

General Service Representative

The GSR and Their Role

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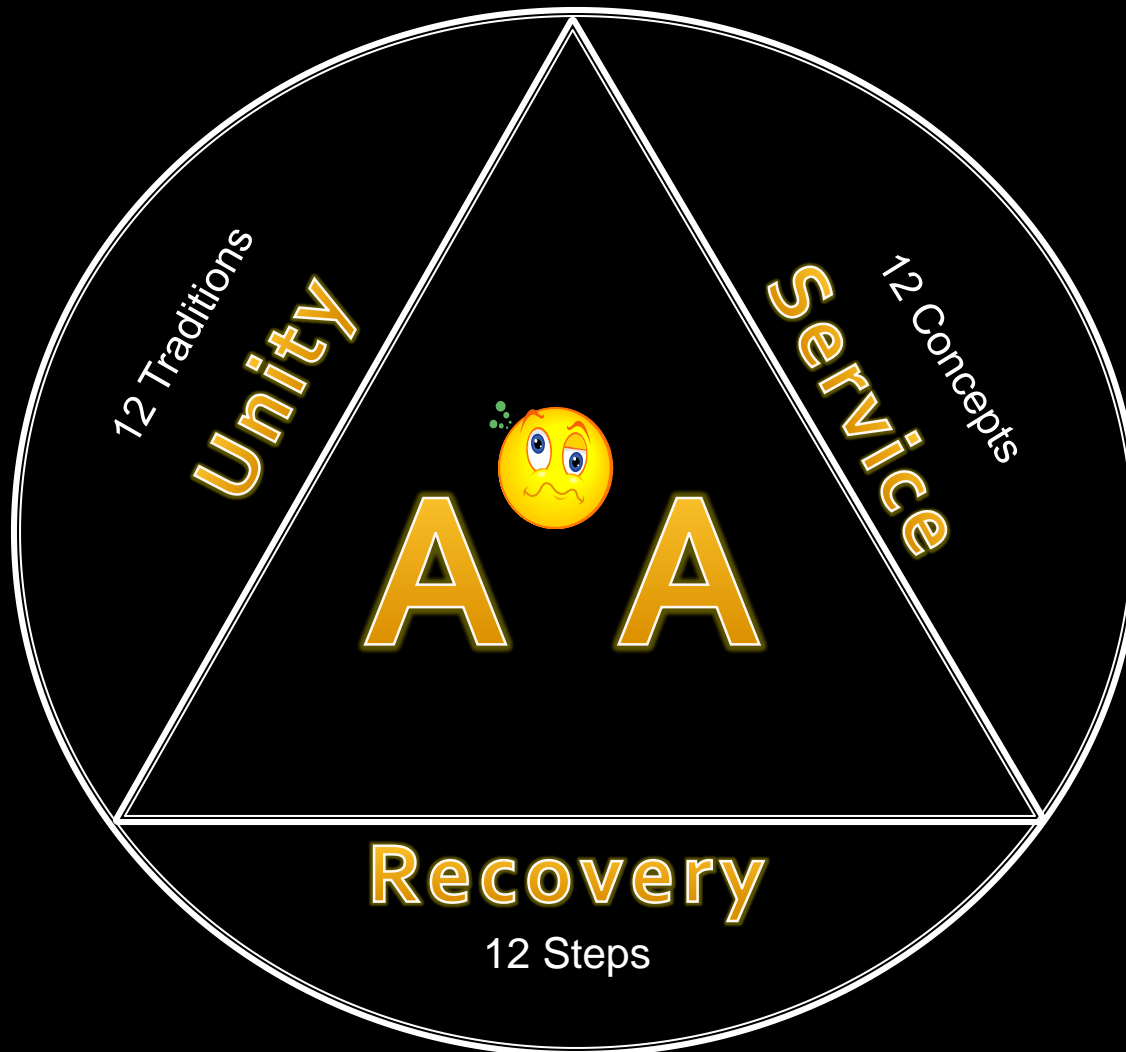
Objectives

- Our Three Legacies
- The A.A. Service Structure
 - GSR's Role Within the A.A. Service Structure
- GSR's Responsibility
- Questions and Answers?

