

AREA 53 GUIDELINES  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – FINANCIAL POLICY

*Changes and additions are shown in bold, italic format. Deletions are shown in “strikethrough” format.*

**Operating Principles of the Area 53 Assembly**

In all its proceedings, the Area 53 Assembly shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Traditions. Great care shall be taken that the Assembly never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; ~~that sufficiency of operating funds be its financial principle~~ ***that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle;*** that none of the Assembly members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority...

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3. Disbursements for expenditures approved in the budget shall be considered approved by the Area 53 Assembly, and will not require **additional** pre-approval. **(Moved from item 5.)**
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