

Welcome to General Service!

Some Important Info. for the New General Service Rep. (G.S.R.)

- You serve as the group contact.
 - Your name and address are sent (by you or your group secretary) to the registrar of your district, area committee and to G.S.O.
 - You will be listed as the contact for your group in the next printing of the Confidential Directory
- G.S.O. sends you the G.S.R. Kit. and the quarterly bulletin [Box 4-5-9](#). Share these with your group.
 - Are new pamphlets available? Make sure your group is offering them.
 - Is there a Regional Assembly or Forum, or an International Convention coming up? Spread the word to your group.
- Attend monthly district meetings, with G.S.R.s from other local groups.
 - Your district ([District 6](#)) is one part of general service Area 09 (Mid Southern California Area 9 - MSCA 09). There are 24 districts that make up MSCA 09. (& 93 Areas in the U.S. and Canada.)
 - With your fellow G.S.R.s, you elect District Committee Members ([D.C.M.s](#)), District Committee Member Chairs (D.C.M.C.s) & other officers which make up the District committee.
 - As the GSR you have been elected to represent the voice of the members comprising your group, so you & the many Groups/ Districts carry the voice/ concerns to the larger Area 09 and to our [Delegate](#). Our Delegate then represents the Groups of our Area at the Annual Conference.
- You attend monthly local district and Area assemblies, approximately four times a year.
 - At most Area meetings (held on the 2nd Sun. of the month except in May) there are Committee meetings – the most important one if you are new to General Service is [GSR School](#).
 - Every two years (Oct. of odd # years) you also attend the electoral assembly (with other G.S.R.s and Officers from your district) to elect Area committee officers and the Area's Delegate.
 - To prepare for the conference it is important you also attend the Pre-Conference workshop which is held the 2nd Sun. of April.
- It's up to you to keep two-way communication going between your group and [AA as a whole](#) via the General Service Conference through the Delegate and the local District and Area.
 - You can bring the group conscience on important AA matters to the annual conference (via your Delegate). More information can be found in the [Service Manual](#). The groups we represent do not speak for AA but to AA through us, similarly, our Delegate does not speak for AA, but through us.
 - You can share information about the annual Conference to your group. Our Area Delegate participates in the annual General Service Conference and returns to inform the Area, its GSRs and their Districts.
- Become familiar with the Traditions so you can help when your group faces a problem involving one of the Traditions. You don't have to know all the answers — but learn where to look for good suggestions, drawn from broad A.A. experience.
- Work with the group treasurer to remind your group of its part in keeping A.A. self-supporting – Tradition 7
 - Explain the importance of [financial support](#) to [Central Office](#), [G.S.O.](#), [District](#) and [Area Committees](#).
 - Explain the [Birthday Plan](#) for individual contributions.
- Share information to your group about local events and conventions in your area. As G.S.R., share with your fellow members the joy of widening A.A. horizons.

KEY Acronyms, Terminology and Committees

(More can be found on page S19 of the [A.A. Service Manual](#) and page 3 of the [MSCA09 Workbook](#))

Acronyms:

A.A.W.S. ~ Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

A.S.C. ~ Area Service Committee

D.C.M. ~ District Committee Member elected by the G.S.R.'s, usually represents a sub-district within a District (i.e. Women's, Men's, Alano Clubs, geographic area, etc.). DCMs represent the groups in their immediate vicinity and at district, and area meetings as well as local coordinate service activities. The DCM for your sub district is there to help! Ask him or her any questions about GSR and they will know the answer or point you in the right direction. They may also suggest you find a **Service Sponsor** ~ see link on reverse page.

D.C.M.C. ~ District Committee Member Chair, District Committee Member elected by the G.S.R.s to represent the entire district and to coordinate service activities within 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 via Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

G.S.R. ~ General Service Representative. The group contact with the General Service Structure and voting member of the District and area assembly.

M.S.C.A. ~ Mid-Southern California Area. MSCA 09 Covers LA County south of Rosecrans Ave. And all of Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. (CA has 6 areas)

P.R.A.A.S.A. ~ [Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly](#). The Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly held each year in March in one of the Areas of the Pacific Region. A weekend of sharing experience with our counterparts from all the different Areas in the Pacific Region and staff members from G.S.O. A great opportunity to learn more about General Service

Committees:

- Area [Archives Committee](#) – responsible for historical records, memorabilia, tapes and videos, of Districts in Area9
- C.E.C. ~ [Cooperation with the Elderly Community](#). Works with Accessibility for elderly.
- C.P.C. ~ [Cooperation with the Professional Community](#). C.P.C. committees at the district, area, trustee, and Conference level help carry the message to professionals who work with alcoholics.
- D.C.M. ~ [District Committee Member School](#)
- [Grapevine/La Viña](#)
- [Literature Committee](#)
- P.I. ~ [Public information](#). P.I. committees at the district, area, trustee, and Conference level help carry the message about AA by working with the media.
- [Accessibility](#) (formerly Special Needs) Committee
- Central Office/Intergroup Liaison
- Corrections & Treatment Facilities Committees.
 - C.C. ~ [Corrections Committee](#). Bring meetings and literature to alcoholics that are incarcerated.
 - T.F. ~ [Treatment Facilities Committee](#). Bring meetings and literature to alcoholics that are in treatment programs.

Other useful information can be found:

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-25_ctrloffices_intergroup_uscanada.pdf (Central Offices)

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-19_gsr.pdf (Pamphlet P19 - G.S.R. General Service Representative)

<http://Area09.org> (Area 09 web site)

<http://www.oc-aa.org/> (Orange County Intergroup web site)

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-15_Q&AonSpon.pdf (Service Sponsorship explained on P25 of the Questions & Answers on Sponsorship pamphlet)