Motion by the Ad Hoc Technical Committee for the 2017 NIA Summer Committee Meeting

Motion

The ad hoc technical committee moves to create a permanent standing Technology Committee in Area 20.

The following shall be inserted under Duties & Responsibilities section of the NIA Guidelines:

Technology Committee Responsibilities:

- Keep the Assembly and Area Committee informed about technology opportunities
- Make recommendations for the implementations of technology opportunities
- Oversee the content and use of the Area Website
- Recommend updates to the Area Website Guidelines as necessary

The committee will have a maximum of six member to include:

- The Area Website Administrator
- The Alternate Area Website Administrator
- A Past Delegate to be appointed by the Area Chairperson
- Three additional members appointed by the Area Chairperson from a pool recommended by the Area Website Administrator and Alternate
- Committee members shall serve a two-year rotation, and may be appointed for a 2nd rotation at the discretion of the Area Chair

Background

Rapidly advancing technology has both positive and negative effects on our ability to carry the A. A. message and effectively communicate with those we serve. A standing technology committee would keep abreast of technology issues and make appropriate recommendations to the Area Assembly on how to take advantage of current and future technological opportunities.

The Technology Committee would be independent of the Public Information Committee.

The committee would elect its own chairperson and determine its own voting procedures.

This motion would limit the Website Administrator and Alternate to service terms of four years. However, an individual could potentially serve on the committee as a member for four years followed by four years as Alternate Website Administrator and four years as Website Administrator, or some combination thereof. Thus, it will become the responsibility of the Area Chairperson to monitor the membership of the committee.

In order to maintain the practice of appointing the Web Administrator and Alternate in even years the members of the initial Technology committee will be eligible to serve a partial rotation ending on December 31, 2018 followed by up to two additional full two-year rotations.