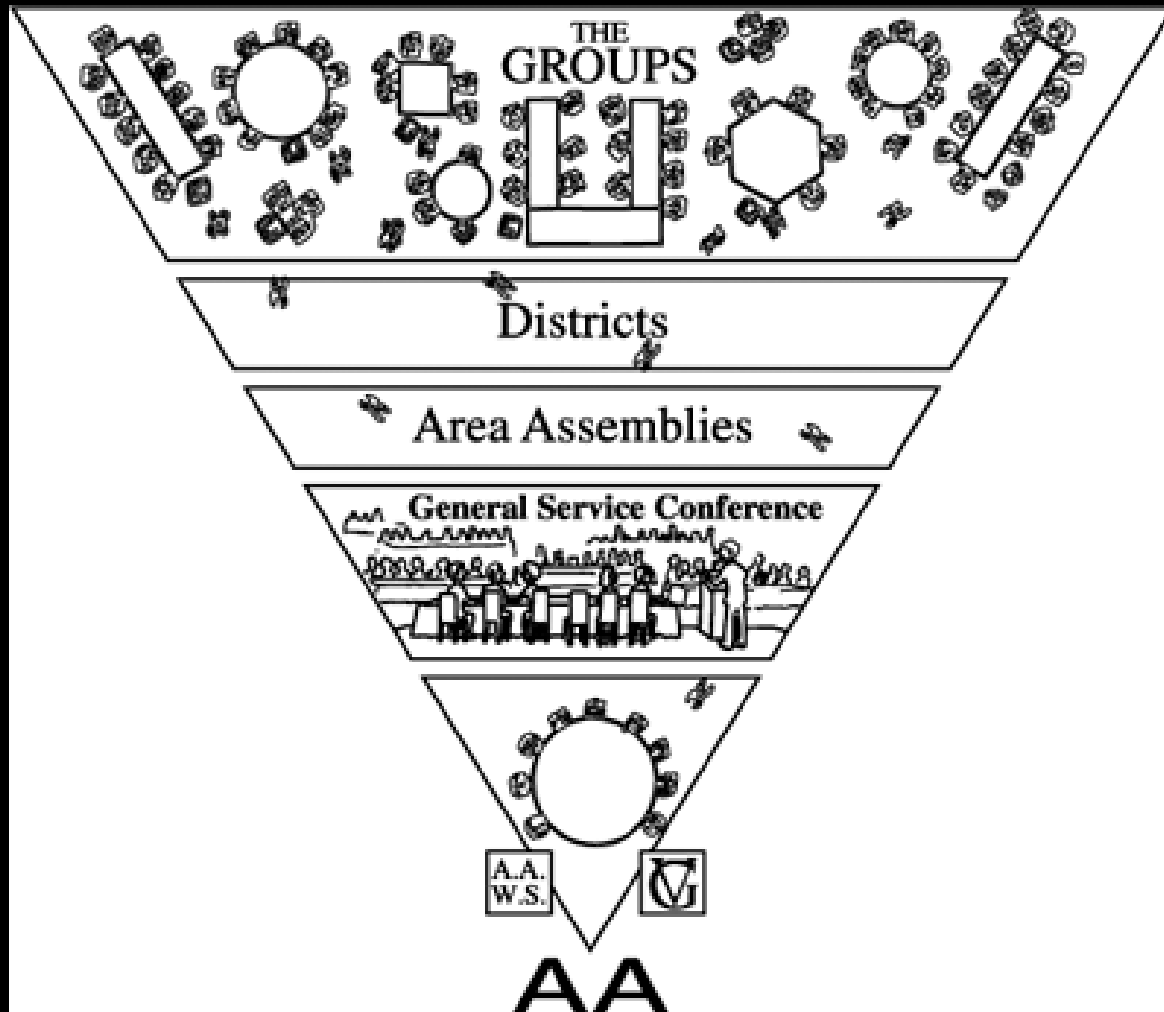
Our Three Legacies

- Recovery – Twelve Steps
- Unity – Twelve Traditions
- Service – Twelve Concepts

Our Three Legacies



The A.A. Service Structure



The A.A. Service Structure

- The A.A. Group

Any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves a group provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose or affiliation.

