

**Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**  
**U.S. AREA**  
**POLICY & PROCEDURES**

**CONTAINS ACTIVITY**  
OF PRESENT AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS



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**Underlined and darkened items are existing policies. Other items are previous policies and background information for present and past Policies & Practices.**



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## 1. ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- 1975 The second Area Council meeting held in St. Louis on November 15, 1975, approved the establishment of a PWASF as a trust fund. Three trustees were approved: Gilbert Bulley as Director plus Dr. Alden Hazen, and Richard Wohlgamuth.
- 1980 10% of contributions to PWASF would be sent to International PWASF.
- 1983 Changed designation to ASLF (Alexander Scholarship Loan Fund) to remind everyone that if the recipient did not enter YMCA work, it would be necessary for the loan to be repaid.
- 1983 **Procedure established wherein Clubs would remit funds by check made out to "Y's Men International (ASLF)" to their RSD, who after recording, would send check to ASD for depositing.**
- 1984 Remitted 10% of annual contributions and "Dollars for Scholars" to International ASLF as start-up funds for International.
- 1986 Policy Statement, dated June 1, 1986, dealing with ASLF Finances, Applications, Disbursements, Duties (ASLF Personnel), RSD, ASD, ISD, presented to Council by ASD Del Thurber.
- 1990 Local scholarships given by a club must be reported to their state government and do not use ASLF as the contributor. Their own club name must be used, its an IRS requirement.
- 1992 Applications will be reviewed each May 1 and October 1.
- 1993 **Alex Fund Trustees serve a 3 year staggered term. Each AP appoints a Trustee.**
- 1994 The A.S.L.F. Alexander Scholarship Loan Fund's Endowment Fund, the Perpetual Fund, was established by the A.S.L.F. Trustees and approved by the U.S. Area Council.
- 1994 All initial inquiries for applications for the A.S.L.F. or Dollars for Scholars will be handled through the U.S. Area Y's Men's Office.
- 1994 The Alexander Scholarship Fund Trustees in a Trustee meeting on November 19, 2004 voted to remove the AREA TREASURER from any responsibilities with the Trust Fund leaving all financial transactions with a Trustee appointed Treasurer.
- 1998 Revised the 1994 US Area Policy & Practices statement to read " all inquires for applications for ASLF or Dollars for scholars will be handled by the ASLF ASD.
- 1998 The 1980 and 1984 policy statements are clarified. **The 10% sent to the International PWASF. each year is from contributions sent to the ASLF and does not include contributions to Dollars to Scholars.**
- 1998 Students applying for ASLF information should be required to submit the appropriate postage for a two-ounce letter as authorized by the Trustees on a trial basis in 1996 and continued for 1997.
- 1999 Adopted ASLF policy changes as follows:  
Delete: The Trustees and ASD are not to exceed expending of preceding year's income  
Insert: **Funds expended for scholarships and for operating expenses shall not exceed the total amount collected as income or contributions of the prior year.**  
Delete: An annual audit may be performed by the US Area Council at their discretion.  
Insert: **An audit shall be provided to the US Area Council at anytime upon their request.**
- 2004 (1) Area Council 2004 voted to **change the name from Alexander Scholarship Loan Fund to Alexander Scholarship Fund.**  
(2) **In the year 2005, Aurora University will assume the responsibility of screening scholarship applications and awarding scholarship grants to candidates who are in their last two years of university training for YMCA careers. The U.S. Area of Y's Men International will send to the University a block of money to be used for these scholarship grants.**  
(3) **Candidates endorsed by a Y's Men's Club, but not receiving their training toward a YMCA career at George Williams College of Aurora University, may request an Alexander Scholarship Loan by submitting an application to the ASD for the Alexander Scholarship Fund and the Scholarship Review Committee.**
- 2005 **The 2005 U.S. Area Council reaffirmed the Dollars for Scholars donation receiving tribute in the publication, Y's Alliance, is not based on any amount of dollars set by Area Council policy. The Alexander Scholarship Fund ASD may make suggestions to the membership with accompanying rationale.**

- 2010 **The U.S. Area Alexander Scholarship Fund ASD and Trustees have begun working with Springfield College in Massachusetts for selecting scholarship, candidates using the same standard established with Aurora University.**
- 2015 At the U.S Area July 2015 Council Meeting the questions were raised as to why the Alexander Scholarship Funds need to be in a Trust and why do we have all funds being sent to our Chief Financial Officer (CFO), except the Alexander Scholarship Funds which has its own Treasurer.
- 2015 **The 2015 July Council Meeting approved an action to dissolve the Trust by June 30, 2016 with an appointed Committee to develop a plan to have the ASD and Trustees manage the Funds under the supervision of the U.S Area Council rather being an identity of itself with its own accounts, its own Treasurer and its own account depositing name.**
- Therefore, beginning July 1, 2016, all funds for the three Alexander Scholarship Funds would be deposited under the authority of the Area Chief Financial Officer as well as the writing of all checks. All checks received for deposit in any of the U.S Area program funds shall be written to Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL-U.S. AREA.**
- (Refer to Area Council – Year 2015)
- 2016 Final action on the dissolving the Trust has not been completed.
- 2017 **Final action was taken by the AREA COUNCIL to establish the process approved in 2015 on the basis that the Trust gives the U. S. Area Council authority over the Trust and can make any necessary and appropriate changes.**
- (1) **The Council restored the position U.S. AREA TREASURER to be involved with the Alexander Scholarship Funds.**
- (2) **The Council authorized the Trust Funds being used for Scholarship transactions to be withdrawn from their Trust bank accounts and to be deposited into other Alexander Scholarship Funds bank accounts established by the AREA TREASURER who will be able to make appropriate deposits and approved withdrawals in cooperation with the ASD.**
- (3) **The Trustees and ASD will continue to be responsible for the management of the several Alexander Scholarship Funds investment accounts.**
- (Refer to Area Council -- Year 2017)
- 2017 **Based the 2017 Area Council action, the U. S. Area Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will be and continue to be the appointed Treasurer of the Alexander Scholarship Funds. ( The Trustees and the ASD will continue to manage the investments.**
- ( Refer to Area Council Meeting & Chief Financial Officer– Year 2017)

## 2. ARCHIVES

- 2003 **The International Archives Committee has developed some guidelines to assist everyone as to what is appropriate to save in archives.** Ref. Guidelines for Retaining Historical Records.  
The Area Ad Hoc Committee, Chaired by Claude Bewell, was requested to continue to study and make a recommendation of what to do with active recent US Area records.
- 2017 The Archives has a storage box for Area USA items and a storage box for each Region whether the items are recent or older items. Records that may be of value several years from now can be saved, such as a bulletin with unique project and/or the list of the officers that year or a brochure listing all of the charter members.

## 3. AREA BANNER

- 1989 Area Council authorized revisions to U.S. Banner to **delete all unauthorized logos and symbols, in particular the copyrighted YMCA “Y” which includes the Y’s Men triangle.**

#### 4. AREA EQUIPMENT

- 2003 All equipment owned by the US Area to be identified, located, valued and assigned to the custodian of such equipment.
- (1) **All equipment purchased with US Area funds are to be identified**, located and the custodian of such equipment identified.
  - (2) The US Area CFO is responsible for establishing an equipment list. The US Area CS will assist the USA CFO as required in the maintenance of the equipment list.
  - (3) The USA funded equipment list shall contain, as a minimum, the following information:
    - A. Equipment identification and value (cost, depreciation)
    - B. Location
    - C. Custodian
  - (4) The current custodian of USA funded equipment shall transfer such equipment to his/her successor upon termination of their current position. Notification of such transfer of equipment will be forwarded to the US Area AP, CFO and CS.
  - (5) **The USA CFO shall keep on file the USA funded equipment list**, notices of transfer, and other pertinent data. (\* Reference US Area By-Laws: Article XI, Section 8 and Paragraph 4.
  - (6) Equipment is defined hardware and/or software.
  - (7) **The USA funded equipment list shall be reviewed at the USA MYM** and any changes in custodianship, location or disposal shall be noted in the minutes of the MYM.
  - (8) Any substantial purchases of equipment requires approval of two of the following: Area President, Area President-elect, Immediate Past Area President, and/or the Area Council.
  - (9) **USA funded equipment may be loaned to other Areas within the International Association** of Y's Men's Clubs. The loan of such equipment, hardware, software, and any peripheral equipment must be approved by the US AP. The custodian of the subject equipment is responsible for transfer and retrieval of any loaned equipment and must notify the USA AP, CFO and Council Members of such loan actions.
- 2004 The office equipment dollars from items 1590 and 1600, on the US Area balance sheet, shall be eliminated. The equipment has been depreciated and the Area no longer has them.
- 2008 Budget items 190 (office equipment) and 191 (depreciation of office equipment) were removed from the U.S. Area financial balance sheet. (Refer to section Area Office, year 2008 and section Council Meetings, year 2008)
- 2011 Approval was given by the 2011 Area Council to purchase a new computer for the CFO that would include Quick Books, 2011 version. (Refer to section titled Council Meetings - Year 2011 )

#### 5. AREA OFFICE

- 1974 US Area shall maintain an Office at the Oak Brook, Illinois site..
- 1974 U.S. Area needs and supports a professional person.  
Jerry Heyl, former International Secretary General becomes the first US Area Executive Director.
- 1975 Jerry Heyl retired as U.S. Area Executive Director.
- 1975 Moved U.S. Area Office to U.S. National Council Headquarters at 291 Broadway, NYC.
- 1975 Ed Torrance appointed US Executive Director.
- 1976 Adopted Executive Director's guidelines.
- 1977 Boris Kazimiroff, Executive Director.
- 1978 U.S. Area Office with YMCA National Headquarters in New York City phased out. Area Office now at Area President's home.
- 1978 Harry Cummings to stock supply items in his home for sale to Clubs.
- 1979 Established U.S. Area Guidelines and U.S. Area Office Plan.

- 1979 Regions would receive free annually one box of each of Y's Men's International letterhead and envelopes.
- 1979 Approved sale of collator and magazine card machine worth about \$3000.
- 1979 Approved purchase of copy machine.
- 1980 U.S. Area Office to collect Regional, Area and International dues.  
Area Office will collect dues directly from clubs, return regional dues to regions and pay International dues by the deadlines of 15 November and 15 May.  
(Refer to sections – Dues 2008, Area Office 1991, Council Meetings 1980 and 1991)
- 1980 Pay \$100 monthly to Harry Cummings for supplies storage space in his home.
- 1980 Approved purchase of typewriter, additional telephone, chair and shelving.
- 1981 Funded movement of U.S. Area Office from Cummings home to Concordia Street, St. Paul, MN.
- 1981 **Set up accounting system whereby profits from Supply Office sales would be transmitted to the Area Treasurer on a monthly basis, with the Treasurer to make a monthly accounting of monies spent and received by both the Supply Office and the Treasurer.**
- 1982 Approved purchase of Russell Hampton inventory (previous supplier of Y's Men's supplies).
- 1982 Established budgeted Honorarium for manager of U.S. Area Supply Office.
- 1983 Howard Nordby was appointed U.S. Area Office Manager.
- 1984 Required Supply Office to inquire of RD's as to number of training packets needed for Club Officers.
- 1985 Hugh Kurtzman was appointed U.S. Area Office Manager.
- 1985 **Bills to be paid by U.S. Area Treasurer. All funds, except U.S. Area Supply Office operational funds, to be maintained by U.S. Area Treasurer.**
- 1985 Changed designation of U.S. Area Supply Office to U.S. Area Office.
- 1985 Authorized purchase of computer.
- 1985 Established Area Office Manager's job description.
- 1986 **Y's Alliance to provide space in each issue for Area Office to advertise items.**
- 1986 Area Office moved from Concordia Avenue, St. Paul, MN. to 13120 E. McGinty Road, Minnetonka, MN.
- 1988 Area Office computerized.
- 1989 Authorized purchase of FAX machine and two-line telephone system.
- 1990 Area Office moved from Minnetonka (see 1986) to 18340 Minnetonka Blvd Deephaven, MN. due to a loss of lease.
- 1991 **By action of the 1991 Area Council, the dues collection process was changed. Clubs are to send their dues to the Regional Treasurer, rather than to the Area Office.**  
(Refer to section -Area Office - Year 1980. Also, Refer to Dues - Years 1980 and 1991)
- 1995 Contract signed with "Trip With Me Travelers, Inc." for 1995-1996 to operate the US Area Office.  
Blanche Campbell, President, will be the Office Manager
- 1997 **Changed designation of US Area Office to US Area Supply Office.**
- 1997 The US Area Supply Office will be closed on August 31, 1997 until further notice.  
No orders accepted after August 15.
- 1997 **Many duties of the Area Office were transferred to the Corporate Secretary.** (Refer to section, Corporate Secretary, year 1997, for details)
- 1997 US Area Supply Office to be reopened in Muskegon, Michigan YMCA.  
Muskegon Y Service Club is to be the US Area Supply Office Manager.
- 1998 US Area Supply Office reopened by the Muskegon Y Service Club in February 1998.
- 2001 The 2001 Area Council approved the moving of the U.S. Area Supply Office from Muskegon, Michigan to Long Beach, California YMCA and the Long Beach Y's Men's Club.
- 2005 The U. S. Area approved renewal of an additional 5 year contract – 3 years with the option of two additional years
- 2010 The U. S Area approved a 5 year contract with the option of additional years.
- 2015 The U. S. Area approved another 5 year contract with Tibor Foki continuing as Supply Office Manager with as similar wording as previously done – a 3 year contact that can be extended by an additional 2 years.



