

Discussion Topic #1 – Area Third Legacy Standing Committee

April 2026 Quarterly Minutes on Discussion Topic

Presentation by Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Presented background; reported 16 districts currently have Third Legacy Chairs, with additional districts considering; noted monthly roundtables established with mixed participation; stated role does not duplicate service sponsors or past delegates, but encourages use of those resources; questioned requirement for demonstrating “area-wide need”; suggested leadership should include members with significant Area experience, though not limited to past DCMs.

Additional Presentation, Rose B., DCM District 7:

Expressed strong support; emphasized Third Legacy (service) must be taught, modeled, and supported; stated growth reflects a genuine fellowship need; noted chairs are requesting basic facilitation and connection, not authority or resources.

Additional Presentation, Paul A., District 36 Third Legacy Chair:

Described role as reducing fear and increasing participation in general service, particularly for new GSRs; emphasized role is supportive and not duplicative; requested Area-level facilitation of existing roundtables; noted risk of losing continuity due to rotation if not supported.

Close of Presentation by Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Asked districts to consider whether groups would support creation of an Area standing committee; noted continued challenges with group engagement in general service; encouraged moving discussion forward to Assembly.

Motion: John K., DCM District 35:

Moved that Area 72 Area Third Legacy Standing Committee Motion be moved to the Agenda for the Area Assembly. That motion reads:

Move that Area 72 create a Third Legacy Standing Committee to support the District Third Legacy Chairs. The committee shall function like other standing committees at the Area level except that its Quarterlies would be held online and chaired by the Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate, if available, or an experienced member of the Third Legacy Committee.

Motion seconded by: Jennifer, Area 72 Archives Chair.

Discussion on the Motion:

Sansannah J., Alt-DCM District 3:

Asked about financial impact of the proposal on the Area.

Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Responded that the proposal, as written, would not incur costs since it is structured as a committee without a funded chair position.

Walter A., District 27 Third Legacy Chair:

Shared experience establishing the role in his district; noted difficulty accessing information and guidance; supported creation of a committee to provide resources and continuity.

Gail H., Past Delegate Panel 57:

Raised concerns that assigning the Alternate Delegate as chair conflicts with their primary responsibilities; stated that if a committee is needed, it should be created like other standing committees with appropriate structure and funding. It feels like we are trying to sneak it through.

Javier F., Member District 1:

Shared experience from another area where similar roles help retain past DCMs in service; emphasized value in keeping experienced members engaged after rotation.

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Lisa J., DCM District 24: Expressed confusion about structure, including lack of a clearly defined chair and potential financial implications; reported her district did not see a need.

Josh B., DCM District 17: Asked for clarification on committee structure and precedent, noting differences from existing standing committees.

Sansannah J., Alt DCM District 3: Questioned whether the role duplicates responsibilities of DCMs, sponsors, or existing service structures; expressed lack of clarity on purpose.

Alan F., Past Delegate, Panel 69: Opposed the proposal as written; stated it misunderstands the role of the Alternate Delegate and improperly defines committee structure; shared past experience where a similar proposal was declined, emphasizing that the Area Committee itself serves as the Third Legacy body.

Blue J., Member, District 25: Supported concept; described Third Legacy work as helping members understand service structure, traditions, and concepts; shared positive experience from 20 years of service Area 38 and after he was DCM of District 12, he served as Third Legacy Chair there. He wished they had an Area Third Legacy Committee.

Lupita Y-M, Area Alternate Delegate: Acknowledged strong work being done but was not convinced of the need; raised concern about unclear leadership structure, citing past issues with unclear roles; suggested clarifying motion language.

Mike L., DCM District 36: Expressed mixed views; acknowledged value of Third Legacy Chairs at the district level but questioned whether Area-level formalization is necessary; noted concerns about motion structure and cost avoidance.

Jana C., Alt-DCM District 9: Stated the proposal is not ready to be a motion; recommended continued discussion due to lack of clarity and understanding at the district level.

Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair: Reiterated need for Area-level support and continuity, noting current roundtables may dissolve with rotation; acknowledged prior attempts to create a funded position were rejected due to cost concerns.

Glen C., Member, District 24: Agrees with Gail [Past Delegate] that if there is a need, it should have a designated chair who is available outside the Quarterly meetings and a proper committee. Supports the concept; noted 11 districts (approx. 25%) have expressed interest, suggesting a demonstrated need; supported creating a properly structured committee.

Houston L., Area Registrar: Expressed confusion about role definition; supported continued discussion; suggested refining purpose and benefits before moving forward.

Motion to Table: Houston L., Area Registrar

Moved to table the motion until the July Quarterly to allow further discussion and clarification.

Motion Seconded by: Derek, Area Chair.

Result: Motion to table passed