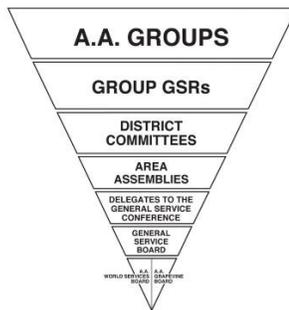


Email to All Registered Meeting Secretaries about GSR Representation:



Hello Fellow Friends of Bill W. and Dr. Bob,

My name is Lowell D.; sobriety date 06/28/1991. I am the District 30, Area 5 General Service Representative (GSR) Registrar. GSR's are each meetings elected representative. I am reaching out to request assistance to increase our GSR representation.

District 30, the most local level of our "organization," has more meetings than all other districts within our area (Area 5), yet we have among the lowest participation levels – less than 5 percent of our (approximately) 165 groups have active General Service Representatives (GSR). During the "Covid-19" period, we have seen participation in GSR activities dwindle within Area 5 as well. This is unfortunate, because this affects our ability to provide information to our fellow A.A. groups – and receive feedback from the groups – when perhaps we need it the most. This includes important happenings in the area of General Service, including exciting changes and events.

What are General Service Representatives and why are they important?

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the A.A. message of recovery—is integral to the basic service that the A.A. fellowship provides. A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of *alcoholics in action*. Vital, yet probably least understood are the services of A.A. that allow us to function as a whole society including the General Service Organization and its member *representatives* (GSRs). The primary goal is to ensure open and transparent communication between our A.A. Groups and the General Service Board. The ultimate aim of this communication is how best to transmit the message of recovery to the newcomer.

A.A. is an upside-down organization, which means the groups are on top and the General Service Organization (Board) is on the bottom. Hence, General Service Representation from the groups is vital; it provides the ability to communicate the needs and concerns of the A.A. Group (meeting) to the General Service board as well what is happening in A.A. as a whole to the membership at large.

The Ask:

In conclusion, on behalf of your District and Area trusted servants, I am reaching out to meeting secretaries to urge your group to elect a GSR so that your group's voice is heard throughout A.A. as a whole. The service commitment includes a monthly, one-hour meeting of the local district (currently being conducted via zoom). Area 5 has quarterly meetings; GSRs are encouraged to attend one per year. Training and an in-depth information package is provided by the AA office in New York. Members with questions can email me at lowellsturn@gmail.com.

Yours in service,

Lowell D.