- 2017 **The U.S Area Council approved a request from Tibor Foki, Supply Office Manager, to amend the 2015 contract to add the additional 2 year contract extension with Charl Foki signing the amended contract as the immediate new Supply Office Manager.**  
**(Refer to Sections - Council Meetings & Supply Office - Years, 2015, 2017 )**

## 6. AREA SERVICE DIRECTORS

- 1989 **Area Council approved Sioux Indian YMCA as an ongoing service project** and AP appointed an ASD for 1989-1990.
- 1989 Area Council approved YMCA World Service as an ongoing service project and appointed Maurice Burchfield of Salem as an ASD for 1989-1990.
- 2003 **ASDs will use the Control Transmittal sheet**, developed by Past CFO Bob Kuhawa, to monitor the transmission of funds they are handling.
- 2006 The responsibilities of the Community Service was expanded to include the title of Community Outreach/**Disaster Response Director**. Part of community service is not only being involved in our communities outside of the YMCA, but also **reaching out to communities trying to overcome disasters with teams of Y's Men and Women in cooperation with the YMCAs giving assistance.** Past Area President, McKinley Johnson was appointed to be the first ASD with this expanded responsibility. He was, also, charged with the responsibility to develop procedural guidelines. (Refer to Section, - Council Meetings, year 2006, for Council approved guidelines.)
- (1) To coordinate relief efforts, both present and future, with the YMCA of the USA.
  - (2) Develop relief teams to spend a minimum of service of one week at a disaster site.
  - (3) Develop at least one or more teams throughout the USA of various Y's Men and Women from members of our Regions.
  - (4) Quarters will be provided by the YMCA, or others, when we provide volunteer service.
  - (5) Transportation and a food stipend will be paid to team members by the U.S. Area.
  - (6) The most economical and prudent form of transportation will be utilized, including the rental of vans to convey the group.
  - (7) The group, on consultation with the Director, will select a group leader responsible for logistics and other managerial tasks as needed.
  - (8) The Director will provide information to the U.S. Area Public Relations ASD
  - (9) A letter will be sent to Regional Directors asking them to cooperate by soliciting at least two members from their Region who are willing to be on a disaster relief team.
  - (10) Each member of a team will submit to the Director a report within 10 days, with a copy to their RD, of the volunteer assistance trip experience.
  - (11) The group leader will sign on appropriate approval forms for reimbursements using Discretionary Funds. He/she will submit a report, to the Director, on the volunteer work accomplished and the work ethic of each member of the team.
- 2007 The first sentence of the 2006 Community Service entry, above, concerning new responsibilities, was more clearly defined in the following sentence: **The roles of the Community Service Director and Community Outreach/Disaster Response Director are to be two separate service appointments** (Refer to Section -Council Meetings, years 2006 and 2007 )
- 2009 **Area Council modified the following Area Service Director Titles:**
- (1) Web Master to become **IT/Web Master**.  
It is Information Technology or Technician.
  - (2) Extension to become **Extension/YES Program**  
YES is a new International Program that raises funds specifically to support extension.
- 2013 The 2013 International Council approved a motion that the **Area President is to receive a copy of all communications by the International Service Director** to their respective **Area Service Directors**, so the AP can help follow-up if necessary.

## 7. AUDIT

- 1980 Established audit of the books of the Supply Office and Treasurer.
- 1981 Established budget line item for audit cost.
- 1984 Required reimbursement requests be documented with vouchers, paid receipts, etc.
- 1984 Established Oversight Committee to assist Treasurer in accomplishment of duties, and to review budget and expenditures.
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- 1984 Required U.S. Area Treasurer to pay all bills, and maintain all funds, except the Supply Office Operational Fund.  
(For additional audit information, refer to section titles of Budget Oversight Officer and Committees.)
- 1992 U.S. Area books are to be audited every two years. (Refer to section 13 on Chief Financial Officer)
- 2003 The US Area will conduct an internal audit of the US Area financial records by three qualified club members or Regional Treasurers.
- 2005 The internal audit was completed and reported to the Area Council.
- 2007 **Audits are to be in compliance with I.R.S. code/federal regulations.**
- 2007 **An audit needs to be done at the end of the Chief Financial Officer's (CFO) term or at least every four years, which ever is first.** (Refer to section on Council Meetings - Year 2007)
- 2012 An internal audit of the U.S. Area financial records was conducted on February 25, 2012 and reported to the Area Council July 12-14, 2012. The members of the audit team were William Scott, Rod Kellenberger and David Coleman. They met at the home of Gene Koester, the present Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- 2012 The Audit Committee made the following recommendation for making payments and management of the U.S. Area check writing records. The Executive Committee will study them and make policy recommendations to the Council "as edited by the Executive Committee."
- Non Reimbursement Expenses
1. Can only pay from ORIGINAL Receipts.
  2. Can use Spreadsheet for International Office "program" payments.
- Expense Reimbursement Voucher Form: U.S. Area
1. Form must be completely filled out and signed by the U.S. President or e-mail confirmation initiated by the Treasurer.
  2. Attach ORIGINAL Receipts for all items other than mileage.
  3. Attach Google Map or Map Quest showing home address to address of meeting showing the mileage being requested. "Documentation or other confirmed mileage information will be made before payment."
  - 4.
- Writing of Checks
1. Due to major distances separating the officers, one signature is sufficient.
  2. Treasurer, before writing a check, must e-mail U.S. Area President a request to pay with the U.S. Area President's response noted on the same request for all Non-Reimbursement Expenses.
  3. Must have Expense Reimbursement Form signed, "or e-mail confirmation", by the U.S. Area President.
  4. Attach check stub to paperwork in the following order:
    - a. Check stub
    - b. Approval e-mail or Expense Reimbursement Form
    - c. Original Receipts
- Changing of Previously Written Check or Deposit
1. DO NOT void or delete.
  2. Use the date you are making the change and enter the amount of correction into the appropriate column. In the memo section write an explanation and use the same Account Number. This will maintain a historical record of all that has transpired.
  3. To remove an old outstanding check, enter the current date, use same check #, use same account #, under memo enter - Removing An Old Outstanding Check - and enter as a deposit. These two items will not appear on the Bank Statement so you simply click both items to remove them from the outstanding list.
- Check Stubs and Voided Checks
1. Keep all check in numerical order with most recent on top.
  2. Ruined checks: Keep entire check, tearing off the signature block and file in numerical order with the check stubs.

2013 The Executive Committee agreed to keep the complete audit report as recommendations, plus the added wording quoted in "astericks".

## 8. AWARDS

- 1981 **Boots Faubion Award was established to honor an outstanding YMCA Executive at each Area convention beginning with the 1981 Area convention.**
- (1) This Award is presented to a full time or retired YMCA Professional who has given outstanding and significant contributions to Y'sdom. Important factors to be considered include: leadership, dedication, service to the Y's Men's movement.
  - (2) Nominations may be submitted to the U.S. Area Service Awards ASD. The designee will be determined by a ballot vote of the U.S. Area Awards Committee.
  - (3) The award consists of a plaque and hospitality at the U.S. Area Convention, which is held very two years.
- 1983 U.S. Area gave up Henry Grimes Award so that International could have a Regional Directors Award.
- 1988 **New U.S. Area "Henry Grimes Award" for outstanding RD approved by Council, along with criteria, to replace International Award.**
- 1988 **Clubs earning U.S. Area Service Awards have the option of receiving a patch, certificate or date pin, beginning with 1988-1989 year.**
- 1989 Henry Grimes Award report form revised to require filing with AP no later than June 30. (Previously required by July 15).
- 1993 It was recommended that Awards information be sent to the RDs, as well as the Club Presidents.
- 1993 Motion was passed to establish a new position "Data base Management" whose primary function would be collection, consolidation and decimation of statistical and ideological information. This is to be a volunteer position.
- 1994 **US Area Council established a Brotherhood Fund Award called the "AL JONGEWAARD MEMORIAL AWARD"** in recognition of Al Jongewaard's long and dedicated service to the Brotherhood Fund as US Area Philatelist. (Refer to Brotherhood Fund, year 1994)
- 1999 Henry Grimes Award report form was revised to be more up to date with present practices, to standardize the point system and to make it more easily used.
- 1999 Time of Fast Awards established. (Refer to Time of Fast, year 1999, for details).
- 2000 Changed the date to June 15 for Regional Directors to submit the Henry Grimes Award completed Award Form to the Area President.
- 2002 Element I of the Honor Bulletin Criteria is revised to add; 4 points will be awarded for those bulletins being published via Email.
- 2007 **By action of the U.S. Area Council, the established practice concerning the financial obligations related to the awarding of the Boots Faubion Award, was made into a written policy.**
- (1) **The U.S Area budget will pay for the travel of the recipient to attend the Area Convention to receive the Award.**
  - (2) **The U.S. Area Convention budget will pay for the registration and lodging of the recipient.**
- 2007 **Time of Fast Awards system updated.** (Refer to section Time Of Fast, year 2007 for details)
- 2010 **Time of Fast name was changed to TIME OF FAST GLOBAL PROJECT FUND.**

(Refer to section titled - Time Of Fast - year 2010 )

## 9. BROTHERHOOD FUND

- 1978 Established committee to receive BF Delegate applications and make selection.
- 1980 U.S. Area Discretionary Funds restricted for travel by those not at Regional Office level.  
(Refer to the 2003 statement below and to the 2003 Discretionary Fund entries for clarification)
- 1982 Established Discretionary Fund policy.
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- 1983 **Established procedure wherein Clubs will remit contributions by check made out to Y's Men International (BF) to their RSD, who would record and send to the ASD, who would record and deposit.**
- 1989 Regarding Discretionary Fund application: Delete "during July & January" from 5.1 and "On 1 August and 1 February" from 5.4 criteria. Applications will be accepted anytime.
- 1994 **U.S. Area Council established a Brotherhood Fund award called the Al Jongewaard Memorial Award in recognition of Al Jongewaard's long and dedicated service to the Brotherhood Fund** as U.S. Area Philatelist. (Refer to Award, year 1994)
- 1996 US Area ICMs will move that the BF policy, Para. 5.1 be revised to the 1992 policy with elimination of points/kilo proviso (Not approved by the International Council).
- 1997 US Area ICMs to move that the US Area be reinstated to the former plan of counting stamps turned in and not stamps sold. (Not approved by the International Council).
- 2001 Brotherhood Fund contributions (checks) should be made out to "Y's Men International-US Area. This was done to make the BF contributions consistent with contributions to other funds.
- 2003 To be consistent with instructions on other US Area materials, the 1980 statement above, should have read "below the Regional Office level." **The 2003 Area Council, by action of a motion, made an additional clarification as to exactly who is eligible for BF Discretionary Funds.**  
(Refer to Discretionary Fund, year 2003, for details)
- 2004 U.S. Area BF Policy up-dating was completed by PAP Al Jacques and approved by the Area Council.
- 2010 The corporate name for Area USA has been changed to Y Service Clubs International-US Area. Therefore, **all Brotherhood Fund contribution checks are to be made payable to Y Service Clubs International – US Area.** (Refer to Area Council meeting, year 2010 and Section on Contributions, year 2010.
- 2013 **For individuals interested in being a BF delegate, the 2013 International Council changed the upper age limit from age 75 to be age 65, at the time of the application deadline.**
- 2013 The International Council established a maximum of CHF 600 for each grant to attend an Area Convention.
- 2017 **The 2017 International Council reversed their age limit set in 2013 and removed any age limit on being a BF delegate.**
- 2017 **The 2017 International Council changed the application process by removing the traditional paper application process. Application forms must be completed "on-line" by members interested in receiving a BF delegate grant.**

## 10. BUDGET OVERSIGHT/RESOURCE OFFICER

- 1984 Established Oversight Committee to assist the Treasurer in accomplishment of duties, and to review budget expenditures. (refer to section titles of Audit and Committees)

- 1999 Approved by the Area Council to change the appointed position of Budget Oversight Advisor to an appointed Area Office position, with the new title, **Budget Oversight Officer**. This appointment is made by each Area President, if he/she and the Chief Financial Officer believe the office is needed for the year.
- 2000 **The Budget Oversight Officer is a member of the Executive Committee.**
- 2005 Area Council approved an expanded title for Budget Oversight Officer. **The new title is Budget Oversight/Resource Officer.** effective immediately. The responsibilities of this title are to include the following:
- (1) **Budget Oversight Responsibilities.**
  - (2) **Develop and maintain the USA Area Leadership Roster.**
  - (3) **Maintain and update documents such as Policies & Procedures and Area By-Laws and other necessary documents.**
  - (4) **Provide necessary new documents and updated documents for the Area web site.**
- 2006 **By action of the 2006 Area Council, the Corporate Secretary responsibility of providing necessary new documents and updated documents to the Area web site has been transferred to the Budget Oversight/Resource Officer.** (Refer to Corporate Secretary, year 2005)

## 11. BULLETINS/PUBLICATIONS

- 1975 Publish U.S. Area Bulletin, "Y's Men Now", 6 issues each year to every member.
- 1977 Harry Cummings - "Y's Alliance" editor.
- 1978 The International bulletin, "Y's Men's World", to be distributed to the membership through RDs.
- 1982 Publicity for U.S. Area Conventions in Y's Alliance at \$150 per page. Postage paid by Y's Alliance.
- 1983 Beverly Klatt - editor Y's Alliance.
- 1983 Editor to receive bulk Y's Men's World for distribution to U.S. National YMCA Executive Directors by sending with the Y's Alliance.
- 1986 **Y's Alliance to provide space for U.S. Area Office to advertise merchandize for sale.**
- 1987 Kay Lindner - "Y's Alliance" editor.
- 1988 James Sargent - "Y's Alliance" editor.
- 1990 Claude Bewell - "Y's Alliance" editor.
- 1993 "YS ALLIANCE" will move to 5 issues. 3 will be sent to YMCAs (issues 1,3,5) All Y's Men club members will receive all 5 issues.
- 1995 **"YS ALLIANCE" will reduce to 4 issues.** 2 will be sent to YMCAs. All club members will receive all 4 issues.
- 2003 The US Area will discontinue circulation of the Y's Alliance to YMCA executives.
- 2003 **All mailings of the Y's Alliance is now being done by use of the Bar Codes with addresses.** It is being done with the assistance of Fred Leonard, Executive Director of the Hot Springs YMCA, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- 2004 **A committee was appointed by the Area President to develop guidelines for organizations and individuals to place advertisements in the Y's Alliance.**
- 2005 The Area President has appointed the committee to complete the guidelines for placing advertisements in the Y's Alliance.
- 2010 **Fred Leonard became the Y's Alliance" editor.** Claude Bewell was editor for twenty years.