- Groups participate in the A.A. Service Structure

The A.A. Service Structure

- A Meeting

Meetings are similar to groups in that they gather together for no other purpose than sobriety,

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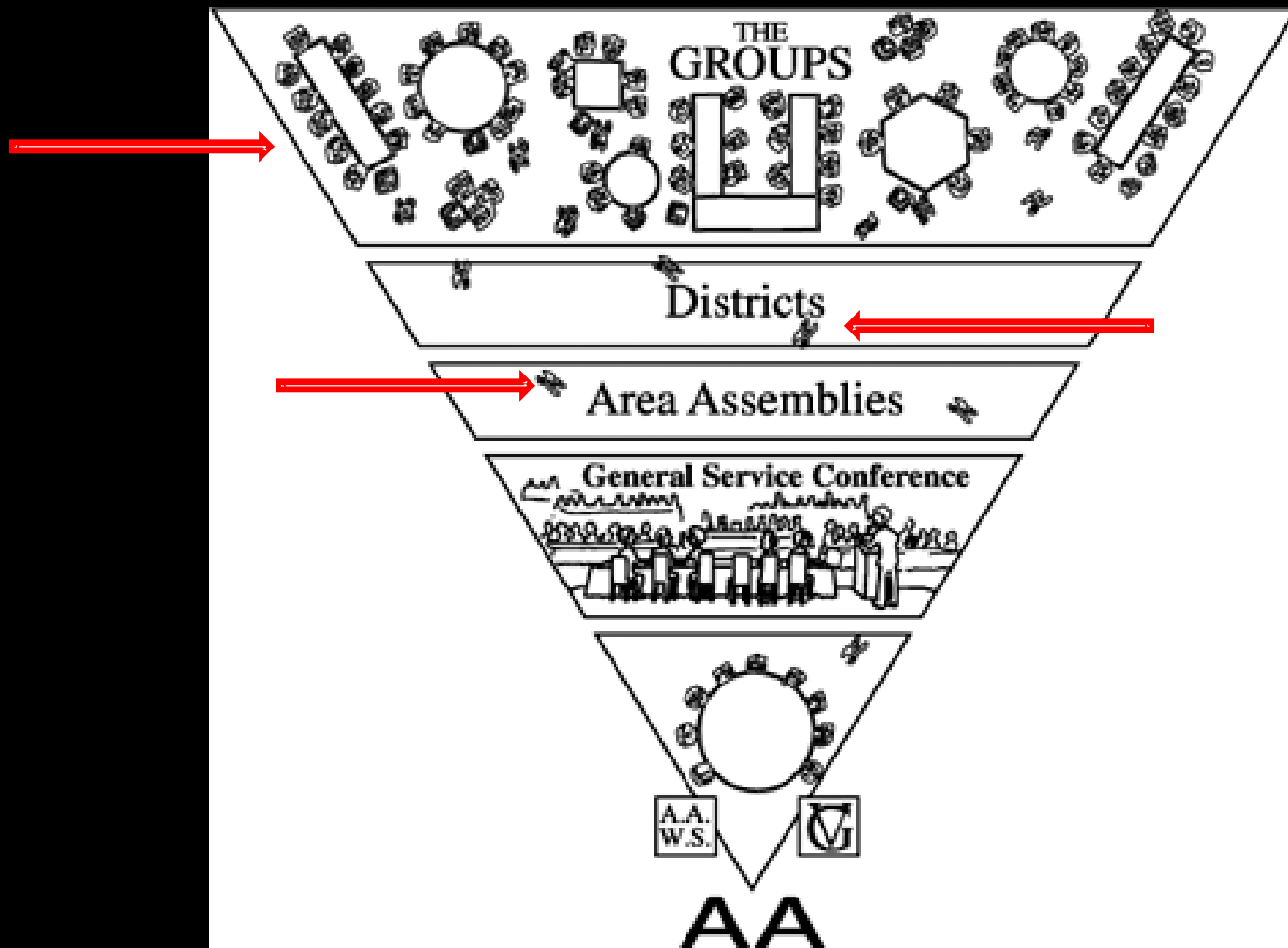
- Meetings **do not** participate in the A.A. Service Structure nor have GSR's

The A.A. Service Structure

- Concept I

“Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”

