

## **Task Force Topic: Election Procedures Section II.A**

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Background/Historical Info: When our Area split into North and South Florida we in Area 9 needed to come up with procedure for electing an entirely new set of officers and coordinators. One decision at that time was to have incoming GRs vote on the incoming Panel. There were a variety of reasons for this choice, but many of them do not apply now that our Area is sound, and strong and has many decades of experience. The election Assemblies have become confusing for the Registration, for the hotel planning, for accommodating a meeting with much larger attendance. It has also required a push-down of elections in the Districts which can cause some issues as well as the added costs of sending twice as many people to the Assembly. This cost has been difficult for Groups as well.

Thought Force references (if any): See the Thought Force results posted on the website. Also be aware that our current Election Procedures are not in accordance with the Service Manual.

**Charge: Should we change the Election Procedures in Section II.A. to eliminate the sentence "Only incoming Group Representatives vote"?**

### **Task Force Timeline:**

Fill out this form and submit this as your Task Force Report to the August 2015 AWSC. Create a proposal that can be discussed at August AWSC. Complete all reports and proposals by July 15, 2015 and submit to the Technology Coordinator.

### **KBDM Questions from the Thought Force:**

There were five KBDM questions from the thought force regarding confusion for incoming GRs, finances for groups, with outgoing GRs it would be simplified for groups, registration, attendance, will decision be in line with spiritual principles. Will we be more in line with Service Manual.

### **Task Force Summary/Findings:**

We reviewed KBDM Questions: Sample of GRs explained they were really confused at election assembly. One member polled the DRs and it was by a large margin they felt that it was extremely difficult for groups financially. It was also known and determined how difficult it is for registration and hotel accommodations. It was felt that we should trust the existing or outgoing GRs as "trusted servants" to make the right decisions electing the new panel. Incoming GRs are outside their service term. They do not begin their term of service until the next January. The Election Procedures will be more in line with the Service Manual.

**Task Force Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Election Procedures, Section II.A. Only incoming Group Representatives vote be eliminated.

This allows experienced Grs to act as “trusted servants” to select the best candidate for the next panel. It allows them to complete their term of service and be in line with the Service Manual 2014-2015, Pg. 142, paragraph 3.