## 12. CHARTERING

- 1974 Set new club chartering fee at \$100. (Refer to Dues and Fees, year 1974)
- 1975 Cancelled new club charter fee and member initiation fee.

- 1978 Charter dues at \$100, \$75 to region, \$25 to Area.  
 1979 Requires a minimum of twenty members to charter.  
 1979 If a club is chartered between July 1 and December 31, it pays dues the first time next the April. If a club is chartered between January 1 and June 31, it pays dues the first time in October (NOTE: In 1986 Secretary General disallowed this procedure requiring clubs chartered from July through September to pay dues on October 1. In essence, it requires dues to be paid for any new club at the next dues date).  
 1980 **New clubs pay dues next semester after chartering.**  
 1982 Recommends 20 members for new clubs - 30 members if coed.  
 1986 Proper procedures for handling \$100 Charter Fee: Send \$25 to Area Office initially, then send \$75 to Area Office with the "Intent to Charter". Area Treasurer will send \$75 to Region.
- 1989 **International Council established an International Charter Fee of Sfr 100, to be charged against all clubs being proposed for charter as a Y's Men's Club. Area and/or Regions may assess additional fees.**  
 1989 Charter Fee of \$100 to be paid to Area Office and Area Office will pay International Fee from funds collected. \$75 will no longer be returned to the Region.  
 1992 Request forms for chartering a club should be requested early in order to do an adequate job.  
 1993 Charter amount to be sent to U.S. Area and at the time of chartering, monies will be reimbursed to the club.  
 1994 The \$100 charter fee to be sent to the US Area will not be reimbursed  
 1994 **Requires a minimum of fifteen members to charter, as per the International Council.**  
 2013 **By action of the 2013 International Council, the Charter Fee was increased from 100 CHF (Swiss Francs) to 200 CHF (Swiss Francs).**

### 13. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

- 1992 US Area books are to be formally audited every 2 years. (Refer to section 7 - Audit)  
 1993 **Use the Expense Voucher. Every expenditure must have a receipt attached. The voucher is sent to the AP for his signature and approval and then to the CFO for payment. Submit receipts in a timely manner.**  
 1993 **If a team member is not in the budget, submit a request in writing to the AP. If a team member gives a task to someone not on the team, get the form and be sure there is money for reimbursement ahead of time.**  
 2002 The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to "write off" the old uncollectable accounts receivable of the US Area Supply office.  
 2007 **U.S. Area books will be audited at the end of a CFO's term of office, or at least every four years, which every is first.** (Refer to year 1992 above and the section on Auditing- year 2007)  
 2011 Because the new fiscal year begins on April 1, two and one-half months prior to a U.S. Area Council meeting, the CFO and the Area President recommended that the next year's budget process begin in January with the Executive Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting. Secondly, a telephone conference in February with the RDs/RDEs to approved a tentative budget prepared by the CFO. Thirdly, final approval would be at the July U.S. Area Council meeting.  
 (Refer to section - Council Meeting 2011 )  
 2012 (Refer to the audit report of 2012 and 2013)  
 2017 **Based the 2017 Area Council action, the U. S. Area Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will be and continue to be the appointed Treasurer of the Alexander Scholarship Funds. ( The Trustees and the ASD will continue to manage the investments.**  
 ( Refer to Alexander Scholarship Funds & Area Council- Year 2017)

## 14. CLUBS IN GOOD STANDING

- 1979 Requires a minimum of twenty members to charter.
- 1988 "Club in Good Standing" required standard for voting in International elections. Recommended that U.S. Area follow same guidelines.
- 1988 **International Council, meeting in Kyoto July 1988, voted to establish the following minimum Club membership:**  
 1988-89 - 94% Paid members for 3 semesters-9 members minimum  
 1989-90 - 94% Paid members for 3 semesters - 11 members minimum  
**1990-91 - 94% Paid members for 3 semesters - 15 members minimum**
- 1989 Area Council sent resolution to International Council (meeting in Madras) requesting 1988 directive, regarding minimum numbers of members, be rescinded or delayed in order to allow the U.S. Area to prepare an alternative plan for membership promotion.
- 1989 International Council, meeting in Madras, agreed to delay requirement of minimum of 11 members until 1990- 91. International Constitution guidelines 908 states that the minimum number of club members required for International voting privileges shall be nine (9) for 1989-90, eleven (11) for the year 1991-92 and thirteen (13) for 1992-93 and each year thereafter.
- 1996 The US Area will support keeping Article 909 in the International Constitution.
- 2005 **It was reaffirmed by the U.S. Area Council that clubs, to be in good standing for U. S. Area voting purposes on the Area Council and/or by individual club ballots, must be current in their payment of Area dues, as per the U.S. Area By-Laws.**  
 (Refer to Section titled Voting, year 2005)
- 2017 Clubs still need at least 15 members to vote in International elections. **The exemption process for clubs below 15 members to gain International voting privilege has been eliminated.**  
 (Refer to Area Council Meetings -- Year 2017)

## 15. COMMITTEES

- 1984 Established an Oversight Committee to assist the Treasurer in accomplishment of duties, and to review budget and expenditures. (Refer to sections on Audit and Budget Oversight Officer)
- 1996 **Composition of the Executive Committee will include AP, APE, PAP, CFO, and Corporate Secretary**  
**Composition of the Budget Committee will include three current RDs appointed by the AP for the duration of the Area Council meeting.**  
YMCA-Y's Men Liaison Task Force is composed of the three immediate PAPs. Each year, the Immediate PAP will serve as the Chair.
- 2000 A Search Committee was established and is composed of the three immediate APs. Each year, the IPAP will serve as the Chair. (refer to Section on Voting, year 2000)
- 2003 The Area Council changed the Chairperson of the Search Committee from the immediate past Area President to the second year past Area President.
- 2003 The Area Council confirmed that the Committee Chairperson of the Liaison To YMCA-USA the first year immediate past Area President. (Refer to section YMCA Liaison, year 2003)
- 2003 The Area Executive Officers, at the January 2004 Mid-Year Executive Meeting, accepted the concept of the third year past Area President being the Y's Men's World Assistant Editor for the USA. This person becomes the Area Promotion Coordinator for the Y's Men's World. (This item is for information purposes since it coordinates with the two 2003 entries immediately above.)
- 2006 **With the Clubs voting to change the U.S. Area By-Laws making the U.S Area President's term of office two years, it requires a slight wording change for the past Area Presidents' duties described in the above Year 2003 items under Committees.**

- (1) The Committee Chairperson for the Liaison to YMCA-USA shall be the Immediate Past Area President, serving two consecutive years.
- (2) The second Immediate Past Area President shall be Chairperson of the Search Committee, serving two consecutive years.
- (2) The next, or third immediate Past Area President, shall be the Y's Men's World Assistant Editor, serving two consecutive years.

## 16. CONTRACTS - FINANCES

- 1994 Unbudgeted Expenses - Adopted by U.S. Area Council.  
Any individual needing to expend unbudgeted expenses will follow certain procedures:
- (1) The individual will communicate the idea and proposal in writing with all members of the U.S. Area Executive Committee and the U.S. Area Council.
  - (2) The approval of the U.S. Area Council must be in writing.
- (3) Failure to obtain the approval in writing will mean that the contract is not binding on the U.S. Area.
- (4) Approval means 51% of the vote as defined in the By-Laws for the Area Council - each R.D. will have its respective number of votes based on eligible clubs.
- 1994 Conflict of Interest statement was adopted by U.S. Area Council.
- 1995 Any approved contracts by the US Area Council must be signed by the US Area President and the Area Corporate Secretary, per By-Laws Article XI, Sec-8 for the contract to be binding.

## 17. CONVENTIONS

- 1975 First U.S. Area Convention to be held in 1977 at Lake Geneva, WI, and in odd number years thereafter to offset International Conventions held in even number years.
- 1977 Area Convention profits or deficits to U.S. Area. (Refer to Conventions – Year 1990)
- 1978 Selected Amarillo, TX for 1979 convention.
- 1980 Selected Asheville, NC for 1981 convention.
- 1981 Selected San Jose, CA for 1983 convention.
- 1982 Selected Kona, HI for 1985 convention.
- 1983 Supported, financially, the first Africa Area Convention (\$500).
- 1984 Selected Boston, MA for 1987 convention.
- 1985 Selected Great Falls, MT for 1989 convention
- 1987 Selected San Antonio, TX for 1991 convention.
- 1989 Selected Monterey, CA for 1993 convention.
- 1995 Convention was in St Louis
- 1989 Preparing for the 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY in 1997.  
The idea to have the U.S. Area Convention and International Council Meeting in Atlantic City, NJ in 1997 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Y'sdom was presented by ICM Edgar Engart. The AP appointed a Task Force to investigate the possibility of having a Y's Men's commemorative stamp printed to celebrate the anniversary year, 1997. A motion passed to ask all clubs in the U.S. Area to contribute \$100 per year to fund to help defray the expense of an anniversary celebration in 1997.
- 1990 International Council has a committee to celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. U.S. Area is still pursuing possibility to hold celebration in Atlantic City. Commemorative stamp request to be submitted later per U.S. Postal Service recommendation.
- 1990 \$1,000 added to budget as a cash advance for 1993 U.S. Area Convention.
- 1990 The U.S. Area assumes financial responsibilities for U.S. Area Conventions. Profits or losses to be those of U.S. Area. Convention budgets are to be approved by U.S. Area Council. The CFO, and AP, or his/her appointee are to be a member of Convention Committee.



- 1990 \$1,000.00 budgeted as a cash advance for 1993 Area Convention.
- 1990 Regions are not required to reimburse the Area Treasury \$100 for Area Officers to attend a Region Convention. Policy to continue until funds are no longer available.
- 1991 Regional Director can request exemptions directly from AP.
- 1992 Area should pay partial registration and full travel and the Region should pick up the rest. (It is Region's responsibility to see that RD attends.)
- 1992 Convention booth is to be stored in Area office. It may be requested by paying freight costs back and forth.
- 1992 **Hosting conventions should be rotated through the Regions.**
- 1993 When arranging for travel, one should look for the cheapest fare. If a layover is required that is part of the cost, though better to take a trip that does not have a layover. Meals are not covered.
- 1993 ASDs should be invited to the Council Meetings as it is important in providing motivation.
- 1993 **Convention registration forms are not to be sexist in nature.**(The form used at the convention of PSWR in San Diego was considered excellent.)
- 1993 The Area pays convention costs of invited VIPs.
- 1993 Convention Committee expenses must come through the Chairman.
- 1993 **YMCA-USA has agreed to send a representative to every convention.**
- 1994 **Complimentary rooms, registration, meals, travel, cannot be transferred to a family member or friend and then claim reimbursement.**
- 1994 **All arrangements for the use of U.S. Area Convention facilities will be made through the U.S. Area Convention Chair/Committee.**
- 1995 Selected Kona, Hawaii for the 1999 AC.
- 1997 **U.S. Area/ Area Canada Convention in Toledo, the site of the first Y's Men's Club became the site of the International celebration of Y'sdom's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**
- 1998 Selected Bloomington, MN for the 2001 AC.
- 1999 Selected Southern California for the 2003 AC. Site TBD.
- 2001 The host club/region should request that Regional banners be brought to Area conventions. The host committee will be responsible to supply a means to display the banners.
- 2001 The Area Council approved a joint USA/CANADA convention for 2005.  
The site in Canada to be determined.
- 2001 Tentative approval was given to the South Atlantic Region to host the 2007 US Area convention.
- 2002 The host club/region of each Area Convention is to request that Regional banners be brought to the Area Convention. The Area Convention host committee will be responsible to supply a means to display the banners.
- 2003 The South Atlantic Region was given final approval to will host the 2007 US Area Convention in Charleston, SC July 12-15.
- 2003 **Regions will handle expenses of the Area Representative to Regional Conventions and the Brotherhood Fund grant delegate recipients the same. The hotel and registration fees, of the Area Representative and spouse, if the spouse is a full convention participant, and the BF grant delegate recipient, are covered by the Regional Convention. The US Area budget covers the travel expenses of the Area representative to the Regional Convention.**
- 2003 **The US Area President, or designee, shall not attend other Area Conventions at US Area budget expense.** (Refer to the section titled Officials, year 2003)
- 2003 Area Canada reported that the **2005** Joint Canada/USA Area Convention will be July 21-24 at a university campus on Prince Edward Island.
- 2004 **The US Area will subsidize the cost of the US Area Youth Representative to attend the US Area Convention/Youth Convocation and the International Convention/Youth Convocation, not to exceed \$500 annually.** (Refer to section on Youth, year 2004)
- 2007 North Atlantic Region is exploring the possibility of hosting the 2009 USA Area Convention in Philadelphia.
- 2008 North Atlantic Region was having difficulty finding suitable Convention sites. Pacific Central Region and the Pacific Southwest Region agreed to look for a suitable site for the 2009 Area Convention. The University of California - Santa Barbara campus was the agreed upon site, but later the Convention for 2009 was cancelled because of poor national economic conditions and a lack of interest by the general membership to attend the Convention.
- 2009 The Area Council approved St. Louis, Missouri as the host for the 2011 U.S Area Convention.

