

Area 28 2025 Spring Assembly Guidelines Amendments Background

(Proposed Guidelines changes in bold, italics, and yellow highlight, virtual version)

The Guidelines Committee has been tasked with providing a framework for hybrid meetings. These guidelines incorporate the Fellowship's experience with best practices for the virtual conferencing world.

This proposed agenda item includes the following:

- A name change from the Hybrid Committee to the Technology Committee
 - The need for Area 28 online activities to include multiple technologies such as sound equipment, computer audio/visual equipment, and projection equipment to show all participants both in the room and online suggests a more inclusive committee name.
 - This name change suggests the change in committee scope.
- The Designation of the Alt. Area Chair as the Chair of the Technology Comm.
 - The Alt. Area Chair is already responsible for keeping an inventory of Area 28 equipment.
 - The importance of this committee dictates that an Area officer chairs this committee much like the Finance and Guidelines committees.
 - The Archives is already well represented by an Archivist/Archives Committee Chair. The Alt. Area Chair is not currently mentioned in the Archives Committee description.
- Description of the Scope (Intended functions), Composition (Persons and jobs of the committee), and Procedures (How the committee functions) of the new Technology Comm.

Other included Guidelines changes are as follows:

- Registrar Job Description
 - The Registrar job has changed and this description reflects how it is done currently.
- An Archives Committee Change to reflect that the only person appointed to the Archives Committee is the Archivist/Archives Chair.
 - This is already in practice in that the Assembly does not appoint people to the Archives Comm.
- Map and Directory Disclaimer:
 - District Map and Directory are for information on current participation.
 - Group participation and autonomy are core principles Area 28 respects.