

GSR BOOT CAMP

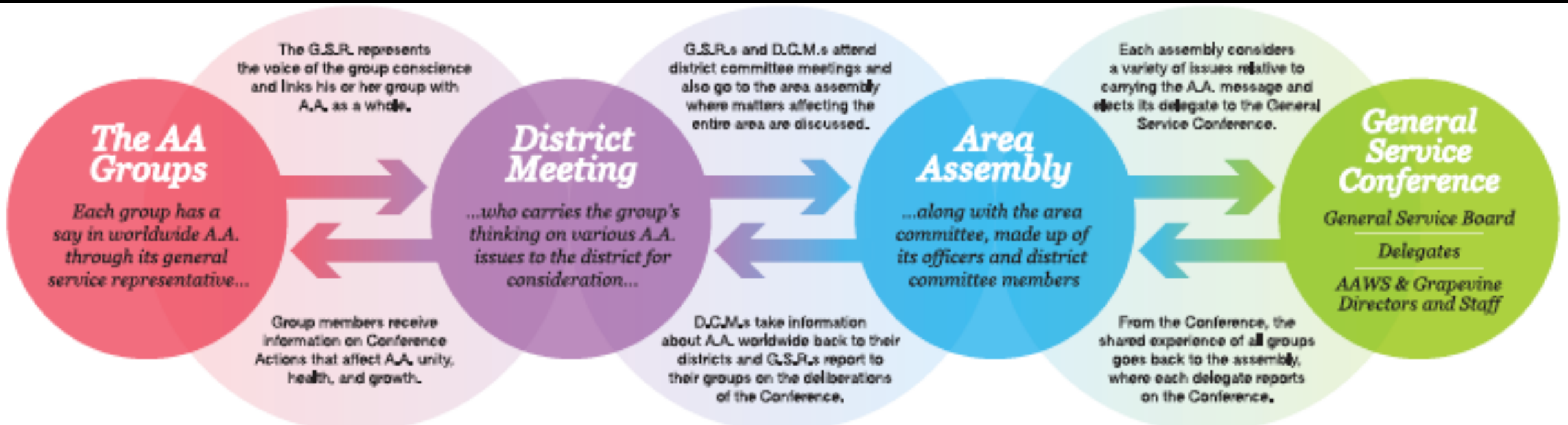
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- **Who the GSR is and what do they do?**

- 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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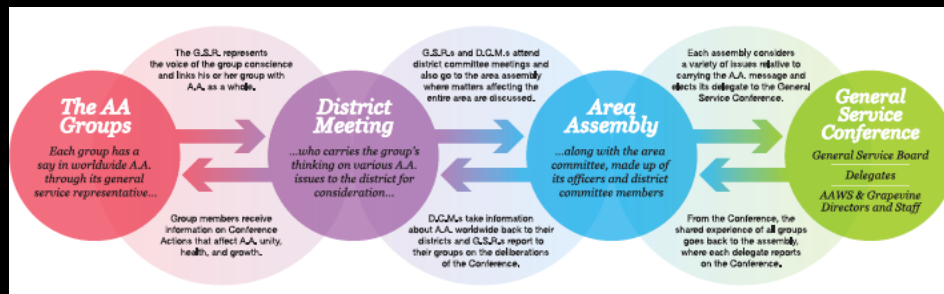
WHY???

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



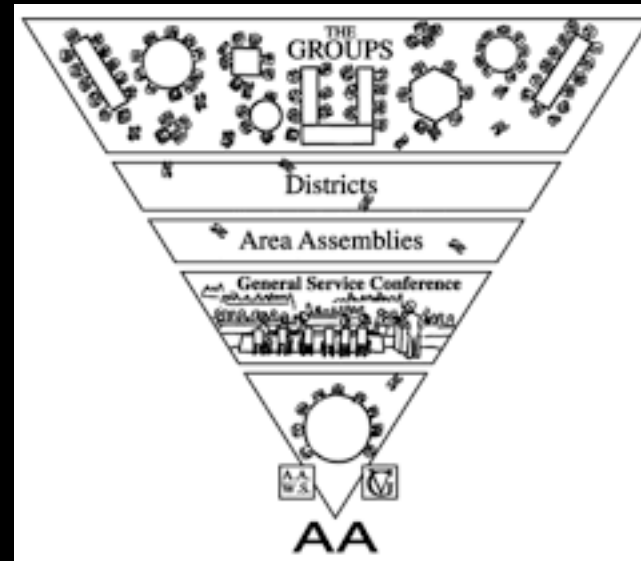
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- The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. We cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance



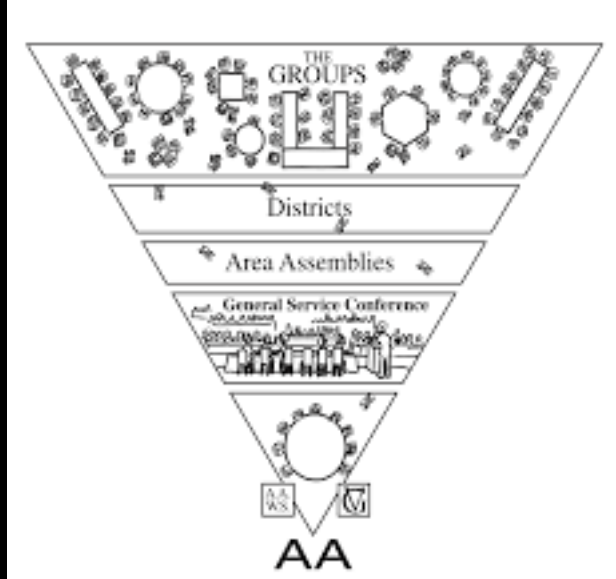
DEFINITION OF GSR

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



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



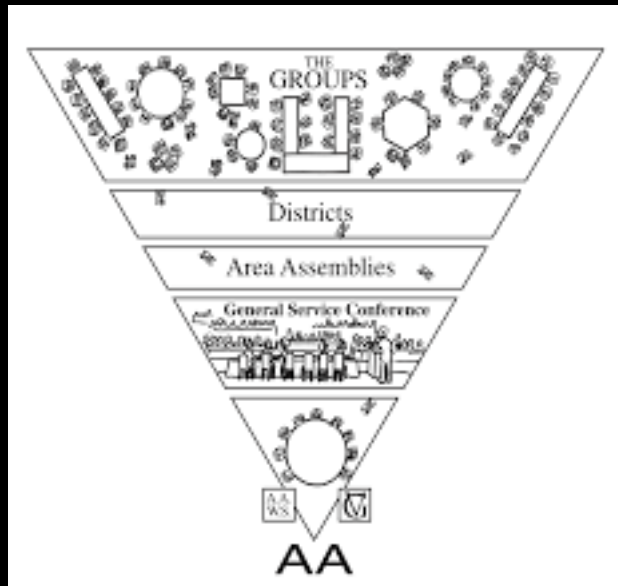
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The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference.



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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.



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

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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 conscience becomes a part of “the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”

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

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