- 2010 The 2010 Area Council approved the 2011 Area Convention dates of July 7-10, 2011.
- 2011 Approval was given to have a 2013 Area Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. There will be no sponsoring region. For 2013, the Area will provide the leadership rather than a specific region.
- 2011 Approval was given to explore the possibility of submitting a USA bid to host the 2016 International Convention with Hawaii as a potential site. (Refer to Council Meetings, Year 2011)
- 2011 Finn Pedersen, International President from Norway, announce to the U.S. Area Council the possibility of holding the 2022 100th anniversary International Convention in Toledo, Ohio, USA the birthplace of Y'sdom.
- 2012 Pacific Southwest Region took the leadership role for the 2013 U.S. Area Las Vegas Convention.
- 2014 The Area Council approved Grand Rapids, Michigan of the Mideast Region to host the 2015 U.S. Area Convention.
- 2016 Approved Las Vegas as the site for the 2017 Area Convention AUGUST 3-6, for the Areas of USA and CANADA/CARIBBEAN.
- 2017 The International Council prefers the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention to be held in the USA. Joan Wilson, Immediate Past International President (IPIP) and Debbie Redmond, Past Area President of Area USA ( PAP) were appointed to locate potential sites, dates, and arrangements that need to be made for a 2022 International Convention in the USA.
- 2017 The U. S. Area Council is urging Regions to help determine a site for the 2019 Area Convention.

## 18. CORPORATE SECRETARY

- 1997 Corporate Secretary's duties, as outlined in the U.S. Area By-Laws, Article XI, Section 8, were expanded to also include the following items that were being done previously by the US Area Office.
- (1) Maintain and send out club rosters and dues notices
  - (2) Distribute other mailings as requested by IHQ or Area Officers
  - (3) Maintain databases as required by Area Council.
  - (4) Provide club Presidents and member mailing labels as required.
  - (5) Mail official ballots upon request.
- 1999 An Area Club Roster secretary was appointed by the Area President to assume the duty of items #1, #3, and #4 listed above and originally given to the Corporate Secretary in 1999. (Refer to Roster Secretary-Club for additional information).
- 2001 The US Area By-laws to be changed to have the US Area Secretary serve a term of two years. (By-Laws Article XI, Section 8, 3-d). (Refer to the section titled, Incorporation, year 2001)
- 2003 The Corporate Secretary will identify and e-mail to the Webmaster, all of the policy and Practices changes as a result of Area Council actions that are in the Council minutes. (Refer to Websites, year 2003)
- 2005 The Corporate Secretary responsibility, added by action of the 2003 Council, is being transferred to the Budget Oversight/Resource Officer, as per action of the 2005 Area Council.

## 19. COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 1974 The first US Area Council meeting was held in Kansas City, October 19-20, 1974. The first U.S. Area President, Jim Mueller, (referred to as International Vice President, or IVP, in 1974) met with the Regional Directors of the 15 Regions.
- 1977 First biennial U.S. Area Convention held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Area Council Meetings are to be held in conjunction with these conventions.
- 1980 U.S. Area Office to collect Regional, Area and International dues. (Refer to Area Office – Year 1980, Dues Year 1980)
- 1981 Established budget for Council Meeting to include RDs, Area Officers, ICMs, and to fund approximately 50% of travel cost of RDEs and selected ASDs.
- 1981 Subsidized ASDs for room and board when attending Area Council Meeting.

- 1984 Established a per diem method of reimbursing Council members and guests for meal expenses during Council Meetings.
- 1987 Task Force appointed to study issue of who should be invited to attend Area Council Meetings, reimbursement procedures, etc. Report to 1988 Council.
- 1988 Attendance at Area Council Meetings shall be: Area Officers (AP, APE, PAP, CFO, CS, AOM, ICM) and all RDs are expected to attend, with all travel, food, and lodging expenses paid by the Area. RDEs and ASDs shall be invited to attend with 50% of travel, food and lodging expenses paid by the Area.
- 1989 RDEs who serve more than one term shall be reimbursed for only one Area Council Meeting.
- 1989 Budgeted an amount not to exceed \$500 for Leadership Training ASD to develop a video for RDE training.
- 1991 **By action of the 1991 Area Council, the dues collection process was changed. Clubs are to send their dues to the Regional Treasurer, rather than to the Area Office.**  
(Refer to Area Office - Year 1980 & 1991, Dues - Year 1980 & 1991)
- 1997 ICMs to move that the International constitution be changed (Amend W, Section 2) to read 2 or less members. (Thus, the present APE will become an 1CM when he/she becomes the AP).
- 1999 The FAMILY MEMBERSHIP POLICY was adopted. Paragraph 2 shall read: "one parent/legal guardian from the same family. (Refer to section, Dues & Fees., year 1999, for details)
- 1999 **The Area President can change any line item in the approved budget, but not to exceed 15%.**
- 1999 **All appointed Area Officers will have all travel, food and lodging expenses paid by the Area to attend Area Council meeting.**
- 1999 **For any non member of the Area Leadership Team, who has been invited to attend and participate in the Area Council meetings, the Area will pay all travel, food and lodging expenses.**
- 1999 **The Area will pay for all travel, food and lodging expenses for the Area Youth Representative to attend and participate in the US Area Council meeting.**
- 2001 **RDEs and ASDs shall be invited to attend Area Council meetings with 50% of travel paid by the Area. Food and lodging expenses during the Area Council meeting shall be paid by the Area. Lodging expenses are limited to one half of a shared room.**  
(Refer to this Area Council item policy change – Year 2013  
**By action of the 2013 Area Council, the wording in 2001 above was changed to say “the Area President MAY INVITE ASDs to the Area Council meeting” rather than “shall invite.”**)
- 2002 **Area Council established reimbursement process if a region has Co-Regional Directors.** (Refer to Council Meeting, Year 2013 and section titled Officers, year 2013 for updated policy details.)
- 2002 **Council minutes may be approved by e-mail.**
- 2003 Guidelines for the use of electronic (e-mail) process to approve minutes were accepted.
- 2003 Area and Regional financial responsibilities for Area Representative and spouse as well as BF delegates attending Regional Conventions were clarified. (Refer to Section on Convention year 2003 for details)
- 2003 **The Area Council reaffirmed that the Area Supply Office is not a profit making enterprise. It is a service to provide basic supplies for our members and clubs. Prices are to pay for the cost of items and shipping charges. There is no profit mark-up on items.**  
(Refer to section -Council Meetings – Year 2003)
- 2004 **Guidelines for subsidizing Youth Representative to Conventions were established.**  
(Refer to section on Conventions Year 2004 and section on Youth-Year 2004 for details)
- 2004 **All Y's Men International-U.S. Area forms shall have the latest revision date at the bottom of the form.**
- 2006 The Area Council approved guidelines for the expanded role of Area Community Service to include an ASD to be the Community Outreach/Disaster Response Director. (Refer to Section, Area Service Directors, year 2006 for the rationale explanation and the Council Approved Guidelines for the Community Outreach/Disaster Response Director)
- 2007 The sentence in the 2006 entry above, concerning new responsibilities, was more clearly defined by the following statement: **The roles of the Community Service Director and Community Outreach/Disaster Response Director are to be two separate ASD assignments.**  
(Refer to Area Service Director, years 2006 and 2007)

- 2007 Updated the Audit guidelines. (Refer to Audit - Year 2007)
- 2008 The Area Council approved the changing of the Reimbursement rate from 30 cents per mile to the IRS mileage rate standard. (Refer to Council Meeting, Year 2010, for rate change)
- 2008 The following financial bookkeeping account item changes were approved by the Council:
- (1) Items numbered 250 (Emergency Fund) and 700 (Calamity Fund for Y's Men) were combined under one line item, number 250.
  - (2) Items numbered 190 (office equipment) and 191 (depreciation of office equipment) were removed from the accounting balance sheets. (Refer to section Supply Office Year 2008)
- 2008 The Area Council approved the support for Y's International's cooperative project with the United Nations, "Roll Back Malaria." ,for the year 2008-2009. (Refer to section, National Project, year 2008, for details.
- 2009 The family membership policy approved in 1999 has been replaced. **The new youth/young adult membership dues guidelines, established by the 2008 International Council for International dues, were adopted by the Area Council to apply to U.S. Area Dues. The new guidelines provide for members ages 25 and under to pay 50 % of the regular International membership dues.**
- 2009 The U.S Area Council added one exception to the dues fee for persons age 25 and under. **A minimum age guideline for a U.S. Area youth/young adult to pay the 50% U.S. Area youth/young adult dues was established to be age 13.** Therefore, any club with members under age 13 would only list these members as youth members on their local club roster and would not list them, nor count them on the club rosters created for the U.S. Area.  
(Refer to section, Dues and Fees - year 2009)
- 2009 The U.S. Area Council has recommended to the 2009 International Council that the International Constitution Guideline be amended to include Y Service Clubs International as a legal organizational name for Y'sdom and, also, allow the triangle emblem words Y Service Clubs be used in place of Y's Men's Club.
- 2009 **The 2009 International Council approved the use of Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL as a legal organizational name, but did not approve the use of a new name in the triangle logo.**
- 2010 **The U.S. Area Council approved, by e-mail ballot, to change the U.S. Area fiscal year to be the same as the newly established International fiscal year of April 1 to March 31. It was set to become effective with the 2010 February 1 membership count and fiscal reporting in preparation for the beginning of the new fiscal year on April 1.**  
(Refer to section entitled Fiscal Year - Year 2010)
- 2010 **U.S. Area Council 2010 approved having the Area President invite RDs, serving a two year term, to attend RDE training during their second year as RD with 50% of travel paid from the Area budget. Food expenses during the RDE training shall be paid by the Area with lodging expenses limited to one-half of a shared room.**  
(Refer to this Area Council Meeting item policy change– Year 2013)  
**By action of the 2013 Area Council, the 2010 wording in 2010 above was changed to indicate the Area President MAY INVITE TWO YEAR TERM, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR RDs to RDE training,** rather than the 2010 wording of “having the Area President invite RDs serving a two year term to attend RDE training their second year”
- 2010 **U.S. Area Council 2010 approved the use of the name Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL- U.S. AREA as the new corporate constitutional name in the USA, pending approval of the member clubs.**
- 2010 **Approval was given by the Clubs in the USA, through a mail ballot vote, to accept the name of Y SERVICE CLUBS INTERNATIONAL- U.S. AREA as the new corporate and constitutional name to use in the USA.** (Refer to section, Corporation, year 2010)
- 2011 The following items were approved by the 2011 Area Council
- (1) A \$4.00 U. Area membership dues increased was approved, effective April 1, 2012.  
(Refer to section titled Dues and Fees, year 2011)
  - (2) Approval was given to explore the possibility of submitting a USA bid to host the 2016 International Convention with Hawaii as a potential site.  
(Refer to section titled Conventions, year 2011)

- (3) Approval was given to purchase a new computer for the CFO that would include Quick Books, 2011 version. (Refer to section titled Area Equipment, year 2011 )
  - (4) The CFO is to explore the possibility of members making Y's Men International program donations on-line, using the credit card.
  - (5) **Area Supply Office will begin Charging sales tax on items sold. The Officer Manager will do the State Sales Tax paperwork.**
  - (6) The Council Approved the write-off of the value of pins that do not sell in the Supply Office.
- 2011 Because the new fiscal year begins on April 1, three and one-half months prior to a U.S. Area Council meeting, the CFO and the Area President recommended that the next year's budget process begin in January with the Executive Committee at the Mid-Year Meeting. **Secondly, a telephone conference in February with the RDs/RDEs to approved a tentative budget.** Thirdly, final approval would be at the July U.S. Area Council meeting. (Refer to - Chief Financial Officer Year 2011)
- 2012 During the U.S. Area Council Meeting in February via a web ex/telephone conference, to approve a tentative 2012-13 U.S. Area budget, the **Council also approved changing the 2008 the mileage reimbursement rate back to 30 cents per mile.**
- 2012 The Audit Committee made the several recommendation for making payments and management of the U.S. Area check writing records. (Refer to section titled Audit, year 2012, for details)
- 2012 The 2012 U.S. Area Council authorized the U.S. Area budget to assist with transportation costs, not to exceed \$200.00, if needed, for the Area President-Elect to attend the International Council Meeting. This policy was changed in 2014. **(Refer to Council Meeting – Year 2014)**
- 2012 The editor of the Area publication, Y's Alliance, continues to encourage members to receive their copy by e-mail to reduce mailing costs.
- 2012 Prior to the Area Council Meeting, the Area President, Area President-Elect and Past President had a one day meeting with several staff members of YMCA-USA in Chicago. The YMCA-USA is developing Centers Of Excellence in several YMCAs across America and have been invited and encourage Y Service Clubs to be available to be of assistance. Since we are an International service club movement, the YMCA-USA is encouraging our Y Service Clubs to work on some partnerships with them in World Service areas. Our three officers reported that our clubs need to become more in tune to YMCA projects.
- 2013 **By action of the 2013 Area Council, the wording in 2001 above was changed to say “ the Area President MAY INVITE ASDs to the Area Council meeting “ rather than “shall invite.”**  
(This replaces Council Meeting policy – Year 2001)
- 2013 **By action of the 2013 Area Council, the wording in 2010 above was change to indicate the Area President MAY INVITE TWO YEAR TERM 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR RDs to RDE training, rather than the 2010 wording of “having the Area President invite RDs serving a two year term”**  
(This replaces Council Meeting policy– Year 2010)
- 2013 **The 2013 Area Council changed the 2002 policy for reimbursement of Co-Regional Directors to reimburse the total allowed expenses for one person for any RDE Training, Area Council Meeting, or any other event requiring their attendance, effective July 18, 2013.**  
(Refer to Area Council – Year 2002 and Section titled Officers –Year 2013)
- 2014 The 2013 International Council action eliminated 50% dues for youth ages 25 and under. All members pay 100% International dues. U.S. Area 2014 Council agreed **to continue the 2009 Area policy of 50% U.S AREA dues for youth ages 13-25.** (Refer to Section, Dues - 2014)
- 2014 The U.S. Area Council established a policy that **for a Youth Delegate to be accepted by IYC, the Regional Director and Area Council need to approve the delegate application and/or subsidy.**  
(Refer to Section titled Youth – 2014)
- 2014 U.S. Area Council action changed the 2012 policy limit of \$200 **to assist with transportation costs of the AP-E to the International Council Meeting. The new policy is to let the Budget Committee establish funds accordingly.** (Refer to Council Meetings – Year 2012)
- 2015 During the July Area Council Meeting it was announced that the new Executive for YMCA- USA is Kevin Washington. The National YMCA is going to put special emphasis on Diabetis.
- 2015 The U.S. Area July 2015 Council actions and issues.

