

## Area Zoom Account

**Background:** Due to the pandemic, the Delegate established a web conferencing account using the Zoom platform. The Area has used this account to present the Delegates Q&A, Delegate's Chats, Area World Service Committee (AWSC) Meetings, and the Fall Assembly. The Delegate choose Zoom at the time as it provided the best options for the cost – unlimited time for \$15.00 per month. The Account was upgraded to accommodate Spanish interpretation for \$200.00 a month when needed. The AWSC discussed keeping the web conferencing and decided web conferencing would be useful until Texas East opened up from the pandemic. The AWSC recommended that money for web-conferencing be a separate budget item and not part of an officer's or coordinator's budget. The Account would be for Area use and not a platform to hold Al-Anon group meetings. The amount for the budget would be about \$500.00. This would allow Texas East to hold 2 virtual Assemblies with Spanish interpretation and 4 virtual AWSC meetings, if necessary, on Zoom. It is also recommended that this be done a trial basis.

**Action Needed:** If the GRs agree that it would be beneficial for the Area to have a web-conferencing account, ***a GR will need to make a motion at the November Assembly to add a line item to the budget. For example, a motion could read, I, \_\_\_\_ move to add a line item of \$500.00 to the ETAAA budget to fund web-based conferencing for a 3-year trial period.***