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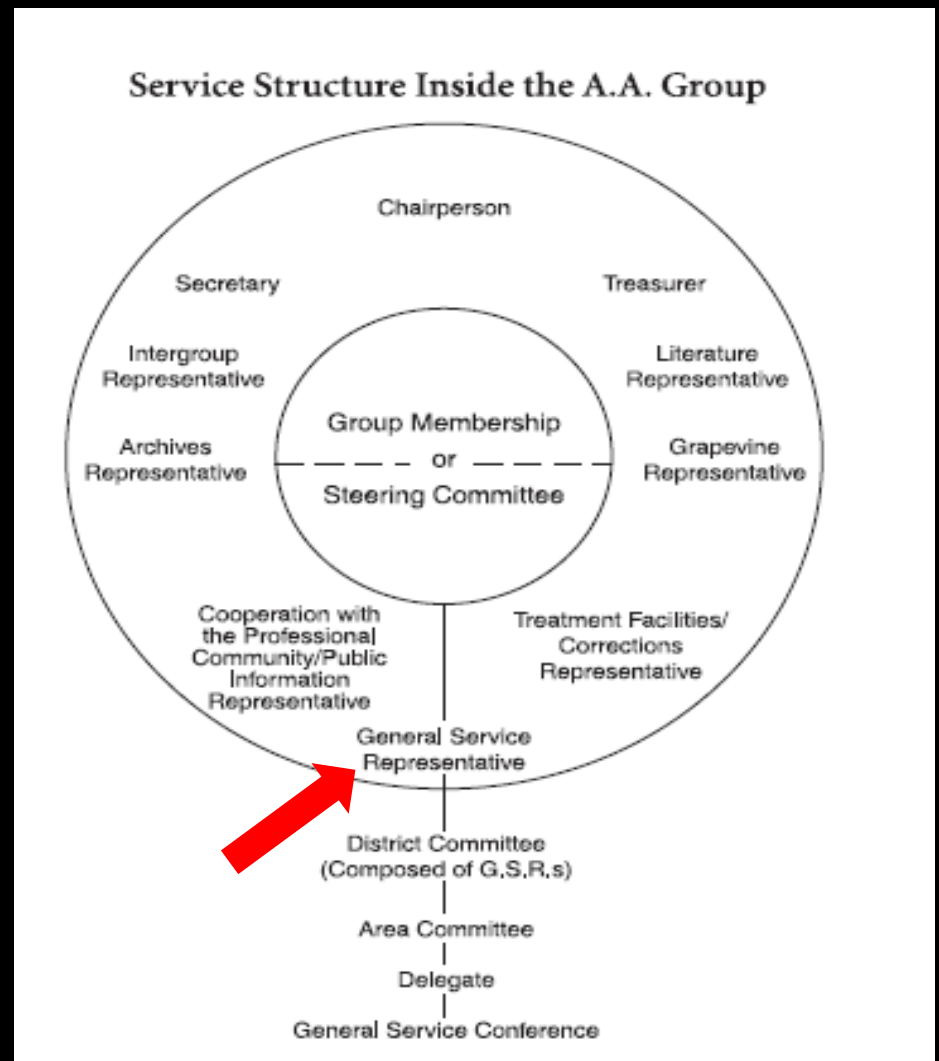
- A Voice - GSR's can speak at these meetings
 - Home Group – personal conscience
 - District – home groups conscience
 - Assemblies – home groups conscience
 - Delegates Workshop – home groups conscience

