

I. Recommendation:

Past Delegates that attend SCWS Area Assembly and SCWS Area Committee meetings and reside in CA(S) be reimbursed for mileage & hotel at the same rates as SCWS Board members.

II. History (Background):

SCWS Past Delegates attend SCWS Area Assembly and SCWS Area Committee meetings without compensation for their travel.

III. KBDM Questions:

1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?

- Past SCWS Delegates have shared their knowledge of Area, World Service Office, and World Service Conference history while in attendance at our Assemblies and/or AWSC meetings.
- Our members could benefit from their experience, strength and hope during discussions.

2. What do we know about our resources (finances, membership participation, etc.) that is relevant to this topic?

Past Delegates eligible to be reimbursed are:

- Panel 52 Delegate: 64 miles roundtrip = \$ 25.60 ←
- Panel 49 Delegate: 70 miles roundtrip = \$ 28.00
- Panel 43 Delegate: 261 miles roundtrip = \$104.40 + hotel
- Panel 40 Delegate: 155 miles roundtrip = \$ 62.00 ←
- Panel 37 Delegate: 6 miles roundtrip = \$ 2.40 ←
- Panel 31 Delegate: 211 miles roundtrip = \$ 84.40 + hotel
- Panel 25 Delegate: 162 miles roundtrip = \$ 64.80
- Panel 19 Delegate: 191 miles roundtrip = \$ 76.40

TOTAL \$448.00 + 2 hotels

Currently, only 2-3 SCWS Past Delegates attend our Assemblies and/or AWSC meetings. Their reimbursement expense would be a total of \$90.00

We have sufficient funds for this nominal expense.

3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc.) and our fellowship's environment (technology, spiritual principles, our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) that is relevant to this topic?

- The question regarding reimbursement for Past Delegate expenses was posed on AFG Connects and twenty-one Areas responded.
 - Thirteen Areas reimburse their Past Delegates for attending AWSC.
 - 9 Areas reimburse for attending Assemblies.
 - The Areas that do not reimburse are much smaller than Southern California.
- Past Delegates are being of service to our membership when attending SCWS Area Assembly and SCWS Area Committee meetings. **It is within our Traditions to reimburse members that are being of service (This needs to be reworded)**

4. What are the pros and cons?

- Pros - Past Delegates who may be unable to attend due to the financial burden of travel expenses, will be able to attend.
- Cons - A financial obligation will be placed upon SCWS.

5. What do we wish we knew?

- Will travel reimbursement encourage our Past Delegates to attend SCWS Area Assembly and SCWS Area Committee meetings?
- Will we reach a point where there are too many Past Delegates attending, thus becoming too costly to reimburse all of them?

IV. Discussion (*Feedback from members*)

- The Area has an investment in our Past Delegates and an obligation to support them so they can attend SCWS Area Assembly and SCWS Area Committee meetings.
- Contact Past Delegates that are not attending to see if reimbursement would increase their attendance.