Mid-Southern California Area

WHATS IT ALL ABOUT?

"Welcome G.S.R.s"

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WELCOME G.S.R.s

You have one of the most important jobs in A.A. As the elected General Service Representative (G.S.R.) of your Group you are the key to the unity of A.A. and-most important-the Custodian of the Traditions. The words of Bill W. describe it best . . .
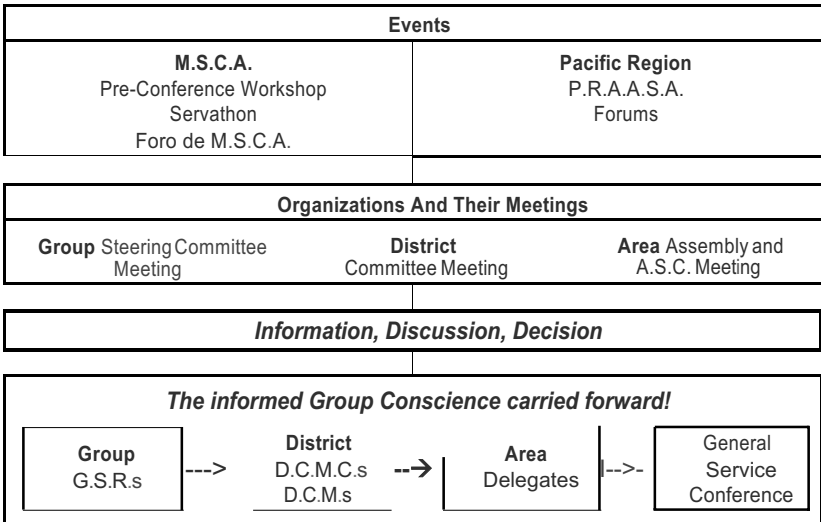
*"The strength of our whole A.A. service
structure starts with the General Service
Representative the Group elects."*

Please use the helpful *G.S.R. Getting Started Checklist* on pages 15-17.

SERVICE MEETINGS

During your term as a G.S.R. you will be attending a number of District and Area meetings. Your first General Service meeting will be a lot like your first A.A. meeting . . . confusing. However, it has been found that continued attendance at service meetings and the study of available literature, such as *The A.A. Service Manual,* will clear up this confusion and service will quickly become very rewarding. You should find your Service Sponsor helpful. If you don't have one, ask your D.C.M. and D.C.M.C. about service questions. If you don't know who and what these people are, you soon will.

An Informed Group Conscience

Events	
M.S.C.A. Pre-Conference Workshop Servathon Foro de M.S.C.A.	**Pacific Region** P.R.A.A.S.A. Forums

Organizations And Their Meetings		
Group Steering Committee Meeting	**District** Committee Meeting	**Area** Assembly and A.S.C. Meeting

Information, Discussion, Decision

The informed Group Conscience carried forward!

Group G.S.R.s	--->	**District** D.C.M.C.s D.C.M.s	-->	**Area** Delegates	-->-	General Service Conference

An informed G.S.R. keeps A.A. alive and well!

By attending meetings and expressing your Group Conscience you are helping to keep A.A. strong and pass that strength along to future members. Attending Service meetings is as important to the life of A.A. as attending Group meetings is to your life in recovery.

Group Steering Committee Meetings

Many Groups have Steering Committee or business meetings which conduct routine business matters and report back to the Group. Upon occasion the Group votes to express its Group Conscience on A.A. matters. The G.S.R. carries the results of the Group Conscience to the District and Area meetings.

...	Group Conscience on issues that affect the Group or A.A. as a whole ...ss questions about Group practices ...nate candidates for Group Office ...ss other Group business

District Committee Meetings

Districts hold meetings for G.S.R.s where you will learn about your District. In this way Groups are able to communicate with each other. At these meetings you will become informed of items to be discussed at the Assembly so that you will be prepared to take part.