- (1) **The Area Council approved an action to dissolve the Alexander Scholarship Fund Trust by June 30, 2016 with an appointed Committee of 5 people to develop a plan to have the ASD and Trustees manage the Funds under the supervision of the U.S Area Council rather being an identity of itself with its own accounts, its own Treasurer and its own account depositing name.**  
(Refer to Alexander Scholarship Fund for more details – Year 2015)
- (2) **The Area Club Roster Secretary is working with the International Office and a company name PORTAL BUZZ to find better ways to manage roster and membership information.**  
The Area Club Roster Secretary would become the Area Administer This process will also require each Region and each Club to have an administrator to access the data base to keep all membership data up to date.  
(Refer to Roster Secretary- Clubs, Year 2015)
- (3) **The 2015 Area Council approved an additional two year extension to Tibor Foki's original 2010 Contract to manage the U.S Area Supply Office for the years 2015-2017.** (Refer to Area Supply Office – Year 2015)
- (4) There were Council discussions about where to host and when to host the 2022 International Convention celebrating Y'sdom's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. No decisions.
- 2015 Matt Stuckel, the U.S. Area Youth Representative on the Area Council, shared how International is building a Youth Club movement with people ages 15 – 30. Its structure is to have a representative from each of the International geographic AREAS and each Region in the Area is to have Youth Representative to create an Area Youth Council. Reminder – In Area USA, youth ages 13-25 only pay ½ Area and Regional dues and full International dues. (Refer to Youth – 2015)
- 2016 The U.S. Area July 2016 Council actions and issues.
- (1) **PORTALBUZZ is now functioning as the official club membership record keeping system replacing the circulating of updated paper rosters from Club to Regional to Area Club Roster Secretary.** (Refer to Roster Secretary- Clubs, Year 2016)
- (2) **The 2016 Area Council approved having the Representative of Youth on the Council as a voting member representing the youth and youth clubs in the U.S. Area. This also includes a youth representative vote when the Council must reconvene as a Corporate Board of Directors.** (Refer to Youth – Year 2016 AND Refer to Voting – 2016)  
This action requires making a change in the U.S. Area Constitution and receiving a majority vote by the clubs in the U.S. Area to become official. (Refer to Youth – Year 2016)
- 2016 (3) **Approved Las Vegas as the site for the 2017 Area Convention AUGUST 3-6, for the Areas of USA and CANADA/CARIBBEAN.**  
(Refer to Section on Conventions – Year 2016)
- 2017 There were no candidates names submitted for the election of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the two year term of 2017-2019. The Area Council voted to re-open nominations and voted to permit the existing CFO, Gene Koester, to be nominated to serve 2 addition years beyond his Constitutional limit of 6 years, pending approval of the clubs in a special election. Approval was granted by the club voting in this special election for Gene Koester to continue two more years as the Chief Financial Officer.
- 2017 **The U.S Area Council approved a request from Tibor Foki, Supply Office Manager, to amend the 2015 contract by adding the 2 optional contract years contract with Charl Foki signing the amended contract as the immediate new Supply Office Manager.**  
(Refer to sections Area Office & Supply Office --- Years 2015, 2017)
- 2017 Area President, Tibor Foki, shared with the Council some actions by the International Council that impacts Area USA and is information involving all clubs everywhere.
- A. There can not be any more 1 or 2 member clubs. The minimum is 3 members.
  - B. Clubs still need at least 15 members to vote in International elections.
  - C. The exemption process for clubs below 15 members to gain International voting privilege has been eliminated. (Refer to Clubs in good standing - year 2017)

- D. For Areas with only one person on the International Council, such as the Area President, the only election is for an International Council member and that one Council member will also act as the Area President.
- E. Application for members interested in being a Brotherhood Fund delegate is now done "on line".
- F. The International Council voted that every geographic AREA, such as Area USA, must have a Youth on their Area Council with voice and full voting privileges. Area USA, by action in 2016 has already made that commitment.
- G. The process has started the eventual merging Area USA with Area Canada/ Caribbean into Area North America.
- H. The International Council has created 4 Zones out of the eight geographic Area. Area Canada/Caribbean, Area Latin America and Area USA are in Zone 4.
- I. The 2018 International Conventional will be in Korea and the 2020 International Convention will be in Denmark. The 2022 Convention will be in the USA.
- J. The age limit has been removed for members desiring to become a BF delegate
- K. **Based the 2017 Area Council action, the U. S. Area Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will be and continue to be the appointed Treasurer of the Alexander Scholarship Funds. ( The Trustees and the ASD will continue to manage the investments.)** ( Refer to Alexander Scholarship Funds & Chief Financial Officer – Year 2017)
- L. **Every year the International Council has a Young Person in the age bracket of ages 26– 39 as a full participant** with speaking and voting privileges. There is a rotation schedule among the eight geographic Areas in Y'sdom. That Young Person is to be elected by the Clubs in the USA. When it is the USA's turn to have a young person on the International Council, we must be ready.  
(Refer to International Council – year 2017)

## 20. DISCRETIONARY FUND

- 1992 Use correct form and send to APE. Funds are available for training and one can also go to another region. Travel costs do not include meals.
- 2000 The US Area Brotherhood Fund Discretionary Policy was updated to reflect the current process for Sale of Stamps Monies. (Para. 3.3)  
In addition the USABDFDP was:
  - \* **Revised to reduce the size of the BF Discretionary Fund Committee from 6 to 4. (Para. 4.1) AP, APE (Chair), CFO, and USA ASD BF.**
  - \* Revised to reflect current brotherhood Fund Policy. **A Club earns an Alf Reynolds Award with a contribution of \$ 5.00 per member.** (Para. 5.2).
  - \* Para. 6.2 revised to reflect only pertinent information.
- 2003 To be consistent with instructions on other U.S. Area materials, the 1980 statement under section, Brotherhood Fund, should properly read, - "below the Regional Office level." The Area Council, by action of a motion, made an additional clarification as to exactly who is eligible for BF Discretionary Funds. (Refer to Brotherhood Fund, year 2003, and to the next 2003 Discretionary Fund entry listed below)
- 2003 **U.S. Area BF Discretionary Funds may be awarded to any Y's Man or Y's Woman not serving on the International Council or not holding an International office. Any Y's Man or Y's Woman to be awarded BF Discretionary Funds, must be from a club qualifying by International and US Area standards.**

## 21. DISTRICT GOVERNORS

- 2003 Area Council will study the possibility of providing better training for District Governors.  
2004 Regions are to make a District Governors leadership needs assessment.
- 2006 It was proposed to explore the possibility of having District Governor training at the same time as RDE training. One day, such as Saturday, would have time set aside for District Governor's to be in attendance to receive DG training and the RDE's training would be an emphasis on the role and responsibilities of District Governors.
- 2008 One day DG training meetings were held in two different sites.

## 22. DUES AND FEES

- 1974 Initiation fee of \$4.00 of new members into existing clubs.  
1974 Club Charter fee set at \$100.00, plus \$4.00 initiation fee and the \$7.00 Area dues per year.  
1975 **Revoked payment of charter and initiation fees.**  
1975 Dues payable to U.S. Area from the date club is chartered.  
1975 **Only clubs that have filed a roster and paid dues in the proper amount and time are eligible to vote in Regional, Area or International elections.**
- 1978 Canadian clubs in U.S. Area - pay U.S. Area dues as well as Canadian Area dues.  
1978 New club charter fee \$100.00, 75% of which will be returned to the Region.  
1979 Commenced billing and collecting dues directly from the clubs. Area Supply Office placed club rosters on rented computer. Rosters sent to clubs together with billing on October 1 and April 1. Club makes roster changes and returns to Area Supply Office with dues.  
1980 **YMCA staff members who are members of Y's Men are not exempt from dues.**
- 1980 U.S. Area Supply Office to collect Regional, Area and International dues.  
Area Supply Office will collect dues directly from clubs, return regional dues to regions and pay International dues by the deadlines of 15 November and 15 May.  
(Refer to section Area Supply Office – Dues – Year 2008)  
This 1980 dues collection and distribution procedure was changed in 1991. Clubs will send their dues to the Regional Treasurer, rather than to the Area Supply Office.  
(Refer to Area Supply Office Year 1991 and Dues Year 1991)
- 1985 **Procedures wherein region could collect dues directly from clubs, but procedure not mandatory.**
- 1985 Dues are due 1 October and 1 April, no grace period.  
1985 RDs, not Supply Office. are responsible for dues paid and rosters, both being on time. This conforms with the International Constitution.  
1985 Canadian Clubs assigned to PNW Region will pay U.S. Area dues and \$5.00 per club to Canada Area.
- 1986 **U.S. Area dues should not be discounted for multi-member families.**  
1987 Budget approved with Area dues increase to \$13.00 per year.  
1987 Approved one-year requested reduction in Area dues for Mexican Clubs in same proportion as granted by ICM for International dues (40%).  
1987 **When clubs are delinquent in dues, any dues payment made will be credited to the longest outstanding dues - first to International, then to Area and Region.**
- 1989 Pacific Southwest Region requested and received Council approval to be invoiced by IHQ and pay their International dues directly to IHQ beginning with October 1989. U.S. Area will continue to receive Area dues payment from PSWR Treasurer.
- 1991 **By action of the 1991 Area Council, the dues collection process was changed. Clubs are to send their dues to the Regional Treasurer, rather than to the Area Office.**  
(Refer to Area Office - Year 1980 & 1991, Dues - Year 1980, Area Council Meeting – Year 1991)



- 1994 The \$100 charter fee to be sent to the U.S. Area will not be reimbursed to the club.  
( Refer to the Section titled Chartering, year 1994)
- 1994 A one time assessment for October 1994 for \$1.00 was approved by the U.S. Area Council for Extension use only for 1994-1995.
- 1994 Effective July 1, 1995, the U.S. Area Council has increased U.S. Area yearly dues by \$2.00.
- 1996 US Area dues are reduced for 1996-1997 to 60% for the Tijuana, Mexico Y's Men's club.
- 1996 Any increase in dues approved by the Area Council will not become effective earlier than the following fiscal year.
- 1997 US Area dues for Tijuana, Mexico to be at 60% for 1997-1998.
- 1999 Family memberships, approved previously by the International Council for International dues, were approved by the US Area Council for Area dues. Dependent youth ages 18-25 pay 50% dues. Dependent youth under age 18 pay no dues. (This policy was replaced by the year 2009 policy)
- 2000 Effective July 1,2001, the US Area Council approved an increase in US Area annual dues by \$1.00. US Area dues will be \$ 16.00 per year, effective July 1, 2001.
- 2004 Reimbursement for mileage was increased to thirty cents per mile for the driver. Effective day is July 12, 2004.
- 2006 The 2006 Area Council approved the increase of U.S. Area dues by \$1.00. Area dues will be \$17.00, effective July 1, 2007.
- 2009 The 2008 International Council rescinded the 1999 Family Membership by establishing a new guideline of 50% International dues for members ages 25 and under. **The U.S. Area Council adopted the same guideline for U.S. dues,** but added one exception to the dues fee for person age 25 and under. **A minimum age guideline for a dues paying member, and paying the 50% U.S. Area youth dues, was established to be age 13.** Therefore, any club with members under age 13 would only list them as youth members on their local club roster and would not list them, nor count them, on the club rosters created for the U.S. Area dues.  
(Refer to Section, Council Meetings, Year 2009) (Refer to 2013 & 2014 below)
- 2010 A local club with youth members under age 13, may continue to report their number of youth under age 13 on the International semi-annual Regional membership report and submit the appropriate International dues
- 2011 A \$4.00 U. Area membership dues increase was approved, **effective April 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.** The previous dues increase was in 2006. The 2012 dues increase will also be accompanied by budget cuts for 2012-13. U.S. Area individual membership dues will become **\$21.00 per year or \$10.50 per semester.** (Refer to section titled Council Meetings, year 2011)
- 2013 The 2013 International Council action eliminated 50% dues for youth ages 25 and under. All members pay 100% International dues.
- 2014 U.S. Area 2014 Council agreed **to continue the U.S. Area 2009 policy of 50% dues for youth ages 13-25.** (Refer to Section, Council Meetings 2014)
- 2015 **The U. S. Area Council approved a \$5.00 increase (\$2.50 per semester) increase in annual U. S. Area dues beginning the with the 2017-2018 dues effective July 2017.**

## **23. ENDOWMENT FUND**

- 1988 **PAUL WILLIAMS ALEXANDER FELLOW program introduced as a means to recognize Y's Men who contribute \$100 or more to the Endowment Fund.**
- 1993 Push to get the Endowment Fund in your club budget to honor someone every year. There is also an opportunity to put in \$100 in your own behalf.
- 1996 US Area ICMs to bring a motion to the 1CM that all monies from the Endowment Fund be credited to the Area from which they are received.
- 1999 Approved the transmission to the US Area CFO and the Area bank account for the purpose of providing USA tax exemption of the donated funds, of the Harry Cummings estate's \$ 10,000 gift sent to Y's Men  
International Headquarters. The CFO made the appropriate transfer of finds to International.

