

**PROPOSED FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2011 MINI-CONFERENCE
(New Business Item #3)**

The Area 53 Mini Conference Committee requests the \$20 per person registration fee for an estimated 150 attendees for the 2011 Area 53 Mini-Conference.

Background:

2011 will mark Area 53's 12th annual mini-conference. Historically, Area 53 has had to charge a registration fee to cover the costs of supplies and coffee, as there were not sufficient funds in the Area treasury to cover these expenses.

With the 2009 decision by the area to no longer rent space from RAC, approximately \$3000 is now surplus on the Area Budget. The mini conference committee feels that it would be appropriate for the area to provide the conference to its members, free of any additional charges, out of the group contributions made to the area.

The Area 56 Mini-Conference has been a no charge event since 1998. "The reason," as explained by a past delegate from that area, "is that the Area funds the event from group contributions and so the groups have already paid for the event." For practicality, funds from the current year's budget shall be encumbered for the following year's conference.