The A.A. Service Structure

- A Vote – GSR's can vote at these meetings
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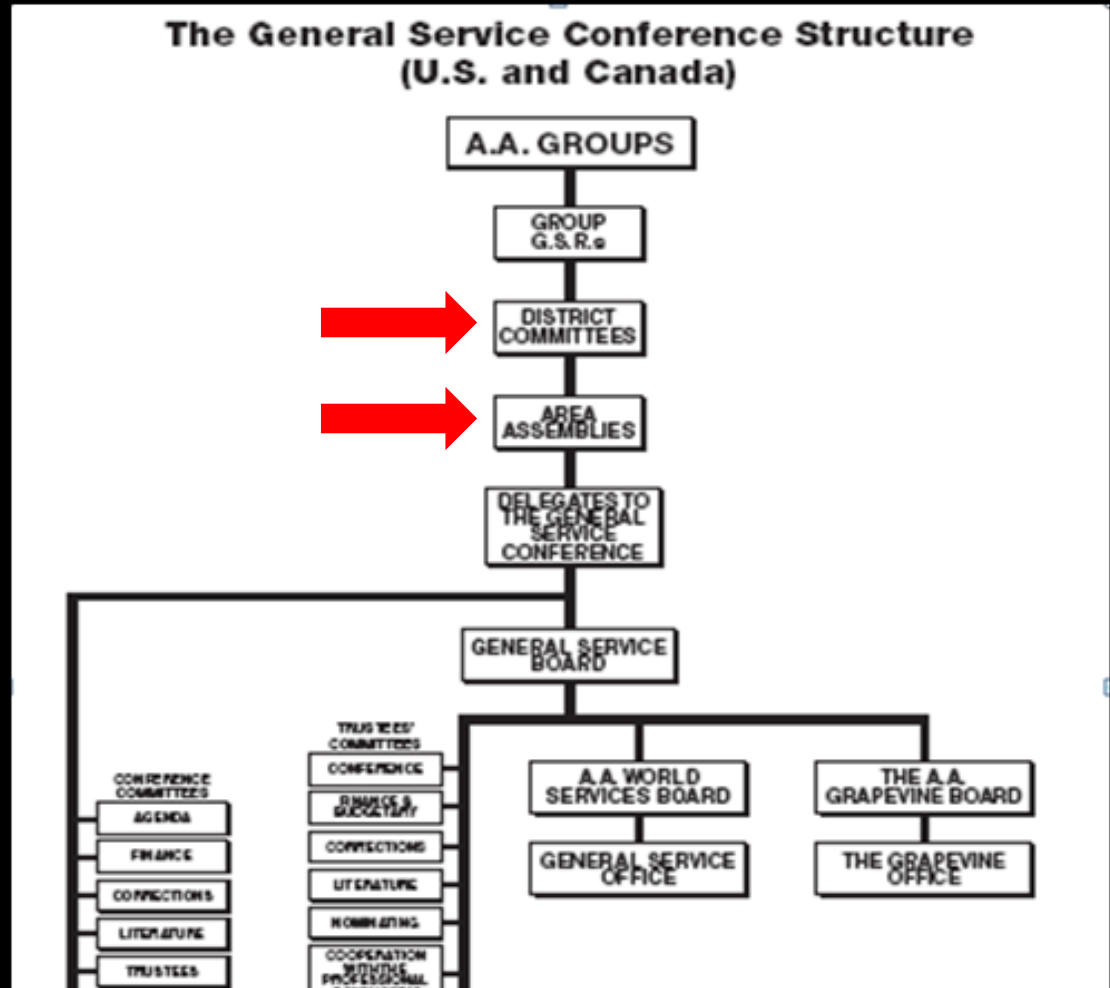
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- Home Group Service
 - Personal Voice
 - Personal Vote



The A.A. Service Structure

- Within A.A.
 - Groups Voice
 - Groups Vote



GSR's Responsibility

- Steward to the Home Group
- Chair of the Home Group Business Meetings
- Trusted Servant
- What to Attend

Steward to the Home Group

- Home Groups Primary Purpose
 - Carry A.A.'s message within and beyond the four walls
 - Participate in District Committees
 - Corrections
 - Treatment
 - Public Information
 - Central Office
 - Hotline

Steward to the Home Group

- Keep the Doors Open

Responsibility Statement

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help

I want the hand of A.A. to always be there;

and for that I am responsible!

Steward to the Home Group

- Fellowship
 - Strangers made to feel welcome?
 - Are newcomers greeted and introduced?
 - Do visitors get approached by Home Group members?

Chair Home Group Business Mtg's

- Schedule monthly business meetings
 - Prepare agenda
 - Facilitate meeting
 - Discuss self support pamphlet – and prudent reserve
 - Request treasurers report
 - Encourage participation

GSR as Trusted Servant

- Active and vital link from Home Group to Fellowship
- The voice of the group conscience
- Two-way communication link between Fellowship and Home Group

GSR as Trusted Servant

- Active and Vital Link from Home Group to Fellowship
- Announcements
 - District
 - Area

GSR as Trusted Servant

- Voice of the Group Conscience
 - District Meetings
 - Area Assemblies
 - Delegates Workshop
 - Service committee break-out sessions – Assemblies
 - Participate in District and Area service events

GSR as Trusted Servant

- Communication link between Fellowship and Group
 - Primary contact for District, Area, GSO and Directory
 - Service opportunities within the service structure
 - Distributes event fliers
 - Reports on District and Area

What to Attend?

- District Meetings – Monthly (2nd Sunday)
- A.A. Service Conferences – Spring and Fall
- Area Assemblies – 4 per year
- Forums – Annually
- Delegates Workshop – Annually

Who Pays For My Attendance?

- 7th Tradition
- Special Contribution
- Personal Pay

Questions