- 2000 The US Area will donate \$200 to the Endowment Fund in honor of Ingvar Wallin, ISG, at the International Convention in Hong Kong.
- 2000 The US Area received an anonymous stock donation of \$ 25,000 for the Endowment Fund. The US Area CFO handled the appropriate paperwork to complete the transfer of ownership to YS Men International's Endowment Fund.
- 2004 Jay Williams' name is to be submitted with a statement of appreciation for US Area Supply Office Manager with a donation given by those in attendance at the 2004 ACM with any shortage paid from US Area funds. Al Jacques was asked to write a commendation for Jay's service to be placed in the Golden Book. A total of \$182 was raised for the tribute.
- 2011 **Beginning with the new fiscal year, April 1, 2011, the donations for making entries in the International Golden Book has been increased from \$100.00 to \$120.00 per entry by the Trustees of the International Endowment Fund.**
- 2010 The Corporate name for Area USA has been changed to Y Service Clubs International-US Area. Therefore, **all Endowment Fund contribution checks are to be made payable to Y Service Clubs International – US Area.**  
(Refer to Area Council meeting, year 2010 and Section on Contributions, year 2010.)

## 24. EXTENSION, MEMBERSHIP AND CONSERVATION

- 1983 Established matching funds procedure, wherein region submits proposal for expenses and Area will match \$200 for Extension, \$100 for Membership and Conservation.
- 1987 Submitted proposal for \$10,000 grant from International Special Development Funds for Extension and Membership. Funds received February 1988.
- 1989 \$5,000 budgeted for Membership and Extension promotion and development.
- 1993 **An Extension Policy was adopted.** (Attachment #26, Council Minutes, July, 1993)
- 199X The Area matching funds procedure established in 1983 has ceased to be part of the budgeting process and therefore rescinded.
- 1998 The Extension ASD, using Special Development Funds organized and conducted an extensive training session in Minneapolis for extension teams from all Regions.

## 25. FISCAL YEAR

- 1979 Established Fiscal Year as July 1 through June 30 (conforms to International Constitution and affirmed by 1987 By-Laws).
- 2010 By action recommended by the U.S. Area Executive Committee in January 2010 and later approved by an e-mail ballot of the U.S. Area Council members. the new Fiscal Year for the U.S. Area will become the same as the new fiscal year established by the 2009 International Council for International fiscal matters. **The newly established fiscal year shall be from April 1 through March 31 of the following year and become effective with the new 2010 February fiscal reporting month.** (Refer to section entitled Council Meeting - Year 2010)
- 2010 **The fiscal year's NEW SEMESTER REPORTING DATES were changed from October 1 to August 1 and from April 1 to February 1.**
- 2013 **The International Council changed the fiscal year back to the historical dates of July 1 to June 30 of the next year. The Dues collection will remain the dates of August and February.**

## 26. GOALS

- 1987 Adopted Long-Range Goals as recommended by 1987 ICM.

## 27. INCORPORATION

- 1986 **July 10, 1986, U.S. Area Y's Men incorporation in California as Y's Men International, U.S. Area, approved by mail ballot.**
- 1986 By-Laws, as presented by William Ramseyer, Esq., accepted by U.S. Council.
- 1986 Barbara Vaughn, U.S. Area Treasurer, appointed to serve as Corporate Secretary-Treasurer for remainder of 1986-87 year.
- 1987 **Regional Directors in U.S. Area serve as U.S. Area Corporate Board of Directors. Term of service is one year, same as the term on Area Council.**
- 1987 Final By-Laws adopted and incorporation and tax exempt procedure completed, retroactive to July 10, 1986.
- 1990 **Original minutes and By-Laws to be sent to YMCA/Y'S MEN Archives at University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.**
- 2001 **The US Area By-Laws to be changed to have the US Area Corporate Secretary serve a term of two years.** Article XI, Section 8, 3(d) . (Refer to the Corporate Secretary section, year 2001 and to section Statement of Policy, year 2001)
- 2004 The US Area By-Laws amendments were accepted as presented. (Refer to Statement of Policy, year 2004) Included were the following amendments:
- (1) Article VII, Section 6, Item 1 and Article VIII, Section 4, Item 2. **For voting purposes, eligible member clubs must be current, and in good standing, in their payment of Area dues.** (Refer to section on Voting, year 2004)
  - (2) Article VIII, Section 4, Item 5. **The Area President, as the presiding officer, or designee, shall cast the deciding vote on any issue where there is a tie vote by the Council members.** (Refer to section on Voting, year 2004)
  - (3) Article VIII, Section 7. **If a Regional Delegate agrees to serve his/her Region for more than one year, and is approved by the Regional election process, he/she may be elected for additional consecutive one year terms, as is permitted by their Regional Constitution and/or By-Laws.**
  - (4) Article XI, Section 1. **No elected US Area Officer shall serve concurrently as an elected Regional Director on the Area Council.**
- 2006 In a ballot submitted to the clubs in October of 2005, the clubs approved of the proposed amendments to the U.S. Area By-Laws.
- 2006 **In a ballot submitted to the Clubs in March and April 2005, the clubs approved a proposed change n the U.S. Area By-Laws to permit the U.S. Area President and the U.S. Area President-Elect to serve two year terms.** (Refer to sections titled International Council Members, Year 2006, Officers Year 2006 and Statement of Policy, Year 2006)
- 2010 **The Corporate name for Area USA has been changed to Y Service Clubs International-US Area.** (Refer to Area Council meeting, year 2010 for details)

## 28. INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1995 **Contributions made to all Y's Men International programs shall be designated as: payable to Y's Men International, US Area, Inc.** Funds will be remitted by US Area Chief Financial Officer to the respective International program.
- 2003 **A letter, dated September 26, 2003, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), reaffirmed our organization's tax-exempt status.**  
"In September 1992, we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."
- 2010 The official corporate name of Y'sdom in Area USA was changed to Y Service Clubs International U.S. Area. **Therefore, all contributions are to be made payable to Y Service Clubs International, U.S. Area.** This policy change **does not apply to contributions to the Alexander**

Scholarship Fund or Dollars for Scholars Fund. Checks are to continue to be payable to Y's Men International-U.S. Area.

## 29. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- 1980 U.S. Area divided into zones for ICM representation.
- 1981 ICM's included as non-voting members of U.S. Area Council, with full reimbursement for travel, meals, and lodging.
- 1998 International Council approved a change in the International Constitution permitting Area with 2 or less ICMs to serve either 2 or 3 years. (Article IV, Section 2). (Refer to section on Council meetings, year 1997).
- 1999 US Area ICM representation was reduced to 2 members due to declining membership in the U.S. Area. (Refer to section on Officers, year 1998).
- 2006 U.S. Area ICM representation was reduced to one (1) member due to declining membership in the U.S. Area (Refer to sections on Incorporation, year 2006; Officers, year 2006 and Statement of Policy, year 2006).
- 2013 The 2013 International Council approved an upper age of 75, at the time of nomination, for nominees to the position of an International Executive Office (IEO) or International Council Member (ICM)
- 2017 For Areas with only one person on the International Council, such as the Area President, the only election is for an International Council member and that one Council member will also act as the Area President.

## 30. LOANS

- 1976 Request from International Treasurer for repayment of \$2,867.00 from an earlier loan.
- 1978 Concerning International loan, first payment to be made in 1978, second payment of \$900 in 1979.
- 1979 Statement of Liabilities shows International debt of \$2,867.00, so apparently no payments made in 1978 and 1979. Budget for 1979-80 did not include this item.
- 1980 International Division of National YMCA reported debt of U.S. Area Y's Men of \$4000.00. No action taken until further accounting. (No further reference to this item, so debt must have been cancelled).
- 1980 Payment made of \$600 toward International loan.
- 1983 Balance of debt of \$2,267 paid.

## 31. NATIONAL PROJECT

- 1982 Emphasize "Year of the Disabled person" along with United States.
- 1983 Encouraged Y's Men's clubs to "Adopt a School Class".
- 1984 Encouraged to support "United Negro College Fund Telethon".
- 1985 Selected "Sioux Indian YMCA Project as a two year project.
- 1986 First year of Sioux Indian YMCA project went well. Decided to continue for second year.
- 1987 Sioux Indian YMCA Project exceeded \$25,000 goal by \$700 in second year.
- 1987 Adult Literacy selected for 1987-88 with goal of \$8000.
- 1987 Task Force appointed to canvas clubs for ideas and level of support for a permanent national project. Report to 1988 Area Council.
- 1988 Task Force for Permanent National Project reported that Area Clubs are undecided on "permanent" National Project.
- 1988 A Task Force will be appointed to study "Y's Men Send Kids To Camp" as a National Project.

- 1989 “Y’s Men Send Kids To Camp” approved as National project for 1989-90. Y’s Men’s logo to be only logo used on promotional material. Project to be considered promotional in nature rather than a fund raiser.
- 1990 **National Project Selection Guidelines approved.**  
**They consist of:**
- (1) Projects should have universal appeal and/or broad geographic applications.
  - (2) Time table of the proposed project should be explicitly stated, i.e. a one time, multiple years, continuous.
  - (3) Monetary goals should be explicitly stated. Goals not exceeding \$25,000 require U.S. Area Council approval.
  - (4) U.S. Area Council will provide preliminary approval of projects with a goal greater than \$25,000. A simple majority ratification by voting clubs will approve the project.
  - (5) Long term projects are to be reviewed and evaluated periodically. An annual report to be provided to the U.S. Area Council and clubs.
- 1990 **“Y’s Men for Kids to Camp” approved as a continuing national project.**
- 1993 **Clubs were encouraged to participate with elementary schools in a coloring book project** that promoted safety among children It was not adopted as a national project, but presented by the AP as a worthy project for our clubs.
- 1993 A second worthy project **clubs were encouraged to become participants is the Make A Difference Day program** promoted everyone by the USA Weekend, a magazine second in many weekend newspapers.
- 1994 **Y’s Men for Kids to Camp was endorsed as a continuing national project.**
- 1999 Clubs were encouraged to participate in the "Peace Site" project supported by many clubs in Minnesota. It was not adopted as a national project, but only presented as a worthy project by the Area President (AP).
- 2002 **The 911 Disaster Fund is established with the following provisions:**
- (1) **Fifty percent of the money raised will stay in the Region and may be spent by the Region however they wish in helping Y’s Men and Y’s Women and YMCAs in a disaster.**
  - (2) The other fifty percent will be placed in a US Area fund until the Area Executive Officers approve its expenditure.
  - (3) Symbolic contributions to this fund can be made in the amount of \$9.11 per member during the designated month of September. Clubs or individuals making contributions are to send their money to the Regional Treasurer who will send 50% of the total amount collected to the US Area Chief Financial Officer.
- 2008 **Y’s Men International’s 2008-2009 cooperative project with the United Nations, ROLL BACK MALARIA program of purchasing mosquito nets as one way combat malaria, was adopted by the Area Council as a U.S. Area project. Each net costs \$7.50. The program will expire March 31, 2009.**
- 2009 The ROLL BACK MALARIA project with the United Nations was extended another five (5) years by Y’s Men International’s United Nations Committee and the International Council.
- 2010 U.S. Area President, Phil Sammer, encouraged our **Y Service Clubs in the USA to become known involved with "Meals On Wheels"** organization as another way to become known by the people and organizations of the community.

## **32. OFFICERS/OFFICIALS**

- 1975 Term of office for the IVP (International Vice President - later changed to Area President) to be two (2) years.
- 1975 U.S. Area ICMs reduced from 7 to 6. Subsequently moved down to 5, then in 1984 to 4. These changes brought about by diminishing membership in the U.S. Area, and increasing membership in other Areas.

