

Motion 2 to Amend the Anchorage Guidelines

This amendment would authorize a Group Support Forum representative to carry the conscience (vote) of GSF groups to the Area Committee. The following would go within Article XII as stated in Motion 1. (Note that if Motion 1 passes, the following would be “Section 3”, not “Section 1”

Section 1

1. CONSCIENCE (VOTING)

Groups may choose to allow a Group Support Forum representative to represent them at the Area Service Committee meeting. In such a case, the GSF groups might have had a combined business meeting to determine the conscience of the GSF member groups. Groups may bring their vote to the Area meeting through a recognized GSF. GSF voting is subject to the following:

- a. In order for a Group Support Forum to become a member of the Anchorage Area, a Group at the Area meeting would notify the Area Service Committee that a Group Support Forum has been formed and consists of such and such groups. This notification would go in the minutes.
- b. The member groups of the GSF need to meet all the criteria of an Area Group as identified in Article V Section 1 of these guidelines (follows 12 Traditions and holds regular meetings),
- c. The GSF representative could represent and vote on behalf of some or all of the GSF member groups beginning at the next Area meeting.
- d. In the case where a member group of a GSF sends its own GSR to the Area meeting, then either the GSF representative votes on behalf of the member group or the GSR votes – in any case a group does not vote twice.
- e. The GSF representation is a matter of convenience and does not supersede the voice of the group, but rather carries the voice of the group.

INTENT -- The intent is to better serve the groups in the Anchorage Area. This provision serves geographically challenged groups, and may also help make the business meetings more attractive, like the Frozen Chozen use to do with its “dinner and a meeting” business meeting. This might be more effective among several groups.

FINANCIAL IMPACT -- This motion has very little financial impact. The cost of activities associated with convening a GSF might have some cost but this cost should be considered at the time a food event is planned. In any case, most events should be self-supporting.