

**Area 53 Archives Committee
Proposed Area 53 Guideline Change**

The Area 53 Archives Committee recommends that “Article IX – Standing Committee Areas of Activity” be amended as follows.

The current wording:

- 1) Archives
 - a) Shall collect, organize, preserve, store, and display records of A.A. History.
 - b) Shall select a member to serve as a non-rotating archivist responsible for assuring the physical integrity of Area 53’s collection.

Be replaced with:

- 1) Archives
 - a) Responsible for establishing policies, collection scope, budgets and procedures. Through its group conscience, it undertakes and maintains final responsibility and authority for the use of the Archives.
 - b) Select an Area Archivist to serve as the central administrator of the Area’s archival collection responsible for maintaining the physical and intellectual integrity of the collection.
 - c) Consistent with A.A.’s shared experience that the appointed Area Archivist position should not rotate frequently, the Area Archivist can be reappointed for consecutive panels without regard to AA’s normal guidelines regarding the principle of rotation.

This revision clarifies the roles of the Archives Committee and the Area 53 Archivist, and it updates the language to be consistent with the language of the *Archives Manual* of A. A.’s General Service Office.