- 1975 Established rule for replacing RDs and DGs who do not function properly.
- 1979 Established office of International President-Elect, later Area President Elect, and to continue as (IVP) Area President for one year.
- 1980 **Election procedure established to first elect the Area President Elect, who would also serve as an ICM,** then if further vacancy of ICM exists, additional election for that position.
- 1980 Established zones in the U.S. Area to provide for ICM representation. When an ICM's term of three years would complete, the clubs in that section only could nominate to fill the position.
- 1981 U.S. Area ICM's to serve as members of the U.S. Area Council without vote. (affirmed by 1987 By-Laws).
- 1982 **Office of Treasurer to be elected by clubs for a two-year term.** (Affirmed by 1987 Bylaws). Set up responsibilities of the APE.
- 1983 Deleted requirement that ICMs be nominated only by clubs in section where ICM term is expiring. (Effectively deleting sectional representation).
- 1984 Statement of Policy changed to allow AP to fill vacancy of Treasurer for remainder of term. (Procedure outlined in 1987 By-Laws).
- 1985 After election for ICM has taken place, the Area Council will select the Area President Elect from eligible ICMs (those who have two years remaining on their three year terms). Effectively cancels Procedures and Policies of Election of ICM.
- 1988 Pacific Northwest requested a study of ICM selection procedure regarding rotation by section.
- 1989 Task Force report, regarding ICM nomination procedure presently in use, confirmed that present procedure "works" and recommends no change. PNW Region disagreed and requested permission from Council to formulate a plan for ICM nominations and report to the 1990 Council. Permission granted.
- 1990 PNW Region's nomination plan was rejected by the Area Council. Present procedure remains in effect.
- 1999 **US Area ICM representation is reduced to 2 members,** due to declining membership in the US Area. the US Area ICM representation will be the Area President and Immediate Past Area president. (Refer to section on Council Meetings, year 1997, for details and International Council Members section, years 1998 and 1999)
- 1999 **The term of office for US Area ICMs will be 2 years.** (Refer to the section on Council Meetings, year 1997 for details.)
- 2001 **The US Area By-laws to be changed to have the US Area Secretary serve a term of two years.** (By-Laws Article XI, Section 8, 3-d). (Refer to the section titled, Incorporation, section titled Corporate Secretary and section titled Statement of Policy )
- 2002 **Advance prepayment for Area representatives to be allowed by the decision of the Area President.** Should that person (requesting prepayment) not attend the scheduled event, the full amount distributed must be refunded to the Area.
- 2002 **The US Area council will budget funds to subsidize the Area President, Area president-elect and the Immediate Past area President for the costs of convention fees (rooms and registration) at International conventions.**
- 2002 **Documentation for reimbursement purposes can be satisfied by email or fax.**
- 2002 For Regions with Co-Regional Directors the US Area shall reimburse one of the co-directors at the full amount and the other co-director at the same reimbursement policy as an Area Service director for Area council meetings. This reimbursement rate is for Area council meetings and the Regional Director Elect training meeting. (Refer to section titled, Council\_Meetings, year 2002)  
(Refer to Council Meeting and Officers – Year 2013 for policy change)
- 2003 **The Area President, or designee, shall not attend other Area Conventions at U.S Area expense.** (Refer to section on Conventions, year 2003)
- 2006 Due to a declining club membership in the USA, **the representation by the USA on the International Council has been reduced to one member.** The clubs in the USA voted to change USA Area By-Laws to permit the **USA Area President and President-Elect to serve two year terms.** (Refer to section titled, Incorporation, year 2006; International Council Members, Year 2006 and Statement of Policy, Year 2006)
- 2013 **The 2013 Area Council changed the 2002 policy for reimbursement of Co-Regional Directors to reimburse the total allowed expenses for one person for any RDE Training, Area Council Meeting, or any other event requiring their attendance, effective July 18, 2013.**  
(Refer to Area Council – Year 2013)

### 33. PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 1974 Buy ad in FORM. Also, APD publication full page \$300 with distribution of 5000 to YMCAs and YMCA professionals of 5000 copies.
- 1983 Allocated \$500 toward first-ever Africa Area Convention.
- 1983 Established a National Community Program with ASD. AP would designate.
- 1985 AP to appoint Y's Man with experience and qualifications in public relations to develop contacts, publish articles, photos etc.
- 1985 AP to appoint Task Force to study PR material, create new material and develop a plan to improve image. Budget of \$1,500 to support Task Force. Report to 1987 Council.
- 1987 **On material update: approved official emblem of Y's Men International, U.S. Area, as consisting only of the official Y's Men's triangle, and to be the only emblem used on U.S. Area publications.**
- 1987 **Adopted, in concept, revised materials, consisting of: (1) wallet size card, (2) membership booklet, (3) recruitment manual, (4) club officers manual, (5) revised pamphlet, (6) extension manual, and (7) development poster series. Approved budget.**
- 1987 Supply catalog revised and updated.
- 1987 A "position paper" regarding club incorporation and tax exempt status, to be used as guidelines for a common understanding, was issued to all clubs in the U.S. Area.
- 1987 Task Force appointed to study permanent national project as possible public relations vehicle.
- 1989 Membership booklet and promotional pamphlet (PSWR red, white and blue) authorized to be updated and revised according to input from Council members in workshops.
- 1999 **Two Public Relations manuals were developed.** ISD Shirley Murtaugh developed an International Manual and ASD Terry Bradley developed a USA Area Manual.
- 2011 PAP Fred Leonard is chairperson of an International Task Force dealing with our International Image including our organizational and club names.

### 34. REGIONS

- 1976 West Central Region suspended.
- 1977 Kansas clubs to be affiliated with Iowa Region.
- 1977 Denver clubs to be affiliated with Iowa or North Central.
- 1978 Colorado clubs assigned to Iowa.
- 1979 Regional Boundaries Alignment Task Force recommended that regions realign boundaries reducing number to 7: PNW + PC + H, PSW, NC, SE + S, NE + E + CA + PA, MI + OK, MW + I.
- 1980 Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas to Iowa Region; Arkansas to Midwest; Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida to Southern; Wyoming to North Central; Kentucky to Ohio/West Virginia; Oklahoma to Pacific Southwest.
- 1980 Task Force for Realignment is disbanded.
- 1982 Empire Region is dissolved.
- 1983 Established budget line item for traveling EMC team.
- 1984 Requires regions to notify Area Supply Office if they want to collect dues direct from clubs.
- 1984 Requires regions to construct regional banners which will be available at Area Conventions.
- 1985 International gave up Regional Directors Award. U.S. Area re-established Henry Grimes Award for Regional Excellence utilizing approximately the same guideline as used by International.
- 1986 Proposed realignment of clubs/regions in the U.S. Area presented by Ray Hufaker, Chairman of Realignment Committee. Concept accepted by Council; however, task force to study proposal and visit regions during 1986- 87 and present finding at 1987 Council Meeting.

- 1987 Adopted Task Force proposal that U.S. Area regions be consolidated into 10 regions from 14, with new alignment to be implemented by 7/1/88, according to Steps for Implementation presented. Budget for realignment expense approved.
- 1988 US Area Regional realignment implemented July 1, 1988:
- | REGION            | FORMER REGION                                |
|-------------------|--|
| Hawaii            | Hawaii                                       |
| Mideast           | Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia      |
| Mid America       | Iowa, Midwest                                |
| North Atlantic    | Central Atlantic, Northeastern, Pennsylvania |
| North Central     | North Central                                |
| Pacific Central   | Pacific Central                              |
| Pacific Northwest | Pacific Northwest                            |
| Pacific Southwest | Pacific Southwest                            |
| Southeastern      | Southeastern                                 |
| Southern          | Southern                                     |
- 1998 The concept of the Southern and Southeastern Regions merge as one Region.
- 1999 **The Southern and Southeastern Regions will merge to become the South Atlantic Region as of July 1, 2000.** Area Council approved the merger that will include the states in both existing Regions. South Atlantic Region constitution approved as written and dues structure as reported.
- 2008 **It was approved by the Area Council to move the new Hot Springs Y Service Club in Arkansas from the South Atlantic Region to the Mid-America Region because of long distance geographic considerations and the closer proximity to Mid-America clubs.**

## 35. ROSTERS

- 1978 Established rule to follow International Reporting and Dues Paying (roster consists of President's name, and number of members in each club- submitted by RD). Rosters with names and addresses to be sent to Area Statistician by July 1 each year.
- 1979 Commenced billing and collecting dues direct from Supply Office and clubs. Club rosters placed on rented computer. Roster listing sent to clubs just before dues are due on October 1 and April 1. Roster to be updated by clubs for further correction to computer data.
- 1985 All rosters placed on in-house computer at Area Office.
- 1993 Rosters should be sent to Area Office in small bunches to even the workload on the computer. Make corrections ONLY on the form the AOM sends out.
- 1997 All roster and roster updates are to be sent to the Corporate Secretary. (Refer to Corporate Secretary, year 1997 for details).
- 1998 All club roster and club roster updates are temporarily to be sent to the Chief Financial Officer.
- 1999 **All club roster and club roster updates are to be sent to the Area Club Roster Secretary.** (Refer to Corporate Secretary and Club Roster Secretary for details).
- 2005 The **USA Area Leadership Roster is developed and maintained by the Budget Oversight/Resource Officer.** The leadership information includes Area elected and appointed officers, Area Service Directors (ASDs), Regional Directors and Regional Directors-Elect (RDs & RDEs, Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer, Alexander Scholarship Fund Trustees, District Governors and Regional Service Directors RSDs)

## 36. ROSTERS – AREA CLUB ROSTER SECRETARY/Portalbuzz



- 1999 **A Club Roster Secretary position was established as a special appointed position** by the Area President. This person is an assistant to the AP and CFO in providing information for monitoring membership and proper dues payment.  
The Club Roster Secretary's job description includes the three duty items removed from the Corporate Secretary: (Refer to the section on Corporate Secretary).
- (1) Maintain and send out club rosters and dues notices. The notices include the October 1 and April 1 semi annual dues and rosters.
  - (2) Maintain databases as required by the Area Council. This would provide needed information for the AP and CFO.
  - (3) Provide club Presidents and member mailing labels as required. These labels include those needed for "Y'S ALLIANCE" and "Y'S MEN'S WORLD".
- 2001 **The U.S. Area Club Roster Secretary's Job description/role is redefined and clarified by the Area Council** to include:
- (1) The US Area Club Roster Secretary is **an appointed position**, made by the US Area President.
  - (2) This person is an **assistant to the Area President and Chief Financial Officer**, and provides **support to the Area President elect, Area Secretary, and Immediate Past area President.**
  - (3) **The Club Roster Secretary's duties include**, but are not limited to:
    - A. Maintain and send out **club rosters.**
    - B. **Maintain databases** as required by the Area council.
    - C. **Provide mailing labels** of Club Presidents as required.
    - D. Assist the Area Executive Officers and Area Council Members as required in the collection of dues.
- 2015 (4) **The Area Club Roster Secretary is working with the International Office and a company name PORTALBUZZ to find better ways to manage roster and membership information.**  
**The Area Club Roster Secretary would become the Area Administer This process will also require each Region and each Club to have an administrator to access the data base to keep all membership data up to date.** (Refer to Area Council, Year 2015)
- 2016 (5) **PORTALBUZZ is now functioning as the official club membership record keeping system replacing the circulating of updated paper rosters from Club to Regional to Area Club Roster Secretary.** (Refer to Area Council, Year 2016)

### 37. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- 1981 Policy statement approved.
- 1981 Treasurer to record all money received and spent by both the Treasurer and Area Supply Office.
- 1982 Preferred Policy requires minimum of 20 members to charter.
- 1983 Deleted procedure whereby clubs within section where ICM is finishing term would solely nominate new ICM.
- 1984 AP may appoint Treasurer for remaining portion of term when vacancy is created (full procedure outlined in 1987 Bylaws).
- 1985 Allows clubs to nominate and elect ICM's, but Area President Elect is to be selected by the Area Council from the eligible ICM's having at least two years remaining in office.
- 1987 **U.S. Area Bylaws adopted**, taking precedence over all previous documents. Need still exists for policies and practices guidelines to provide detail and current interpretation of By-Laws.
- 1997 Plan introduced to separate the current Policies and Practices to develop:
  1. Policies and Guidelines
  2. Practices and Procedures

- 2001 **All editorial changes to the US Area Policies and Practices as presented by PAP Wayne Smith are approved.** (Area Council Meeting document Reference: REVISIONS & UPDATES NEEDED FOR POLICIES & PRACTICES, dated 6/2/01.)
- 2001 Corporate Secretary's term of office changed to be a two year term, effective with the next election. (Refer to section, Incorporation, year 2001)
- 2004 Area Council approved of several amendments to the U.S.Area By-Laws. (Refer to section, Incorporation, year 2004 for details)
- 2004 **Area Council adopted a new Alexander Scholarship Fund policy.** (Refer to section, Alexander Scholarship Fund, year 2004, for details.)
- 2006 During the Year 2005 and 2006, there were two ballots to the clubs for proposed U.S. Area By-Laws changes. The U.S Area Clubs voted for all of the By-Law changes proposed by the U.S. Area Council. (Refer to sections titled, Incorporation, year 2006; Officers/Official year 2006 and International Council Members, year 2006)

### 38. STORAGE

- 1993 If storage is a problem for officers, it was decided that items be sent to the Area Office, where the AOM will put in appropriate boxes and take to the Archives which is close at hand.
- 2003 Committee appointed to investigate the need and location of an Area archives storage.

