

# An Appeal from the Albuquerque Central Office Treasurer

**December 2019**

The past two years have been a challenge for the volunteer position of Central Office Treasurer. As you know, in the early summer of 2018 we were all saddened by the unexpected passing of the previous Treasurer. He had served admirably in this position for several years.

Upon his tragic demise, multiple folks interested in the Central Office scrambled to keep the accounts up to date and to have them accurately represent the financial status of the Office.

I propose that we form a Central Office Finance Advisory Committee of three to five individuals and that we meet once per quarter to review the books. It makes sense to me to have interested members advising the Treasurer and providing a reservoir of knowledge about the accounts and the accounting system.

You don't have to be a CPA or an ex-CFO! Just someone who is good with numbers and has basic common sense about financial affairs. Plus, I'd like to think that we can learn from each other. I'm not anticipating that the Advisory Committee would have to commit to much actual work at all. Just advising, developing ideas, processing unusual events, supporting new directions – that sort of thing. Carrying news of the Central Office's status back to your groups/districts would also be of real value.

It would be good that we all become familiar with the basic function of the new QuickBooks system. Through this activity we can develop this shared reservoir of knowledge while pollinating the Central Office with new ideas. Any one of us might step in during an emergency. And perhaps act as a nominating committee to find suitable candidates when it comes time for the current volunteer Treasurer to rotate out.

The new QuickBooks system seems very nice! It will go into production in January 2020. I'd like to have others available to bounce ideas around.

Text me at 505-239-5078 or email me at [treasurer@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:treasurer@albuquerqueaa.org) if you have an interest in serving our Central Office as it serves our Fellowship in carrying the message to those who still suffer. I'd like to have an initial face-to-face meeting as soon as it's convenient.

Thanks.  
Tim T.