decision and makes effective leadership possible."

SWRDM is the Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting.
RSS is the Regional Service Seminar which no longer takes place.

Practice

- Opportunity currently open to 5 Officers and 17 Coordinators. Alateen Member Coordinator does not participate due to age.
- May attend one event during their 3-year panel to learn about service at different levels and in other Areas.
- Should be relevant to the requestor's service position and/or relevant to our Area. Required to provide report to the Assembly after attendance.
- The current maximum allotment is $1,250 per Service Panel or Service Board Member. Total cost over 3 years for all is $27,500 or approximately $9,167 per year.

Current Participation

- The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, and Past Delegate attend SWRDM annually separate from their Service Event. This year, one additional Officer and one Coordinator attended SWRDM as their Service Event.
- The number of Coordinators has continued to increase.
- Thru 2026, 16 Coordinators and 4 Officers could request participation in a Service Event.
- Costs continue to increase for travel, hotel, and food expenses. Costs can easily exceed $1,250.

Issues

- Should the Area pay for Officers and Coordinators to participate in Service Events?
- Should the number attending a Service Event be limited to a specific number each year?
- Should maximum allotment be specified or should the full amount be reimbursed?
- Should travel for Service Events be limited to the Continental USA?
- Do we need to change the type of Service Events to be considered to ensure they align with Service Panel Positions or Area needs?

Comments

Suggestions, comments, or additional questions.

Thank You

Additional suggestions, comments, or questions can be submitted through the Assembly Survey.