### 39. Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)

- 1992 New program to be operational soon. Participating in the Short Term Youth Exchange program does not preclude them participating in the STEP program. **Can be from region to region. Program allows 14-21 year-old children or grandchildren of Y's Men,** to exchange in a country where there is a Y's Men's Club. The stay can be from **2-11 weeks.** Application cost is 55 Swiss francs.
- 2013 **Based on approval by the 2013 International Council, the hosting of YEOP and STEP participants may be open to YMCA and Y's Youth Club members, while remaining within the structure of Y's Men International.**  
(Refer to sections -- Youth Year 2013 and YEOP Year 2013)

### 40. SUPPLY OFFICE

- 1993 Prices for supplies at Convention were to be raised by 10% to offset any deficit.
- 1994 The U.S. Area Supply Catalog was updated and effective July 1, 1994. Prices now include handling and postage.
- 2000 The cost of items from the US area Supply Office will be raised by 50%, reduced the handling & shipping fees to 10% and leave the Supply Office rent at \$ 300/month.
- 2001 US Area Supply Office moved from Muskegon, MI to Long Beach, CA. .  
(Refer to Area Office, year 2001 )
- 2001 The US Area Council approved Jay Williams, Long Beach Uptown Y's Men's Club, as the US Area Supply Office Manager, effective August 1, 2001
- 2003 **The Area Council reaffirmed that the Area Supply Office is not a profit making enterprise. It is a service to provide basic supplies for our members and clubs. Prices are to pay for the cost of the items and shipping charges. There is no mark-up on items.**  
(Refer to Council Meeting – Year 2003)

- 2004 Jay Williams, Supply Office manager died in early June. Tibor Foki was appointed interim manager to finish the 2003-04 fiscal year.
- 2004 Long Beach Y's Men's Club requested and were given the third year option in their three year contract to operate the Area Supply Office. Tibor Foki was appointed Supply Office manager for the year, 2004-2005.
- 2005 Long Beach Y's Men's Club was awarded a three year contract, with a two year contract extension option, to operate the Area Supply Office, effective July 1, 2005. Tibor Foki is the Office Manager.
- 2008 Tibor Foki, Supply Office Manager, requested the two year contract extension. The U.S. Area Council approved the extension for the years 2008-2010.
- 2008 Budget line items numbered 190 (office equipment) and 191 (depreciation of office equipment) were removed from the financial balance sheets. (Refer to section Council Meetings, year 2008, and also section Area Equipment, year 2008 )
- 2010 **The 2010 Area Council approved a new three year contract, with a two year contract extension option to Tibor Foki of Long Beach Y's Men's Club to operate the Area Supply Office, effective July 1, 2010**
- 2011 The Area Council approved the write-off of the value of pins that do not sell in the Supply Office.
- 2013 Area Council approved the request by Tibor Foki to extend the Supply Office contract two more years, as provided in the 2010 contract. Contract extension is for the years 2013-2015.
- 2015 **The 2015 Area Council approved the additional two year extension to the Supply Office's original 2010 contract, for the years 2016-2018. Tibor and Charl Foki are the managers.**
- 2017 **The Supply Office Managers requested amendments in the 2015 that they accept the two year contract extension and requested a change in the original 2015 contract with only Charl Foki signing the document as the immediate new Manager. The 2017 Area Council approved the adjustments in the Contract.**  
(Refer to item Area Office & Area Council – Years 2015 & 2017)

#### 41. TIME OF FAST GLOBAL PROJECT FUND

- 1977 Established ASD and RSD's for Time of Fast.
- 1983 **Established procedure wherein clubs remit contributions by check made out to Y's Men International (T of F) to RSD, who records and forwards checks to ASD, who records and sends to Area Office for depositing, and Area periodically disburses funds held to the International Account.**
- 1985 Canadian clubs will transmit T of F funds to Area Canada.
- 1994 **U.S. Area Council approved charging direct fundraising expenses for Time of Fast against funds raised, but in no event shall such expenses exceed 2% of total funds raised the previous year.**
- 1996 **All TOF checks from RSD's to be sent to the ASD TOF, rather than to the Area CFO.**
- 1999 The TOF Bronze, Silver, or Gold patches will be awarded to clubs based on the club's contribution level of \$8, \$16 or \$32 per member, per the US Area club membership count. (Refer to section on Awards, year 1999).
- 2007 An updated standard has been set by International for awarding the Bronze, Silver or Gold patches in recognition of the club's contribution level. The new levels for AREA USA are based on the Swiss Francs of CHF 12, per meal per club member for the years 2007 through 2010. Therefore, the **new levels for awards are CHF 12, CHF 24 and CHF 48.**  
(Refer to the section on Awards, year 2007)
- 2010 **Time of Fast name was changed to TIME OF FAST GLOBAL PROJECT FUND.**  
(Refer to section titled Awards - year 2010 )

- 2011 **Area Supply Office will begin charging sales tax on items sold. The Officer Manager will do the State Sales Tax paperwork.**
- 2011 The Corporate name for Area USA has been changed to Y Service Clubs International-US Area. Therefore, **all Time Of Fast Global Project Fund contribution checks are to be made payable to Y Service Clubs International – US Area.** (Refer to Area Council meeting, year 2010 and Section on Contributions, year 2010.
- 2012 By Council agreement, all **Roll-Back-Malaria funds** from clubs and individuals, are to be processed like other Y'sdom project funds and being assigned to Time Of Fast RSDs and ASDs.

## 42. VIDEO/DVD

- 1988 An amount not to exceed \$10,000 was allocated in the budget to produce a promotional PR video adaptable for use by all regions in the U.S. Area. The Hawaii Region was authorized to proceed with the preliminary video and a Task Force would review and critique before final copies are produced.
- 1989 Final video version was presented to the 1989 Council in Great Falls, Montana.
- 2004 Approval by the Council to develop a new Power Point promotional video, targeted for presentations to YMCA Executives, new member orientation and club extension presentations.
- 2006 **DVD Power Point presentation was completed in 2005. Copies were distributed to every club president in the USA.**

## 43. VOTING

- 1974 Established policy that voting during Area Council meeting be one vote for any chartered club, regardless of its dues paid status.
- 1975 **Established policy for voting during Council Meetings. One vote for each club that has submitted rosters and dues at time of meeting, but all clubs could still vote in Regional, Area and International elections.**
- 1980 Established Procedures and Policies of Elections of ICMs.
- 1983 Deleted procedure whereby clubs within a Section where an ICM is completing a term of office would solely nominate the new ICM.
- 1983 Allows PNW to vote for two Canadian clubs assigned to that region.
- 1983 Allows RD to vote for clubs chartered since March of the current year.
- 1983 **Requires information on major items of importance which may lead to a vote be distributed to Area Council members before the meeting.**
- 1985 In lieu of voting by clubs for Area President first, then for an additional ICM if necessary, voting procedure changed to have clubs vote for the number of ICM vacancies, the Area Council will then select the Area President Elect from those ICMs eligible (two years remaining of the three year ICM term).
- 1987 Bylaws outline Area President-Elect voting procedure, essentially as was adopted in 1985 Policy.
- 1989 U.S. Area Office to include return envelope with ballot to clubs. Envelopes are to remain unopened when received by U.S. Area Office and forwarded to AP. Envelopes are to be opened by the AP and one other Y's Men member from a "club in good standing". AP to notify candidates and Area Officers.
- 1989 "Clubs in Good Standing" as of June 30, and eligible for voting, will be verified by the Area Office Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
- 1997 Envelopes are no longer to be provided with ballots to clubs, as specified in a policy established in 1989 for the Area Office.
- 1997 **"Clubs in Good standing" as of June 30, and eligible for voting, as established by voting policy in 1975, will be verified by the Chief Financial Officer.**

- 19XX **Voting for Area President will be by clubs.** The election is for a three year term. During those three years the ICM will also serve in the following US Area positions: Area President-elect, Area President, and Immediate Past Area President.
- 2000 **A Search Committee was established for the positions of APE/ICME, CFO, and CS as needed.** The second IPAP chairs the Committee. (Refer to Committees section, year 2000)
- 2004 US Area By-Laws update of Article VII, Section 6, Item 1 and Article VIII, Section 4, Item 2. For voting purposes, eligible member clubs must be current, and in good standing, in their payment of dues. (Refer to section titled Incorporation, year 2004)
- 2004 US Area By-Laws update of Article VIII, Section 4, Item 5. **The Area President, as presiding officer, or designee, shall cast the deciding vote on any issue where there is a tie vote by the Council members.** (Refer to section titled Incorporation, year 2004)
- 2005 **It was reaffirmed that clubs, to be in good standing for Area voting purposes by the Area Council or by individual club ballots, must be current in their payment of Area dues,** as per the U.S. Area By-Laws. (Refer to Section title Clubs in Good Standing, year 2005)
- 2016 **The 2016 Area Council approved having the Representative of Youth on the Council as a voting member representing the youth and youth clubs in the U.S. Area. This also includes a youth representative vote when the Council must reconvene as a Corporate Board of Directors.** (Refer to Youth – Year 2016 AND Refer to Council– 2016)  
This action requires making a change in the U.S. Area Constitution and receiving a majority vote by the clubs in the U.S. Area to become official. (Refer to Youth – Year 2016)

#### 44. WEB SITES

- 2001 **Area Council minutes were placed on the Area website.**
- 2002 MYM minutes and the US Area Policies and Practices document were placed on the US Area website.
- 2003 **There will not be any membership listing or e-mail addresses on the website, except those of Regional Directors.**
- 2003 The corporate Secretary will identify and e-mail to the webmaster all of the Policies and Practices changes, as a result of the Area Council actions, that are recorded in the minutes. (Refer to Corporate Secretary, year 2003)
- 2005 The 2003 Corporate Secretary responsibility, by action of the 2003 Council, of identifying and **e-mailing to the webmaster all of the Policy and Practice changes is being transferred to the Budget Oversight/Resource Officer,** by action of the 2005 Council. (Refer to Corporate Secretary, year 2005 and to Budget Oversight/Resource Officer, year 2005)

#### 45. WOMEN IN Y'SDOM/Y'S MENETTES

- 1977 Established ASD and RSD's for Y's Menettes.
- 1979 Boris Kazimiroff, being fully co-ed, Y'sdom is one of few service clubs being co-ed 1981 **Proposed to have women Y's Men called Y's Women.** No change made based on use of "men" being generic for mankind and that YMCAs have not changes its name although even though it has women members.
- 1982 **Y's Menettes decide not to use "Women in Y'sdom" as it is confusing and detracts from "Y's Menettes".**
- 1983 Greater interest is shown in Y's Men by YMCA Executives when they learn that the Y's Men movement membership is co-ed.
- 2010 **The 2010 Area Council agreed to discontinue Y's Menettes as an ASD position on the Area Leadership Roster due to only 2-4 Y's Menettes Clubs in the USA. We will continue to list the Y's Menettes on the U.S. Area Leadership Roster as an Auxiliary support group.**

## 46. YMCA LIAISON

- 1981 U.S. National YMCA appointed Dick Sterling as liaison to U.S. Area Y's Men.  
1982 **Adopted Principles of Partnership with World Alliance of YMCAs, and with YMCAs around the world.**  
1986 Whitey Luehrs completed first year as YMCA Liaison. He suggested appointment of Regional YMCA Liaisons. Stress Public Relations as prime factor to extension.  
1990 Bob Telleen succeeds the retiring Whitey Luehrs.  
1992 ASD for Y's men to YMCA will consist of the 3 past Area Presidents.  
2003 **Immediate Past Area President will chair the Y's Men's Liaison Committee to the YMCA-USA.** (Refer to Committees, year 2003 and year 2006)

## 47. YOUTH

- 1986 Bob Rankin appointed first ASD for Youth Leadership Development.  
1987 International will contribute \$400 to each region (except Hawaii, \$200) to assist young people to go to Youth Convocation in Japan in 1988. RDs to publicize.  
1992 **There should be an Area Youth Convocation every other year before the Area Convention and before each Regional Convention.**  
1992 **There is to be a line item for Youth Convocations in the US Area budget.**  
1999 **Adopted US Area Youth Representative to Area Council and Youth Mentor job descriptions.**  
2004 **The US Area will subsidize the Area Youth Representative to attend the Area and International Conventions. The subsidy is not to exceed \$500.00 annually.**  
(Refer to Conventions, year 2004)  
2012 **REGIONAL YOUTH CONVOCATIONS:**  
1. **Are to be supported and promoted by the Regions.**  
2. **Are not funded the Area Budget.**  
3. **Are to be funded by Youth Convocation Registration Fees.**  
2013 By action of the International Council, prominent advertising of the YEPP and STEP programs be directed Y's Youth Clubs members.  
2013 **Based on approval by the 2013 International Council, the hosting of YEPP and STEP participants may be open to YMCA and Y's Youth Club members, while remaining within the structure of Y's Men International.** (Refer to sections STEP and YEPP Year 2013)  
2014 The U.S. Area Council established a policy that **for a Youth Delegate to be accepted by IYC, the Regional Director and Area Council need to approve the delegate application and/or subsidy.**  
(Refer to Section titled Council Meeting – 2014)  
2015 Matt Stuckel, the U.S. Area Youth Representative on the Area Council, shared how International is building a **Youth Club movement with people ages 15 – 30.** Its structure is to have a representative from each of the International geographic AREAS and each Region in the Area is to have Youth Representative to create an Area Youth Council. Reminder – In Area USA, youth ages 13-25 only pay ½ Area and Regional dues and full International dues.  
(Refer to Area Council Meeting – 2015)  
  
2016 **The 2016 Area Council approved having the Representative of Youth on the Council as a voting member representing the youth and youth clubs in the U.S. Area. This also includes a youth representative vote when the Council must reconvene as a Corporate Board of Directors.** (Refer to Council – Year 2016 AND Refer to Voting – 2016)  
This action requires making a change in the U.S. Area Constitution and receiving a majority vote by the clubs in the U.S. Area to become official.  
(Refer to Council – Year 2016)

- 2017 The International Council voted that every geographic AREA, such as Area USA, must have a Youth on their Area Council with voice and full voting privileges. Area USA, by action in 2016 has already made that commitment.  
(Refer to Youth entry in 2016 above & Council Meetings - 2017)
- 2017 **Every year the International Council has a Young Person in the age bracket of ages 26– 39 as a full participant** with speaking and voting privileges. There is a rotation schedule among the eight geographic Areas in Y'sdom. That Young Person is to be elected by the Clubs in the USA. When it is the USA's turn to have a young person on the International Council, we must be ready.  
(Refer Area Council Meetings - Year 2017)

#### 48. YOUTH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YEPP)

- 1977 **Established ASD and RSD's for YEPP.**
- 1992 Recommended to International a request for funding of YEPP students to go to other Regional Conventions.
- 1992 If student can not get along with assigned family, that student is to be moved to another Y's Men's family.
- 2013 **Based on approval by the 2013 International Council, the hosting of YEPP and STEP participants may be open to YMCA and Y's Youth Club members, while remaining within the structure of Y's Men International.** (Refer to sections - STEP Year 2013 and Youth Year 2013)
- 2015 Area USA is sending a student to Denmark this year under the YEPP program.

#### 49. UPDATING RECORD OF THE POLICIES & PRACTICES DOCUMENT

Original Policies and Practices document was organized by Ivan Klatt from the Council Minutes of 1974-1985  
1986-1989 by Les Vaughn,  
1990 by Rich Reeg and Ivan Klatt  
1991-1994 by Elva Ward  
1995-2001 by Al Jacques  
2002-2004 by Al Jacques and Wayne Smith  
2004-2017 by Wayne Smith