



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Area B Eastern Region

Area B Treasurer

The Area B Treasurer must be able to maintain good records and handle money with integrity. The Area B Treasurer is a two-year service position and is a voting office.

The Treasurer:

- Keep records of all transactions involving Group donations directly and via the CSO Treasurer's quarterly 60:30:10 payments (or any variation desired by the individual Group)
- Reports Group donation amounts at Assemblies
- Monitors and reports on the status of outgoing payments including funds donated for specific purposes (e.g. PI or Correctional Facilities literature)
- Makes quarterly, in advance payments, to the "Fair Equalisation Scheme" to send the Delegate to Conference as a priority
- Advises the Area B Committee on how funds are spent, including the National Treatment and Correctional Facilities or PI/CPC Service forums, Founders Day and Working with others Day.
- Collaborates with the Chairperson and Secretary to ensure the banking signatories are current according to rotation of office bearer and the relevant Committee Meeting Minutes which should clearly state whom is to be replaced as a signatory and whom is to be installed as signatory.
- Arranges for preparation of an extract of the relevant Committee minutes to be signed by the Area Chairperson or Delegate (in the absence of a Chairperson)
- Lodges, in person, the signed extract with the relevant financial institution together with 100 points identification, and registers their signature



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- Facilitates the banking process for registering the Chairperson and Secretary signatures and establishing electronic banking processes where approved.
- Remunerates members for payments approved by the Area Committee

The Australian Service manual recommends the Treasurer has the following attributes:

- A substantial period of continuous sobriety
- Ability to generate a budget
- Basic computer skills including Microsoft Excel
- An understanding of how projected expenditure will affect the Area's bank balance preventing foolish or extravagant outlays of Area Committee money.

An understanding of the essential components of Tradition 7 and Warranty Two in the long form

Tradition 7:

The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligations whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority



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Warranty Two:

“Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.”

In this connection we should pause to review our attitudes concerning money and its relation to service effort. Our attitude toward the giving of time when compared with our attitude toward giving money presents an interesting contrast. Of course we give a lot of our time to AA activities for our own protection and growth. But we also engage ourselves in a truly sacrificial giving for the sake of our groups, our Areas and for AA as a whole. Above all, we devote ourselves to the newcomer, and this is our principal Twelfth Step work. In this activity we often take large amounts of time from business hours. Considered in terms of money, these collective sacrifices add up to a huge sum. But we do not think that this is anything unusual. We remember that people once gave their time to us as we struggled for sobriety. We know, too, that nearly the whole combined income of AA members, now more than a billion dollars a year, has been a direct result of AA's activity. Had nobody recovered, there would have been no income for any of us. But when it comes to the actual spending of cash, particularly for AA service overhead, many of us are apt to turn a bit reluctant. We think of the loss of all that earning power in our drinking years, of those sums we might have laid by for emergencies or for education for the kids. We find, too, that when we drop money in the meeting hat there is so much bang as when we talk for hours to a newcomer. There is not much romance in paying the landlord. Sometimes we hold off when we are asked to meet Area or Intergroup services expenses. As to world services, we may remark, "Well, those activities are a long way off, and our group does not really need them. Maybe nobody needs them." These are very natural and understandable reactions, easy to justify. We can say, "Let's not spoil AA with money and service organization. Let's separate the material from the spiritual. That will really keep things simple." But in recent years these attitudes are everywhere on the decline;



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they quickly disappear when the real need for a given AA service becomes clear. To make such a need clear is simply a matter of right information and education.

We see this in the continuous job now being done with good effect for our world service by Delegates, Committee Members, and General Service representatives.

They are finding that money-begging by pressure exhortation is unwanted and unneeded in AA. They simply portray what the giver's service dollar really brings in

terms of steering alcoholics to AA, and in terms of our overall unity and effectiveness. This much done, the hoped-for contributions are forthcoming. The donors can seldom see what the exact result has been. They well know, however, that countless thousands of other alcoholics and their families are certain to be

helped.