

Motion #1 - Sound Chair Appointed Process

Minutes from the April 2026 Quarterly

Presented by Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Presented proposed process for selecting Sound/Zoom Chair through Technology Steering Committee; outlined rotation model (training → service → continuity) to preserve knowledge and ensure consistency in hybrid setup.

Motion: Jennifer R., Area Archives Chair:

Moved to put the following motion on the agenda for the Area Assembly:

Move to supplement Motion 22.3 that the Tech Steering Committee will select the Sound Chair for the next rotation subject to approval by the electeds during their appointed selection process and ratified by the Area Committee at the first Area Quarterly Meeting of each rotation.

Motion seconded by: DCM District 38

Discussion on the Motion:

Derek S., Area Chair:

Read the motion and opened the floor for discussion on the motion.

Lupita Y-M., Area Alternate Delegate:

Expressed concern that the proposed role resembles an archivist-type position rather than a rotating chair; questioned structure prior to motion.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Had a point of clarification, that the official title of the position is “Sound System Operator”

Jana C., Alt-DCM District 9:

Asked whether the position could allow longer-term service similar to archivist for continuity.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Clarified proposal combines elements of archivist and an archives chair; emphasized training pipeline to ensure experience before serving. Two years of training, two years of doing, two years of being available for the next sound chair.

Jim B., DCM District 43:

Supports the Motion; compared to DCM/Alt DCM mentorship model; emphasized learning while serving.

Mary W., Alt-DCM District 45:

Recalled last rotation, the sound chair sat at the appointeds table, suggested distinction between technical operator role and committee chair; questioned terminology.

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Courtney S., Area Delegate:

Asked whether proposal would limit tenure or participation of existing committee members. Seems we already that in place.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Asked how candidates would be selected among multiple qualified committee members; questioned selection criteria.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Went through a brief history of the Sound/Zoom committee, created in 2022, and we're continuing the development of what this role is. Distinguished between differences from other committees. Responded that limited quarterly events require extended training time; takes repetition and hands-on experience.

Angel M., DCM District 34:

Asked whether proposal aims to address volunteer demand or expand access.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Confirmed intent to broaden eligibility beyond past DCMs and open role to technically skilled members.

Angel M., DCM District 34:

Shared experience of qualified members unable to serve due to current structure; good we are having this conversation, supported this motion.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Questioned whether this was even necessary and asked for an explanation of how the sound chair was selected at the prior rotation.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Described current appointment process; noted preference for members with Area experience; identified challenge balancing technical skills with service background.

Patrick M., Area Tech & Web Chair:

Cited least possible organization confronting the reoccurring theme of technology needs requiring a little more organization at the Area, e.g. Newsletter Steering Committee, Registrar/Alternate Registrar discussion topic. Supported proposal; stated it clarifies responsibility for succession and sets expectations for 4 year commitment.

Amanda M., Alt-DCM District 29:

Supported proposal; emphasized importance of responding to committee-identified needs.

Lisa J., DCM District 24: Reported district support; emphasized importance of placing trusted servants where they are capable and comfortable.

Alan F., Past Delegate:

Spoke in support of Anthony's leadership and effort in developing the proposal.

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Walter A., Third Legacy Chair District 27:

Shared personal experience with limited training; supported this extended training model.

Joe T., DCM District 19:

Point of clarification on whether proposal implies a four-year commitment (training plus service).

Derek S., Area Chair:

Confirmed that to be correct.

Melissa K., Alt-DCM District 8:

Questioned necessity of proposal; suggested improving inclusiveness within existing process instead.

Aimee B., Area Corrections Chair

Clarified that we are voting simply for this item to be placed on Assembly agenda for GSRs to make the decision, not voting on the actual motion on at this time.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Confirmed that to be correct.

Dave, District 19 GSR:

Supported expanding pool; noted ability to serve in technical role despite inability to serve as DCM.

John., DCM District 45:

Framed proposal as solution to a defined problem; supported trusting committees to define their needs.

Shu D., Area Web Servant:

Suggested clarifying four-year expectation within motion language.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Wasn't sure whether it needed to be expressed explicitly, we could say the person being selected must be trained. He felt the background material already covered what the motion is expressing through implication.

Jennifer R., Area Archives Chair:

Stated motion ensures decision-making rests with GSRs rather than solely with Area Chair. Cleaner to have something in the Area Handbook.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Supported motion; emphasized need for technical training and continued commitment to hybrid accessibility. This is a way to continue to that commitment.

Louise W., GSR District 25:

Suggested adding language to expand candidate pool and clarify term expectations.

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Morgan S., Alt-DCM District 40:

Suggested utilizing entire trained committee as candidate pool rather than fixed pipeline; raised concern about rigid multi-year commitment.

Crystal J., Past Delegate Panel 73:

Clarified appointment process and role of electeds; emphasized need for both technical skill and Area experience; expressed support while addressing misconceptions.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Added that training period provides natural exposure to Area process, supporting readiness for service role.

Derek, Area Chair: Called for a vote:

Result: Motion approved by substantial unanimity to be placed on the Area Assembly agenda.