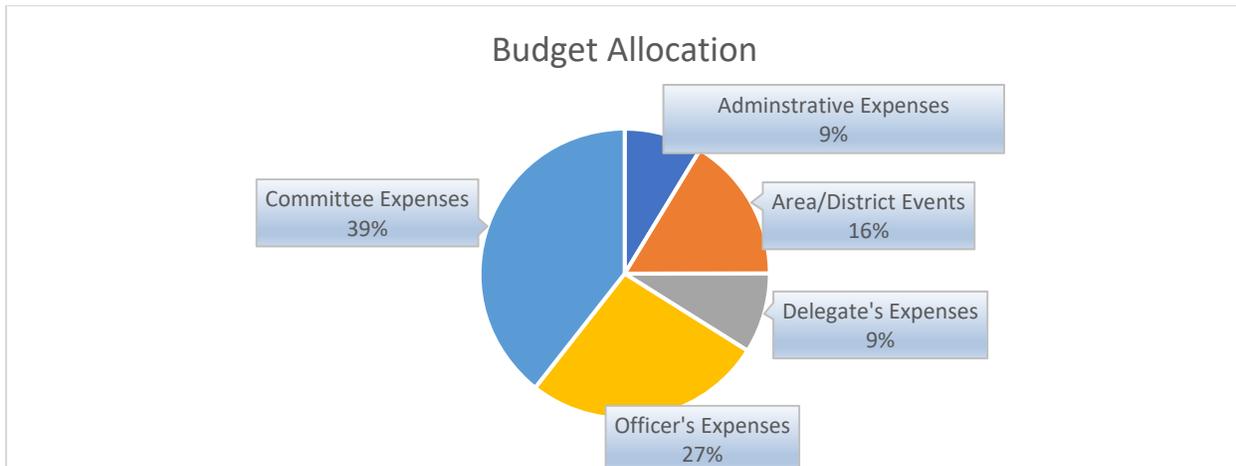


## Area 50 General Service 2019 Budget *at a glance*:

The finance committee looks forward to presenting the 2019 Draft budget for your consideration at our next General Assembly on October 13<sup>th</sup>. In order to have our members as informed as possible we wanted to circulate a few facts about the budget.

We have analyzed our past spending and contributions, researched how other areas develop their budget and asked for input from the districts and area standing Committee Chairs. We have reached the following conclusions:

- Area 50 is in a period of tremendous growth and change. We have come from no district structure a little over a year ago to about 10 districts now organizing and a few of those districts becoming very active. It is the sense of our committee that the Area wants to support the districts as they grow their own treasuries and committees. The district structure is really the “boots on the ground” of our 12-step work and as such they carry most of the responsibility for contacting suffering alcoholics, newly sober and incarcerated AA members and the professionals that serve them.
- Our Area budget has been underutilized for the past few years leaving us with a balance far above our prudent reserve of \$6,000. We are proposing a multi-year “spend down” and adding some of these funds to our expected contributions to create a very robust budget of \$40,000. We want to encourage our committees to use these funds to their full potential to educate and motivate our officers and carry out projects to further our 12-step work at the area and district level.
- Many costs are fixed and required by certain service positions. For example, sending Area Officers and Committee Chairs to multi-area events like NERAASA and NYSIW are required by our Area 50 guidelines. These are extremely informative and important events to educate and enrich these service positions. We have made every effort to keep costs reasonable while ensuring that no one is prevented from these opportunities by lack of personal wealth.
- The breakdown of funds by category are:



The committee realizes that we are but trusted servants and our task was to analyze our financial situation and propose a draft budget that best serves our area and it's primary purpose of serving the alcoholic. We feel we have created a budget that is a great starting point for discussion and welcome your input. The ultimate decision belongs to the assembly body and we humbly accept your proposals for revision.

Respectfully submitted by,

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