

From an email message to DCMs & GSRs from the CNIA Finance Committee

We need input from GSRs in Area 7/CNIA on two potential spending plan items - in addition to the spending plan itself. This gives an overview of the two items in English and Spanish.

Please forward these to all GSRs and groups in your district. Encourage them to discuss, pass on questions and give suggestions - that way, this will be 'ready' for the anticipated vote(s) at the Fall Assembly/Mini-PRAASA mtg that we have. Both will also be discussed further at the ACM 9/24/22 to lay the groundwork.

Item 1: Motion to Amend CNIA Serv Mat Bk Sect Fin Comm for Flex Spend English 22-05-21

GSRs and other trusted servants,

With more money in our budget during the pandemic, input from members over the past year at ACMs and Assemblies led the Finance Committee to consider a motion to provide flexibility in spending.

The discretionary expenditures by the Committee are based on *5% of Total Approved Expenditures for the Year. One reasonable way to add flexibility - and honor our charge to help extend the hand - is to allow spending up to 20% of Funds in Excess of our Prudent Reserve at the beginning of the year.*

The attached motion goes into a little more detail and provides historical perspective.

Please discuss with your groups to give them information and get input to help our Area consider this option.

Item 2: CNIA/Area 7 Finance Committee Information on Prudent Reserve (PR)

GSRs and other trusted servants,

Our current prudent reserve (PR) was approved years ago to include the annual cost to: 1) send Delegate to the General Service Conference (Contribution to GSO and Delegate miscellaneous expense), 2) ACM room rent, 3) Archives facility rent, and 4) Liability Insurance. We are trying to reflect on how to best use our resources and balance how much to keep for a 'rainy day' versus use as much as possible to extend the hand of AA to those who need it now. The pre- to post-pandemic shift altered things a bit and it is clearer now. It seems prudent to have some additional things in the PR (e.g., accounting fees, tax costs, video platform for online meetings, webhosting, and other items). The attachment spells out some of our history, current ideas and suggestions to adjust the PR.

Please discuss with your groups to give them information and get input to help our Area consider the options.

With love in service - con amor y servicio

Don H.

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