GSR BOOT CAMP

February 6, 2021

Who the GSR is and what do they do?

- Overview Roles and Responsibilities (how do you define GSR – Two Way Communication)
- Role of Alternate GSR
- Definitions of Acronyms
- GSR Pamphlet / Service Manual / Circles of Love in Service – what are the resources?
- How they fit into the bigger picture.

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The AA Groups

Each group has a say in worldwide A.A. through its general service representative...

> Group members receive Information on Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity. health, and growth.

District Meeting

...who carries the group's thinking on various A.A. issues to the district for consideration...

> D.C.M.s take information about A.A. worldwide back to their districts and G.S.R.s report to their groups on the deliberations of the Conference,

G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s attend district committee meetings and also go to the area assembly where matters affecting the entire area are discussed.

Area Assembly

...along with the area committee, made up of its officers and district committee members

Each assembly considers a variety of issues relative to carrying the A.A. message and elects its delegate to the General Service Conference.

General Service Conference

General Service Board

Delegates

AAWS & Grapevine Directors and Staff

From the Conference, the shared experience of all groups goes back to the assembly, where each delegate reports on the Conference.

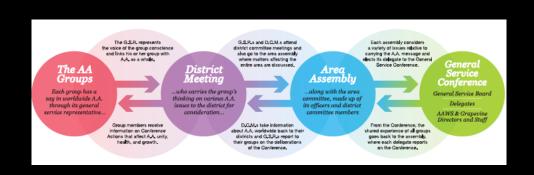
MHA S S S

- Everything we do is to help the alcoholic who still suffers
- It's up to you to keep two-way communication going be-tween your group and the Conference.





•The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. We cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance



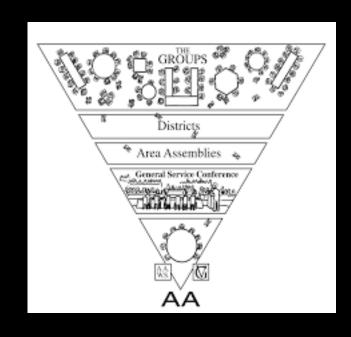


DEFINITION OF GSR

 G.S.R. — General service representative. The group contact with the General Service Office; voting member of the area assembly.

Area Assemblies

The general service representative has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole.





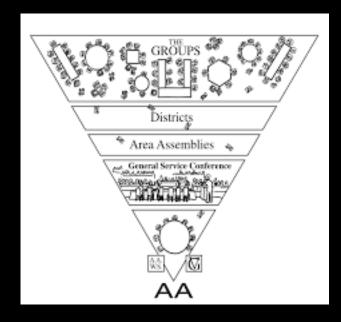
The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference.

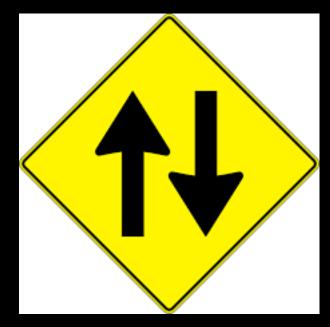






This communication is a two-way street, making the G.S.R. responsible for bringing back to the group Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health, and growth.



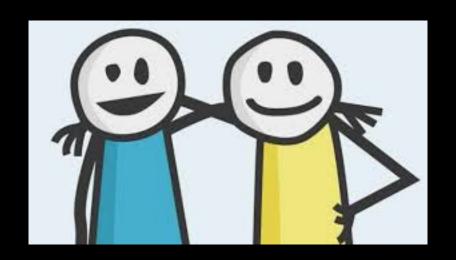


Only when a G.S.R. keeps the group informed, and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole.



ALTERNATE GSR

ALTERNATE G.S.R.: An alternate should be elected at the same time, in case the G.S.R. is unable to attend all district and area meetings.



Alternates should be encouraged to assist, participate, and share in the responsibilities of the G.S.R., attending district and area meetings when feasible, depending on local needs.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- G.S.R.s attend district meetings.
- They also attend area assemblies.
- They serve as mail contact for group.
- They participate in district and area service meetings, and often help with planning for area gettogethers and conventions. Following these events, they make reports to their groups for the benefit of those who could not attend.
- They are the guardian of the traditions.

DEFINITIONS OF ACRONYMS

- D.C.M. District committee member. An experienced G.S.R. elected by other G.S.R.s to represent the groups of their district in area committee meetings and to coordinate Service activities in the district.
- G.S.O. The General Service Office, which provides services to groups in the U.S. and Canada and publishes A.A. literature.
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- GVR Grapevine representative: the group or district contact with the Grapevine office.
- RLV La Vina representative; the group or district contact with the Grapevine office.
- P.I. Public information. P.I. committees help carry the message by working with the media.
- C.P.C. Cooperation with the professional community help carry the message by working with professionals.

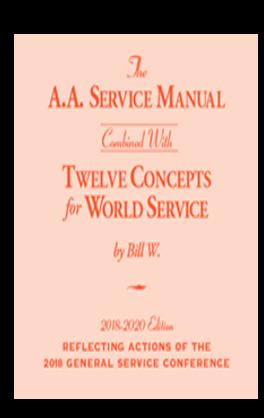
GSR PAMPHLET



"You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through you, the group con-science becomes a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

 https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/general-servicerepresentative-gsr/p-19-gsr-may-be-the-most-important-job-inaa

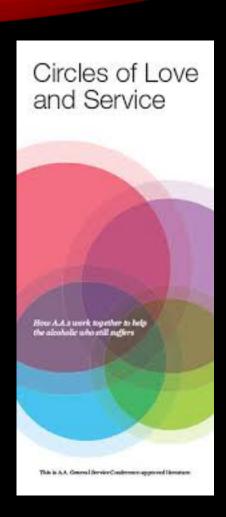
SERVICE MANUAL



• "Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence."

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/en_bm-31.pdf

CIRCLES OF LOVE IN SERVICE



• "A.A. is made up of interconnected circles of people within the Fellowship, who work together to carry A.A.'s message of hope."

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/p-45_circleoflove.pdf

A.A. GROUPS

GROUP G.S.R.s

DISTRICT
COMMITTEES

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AGENDA

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REPORT & CHARTER

AREA ASSEMBLIES

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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THE A.A. GRAPEVINE BOARD

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