

Supporting pages for 2026 Spring Assembly – HANDBOOK MOTIONS

SECTION XVII – OHIO AREA CONVENTION (page 22)

A. Definition – Page 22

1. ~~A yearly, 3-day Convention devoted to fellowship and sharing. The program will be primarily adult oriented.~~
Traditionally is a 3-day event devoted to fellowship, personal growth, and sharing, to be held annually, except for years when WSO hosts the International Al-Anon Convention. The program will be primarily adult oriented, based on the Al-Anon program and principles, but shall also include programming for Alateen participants following ASBR Guidelines. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) shall be invited to participate fully but may plan a separate program for its members and guests. (motion 2026/05 - # 1)
3. ~~The Ohio Area Convention is not to be a fundraiser. (motion 1996/10 - # 1)~~
The Ohio Area Convention shall adhere to the principles of the program and is financially accountable to the fellowship which it serves. The Convention is not to be a fundraiser. (motion 2026/05 - # 1)

B. Policy – Pages 22 - 23

1. ~~The Area Archivist is to receive, from the outgoing Convention Chairman, four (4) copies of all minutes and records. The Area Archivist will retain one (1) copy and turn over, by the Two-Day Fall Assembly, three (3) copies to the incoming Convention Chairman. (motion 1996/10 - #2)~~
By Two-Day Fall Assembly, the outgoing Convention Chairman shall provide: one (1) copy of all minutes and records to the Area Archivist; one (1) copy to the OAC Advisor; and two (2) copies to the incoming Convention Chairmen. (motion 2026/05 - # 2)
9. ~~The Convention Chairman of the Area Convention must be an active member of the Assembly. (motion 2003/05 - # 1)~~
The Area Convention Chairman becomes an active member of the AWSC. (motion 2026/05 - # 2)

C. Area Responsibilities – Page 23

1. ~~Will establish a separate revolving fund for the Convention.~~
Will use the Convention Float Fund to provide seed money for the Convention. (motion 2026/05 - # 3)
3. ~~Future Convention Committees may draw against the fund for expenses, if needed.~~
Will provide seed money for future Convention Committees, as available. (motion 2026/05 - # 3)
4. The OAC Advisor and the Area Chairman shall be advisory members of the Convention Committee. (motion 2026/05 - # 3)
5. The Area Chairman shall be the authorized signatory on behalf of Al-Anon Family Groups of Ohio, Inc., on any binding contract(s) for the selected venue. (motion 2026/05 - # 3)

- E. **Area Convention Center Venue** – The Host Districts choose the location of the Convention site but shall notify the OAC Advisor and secure the signature of the Area Chairman on any Convention-related contracts, as the authorized signatory on behalf of AFG of Ohio, Inc. (motion 2026/05 - # 4)

F. Duties of Convention Committee – Pages 23 - 24

2. Establish an amount or estimated amount to be used for principal speaker expense to be reviewed yearly budgeted in the registration fee. (motion 2026/05 - # 5)
4. Follow our Traditions and the Area Handbook Convention Guidelines throughout this Convention the planning process and the Convention event. (motion 2026/05 - # 5)

H. Convention Secretary – Page 24

1. Will record all minutes of the Committee, complete enough to be of aid to future Host Districts, and turn over copies of minutes and other records to the Area provide four (4) copies of all minutes and other records to be turned over to the Convention Chairman. (motion 2026/05 - # 6)

I. Convention Treasurer – Pages 24 - 25

1. ~~Will receive all registration fees and will administer the revolving fund, paying all approved bills for the Convention.~~
Will establish an account for receiving all registration fees and paying all approved bills for the Convention. (motion 2026/05 - # 7)
2. Will process all Convention income and expenses through the Convention account for transparency. Expense Voucher forms are to be attached to all expense receipts in order for Committee members to be reimbursed for OAC related expenditures. (motion 2026/05 - # 7)
4. ~~Will come to the Assembly with records of accounts and funds prepared for transfer to the new Convention Treasurer.~~
Will come to the Assembly prepared to transfer remaining funds to the Area Treasurer by Two-Day Fall Assembly. (motion 2026/05 - # 7)
5. Buy necessary bonding insurance to protect the Convention Treasurer. (motion 2026/05 - # 7)
6. Will have the Treasurer's books reviewed by the Area Review Committee before turning them over to the next Convention Treasurer, including documentation of all income sources, all expense vouchers and payments, bank statements, and other financial information. (motion 2026/05 - # 7)

J. Program Committee – Page 25

3. The Anonymity Statement shall be read prior to each Convention session. (See the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies, Anonymity section) (motion 2026/05 - # 8)