District Committee Meetings

...se	- Take the Conscience of Groups in the District on matters that might affect the Groups or A.A. as a whole Elect D.C.M.C., Alt. D.C.M.C. and D.C.M.s to the Area Service Committee (A.S.C.) Elect District Standing Committee Chairs Discuss and act on service needs Maintain communications between groups, the Area, and A.A. as a whole
...pership	Customarily G.S.R.s, D.C.M.C., Alternate D.C.M.C., D.C.M.s and Alternates, Past D.C.M.C.s, District Officers, and Chairs ...District Standing Committees

Area Service Committee (A.S.C.) Meetings

Issues to be decided at Assemblies are first introduced at Area Service Committee (A.S.C.)meetings so D.C.M.C.s and D.C.M.s can bring them to their District meetings for discussion with G.S.R.s. The G.S.R.s take the issues to their Groups and bring back their Group Conscience to the next District meeting. The District consciences are brought to the A.S.C. meeting. Discussion and voting takes place. If approved, the issue can be taken to the Assembly.

Area Service Committee Meetings		
Purpose	- Identifying, defining, discussing Area, District and Group problems and issues - Obtaining the conscience of all Districts - Advisor to Assembly, Executive Committee, and the Delegate - Establish Agenda for the next Assembly	
Membership	Past Delegates D.C.M.C.s Alt. D.C.M.C.s D.C.M.s District Officers	Area Officers Standing Comm. Chairs Cochairs Coordinate Committee Chairs and Directors GSRs are nonvoting participants
	G.S.R.s are encouraged to attend.	
	In the absence of their principals, Alt. D.C.M.s and Coordinate Committee designated representatives are voting members.	
Meetings	Two meetings between Assemblies, minimum (Usually 6 meetings per year.)	

Area Assemblies

The Area Assembly is a meeting of District members within the M.S.C.A. As a G.S.R., you are a voting member of the Area Assembly. *It is your responsibility to carry your Group conscience to the Assembly.* Therefore, attendance at the District meetings, where the Assembly agenda is discussed, is very important. Your D.C.M.C. or D.C.M. will give you Assembly dates and locations.

Area Assemblies		
Purpose	A meeting of G.S.R.s and the Area Service Committee to deliberate upon and enact resolutions concerning service matters	
Membership	Area Officers G.S.R.s, Alt. G.S.R.s' D.C.M.C.s Alt. D.C.M.C.s D.C.M.s, Alt. D.C.M.s District Officers	Standing Committee Chairs/Cochairs, Coordinate Committee Chairs/Directors (Intergroups, Central Service Committees, Y.PA A. Committees)
	Lifetime voting members: Past Delegates 'Nonvoting members: Alternate G.S.R.s	
Meetings	Three Assemblies per year, minimum	

Typical Area Meeting Format

Meeting   Activities

8:00a.m.-09:00a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.-10:00a.m.	Delegate Sharing
10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Standing Committee Meetings

AA Grapevine/La Vina   *GSR School
Archives   • Literature
• Convention Liaison   • Guidelines & Policies
*Cooperation with Elder Comm.• Public Information
* Cooperation with Prof. Comm.   Registration
Corrections & Correspondence • Accessibility
• D.C.M. School   Treatment Facilities
Finance   Communications
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lunch

Area Meeting Begins

Call to order with the Serenity Prayer
Readings in English and Spanish: Declaration of Unity, Preamble,
Statement of Purpose and Membership
Introductions:

Past Delegates	New D.C.M.C.s & Alts.
New District Officers	Area Officers
New G.S.R.s & Alts.	Guests
New D.C.M.s & Alts.	

Area Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Area Officers Reports

Old Business
New Business

Standing Committee reports: (See list above.)
Coordinate Committees

District Roll Call 1-30

Recap of Actions
Announcements
Birthdays
Closing Prayer and Adjournment

OTHER SERVICE MEETINGS
Open to All A.A. Members

Pre-Conference Workshop. Provides Group information to the Delegate prior to the General Service Conference in New York. Informs the G.S.R.s, officers, and others present about issues of concern at the forthcoming Conference. Held in the spring of the year.

Servathon. Focuses on one or more of the Twelve Traditions and all aspects of A.A. service work. Held in the fall of the year.

Foro de A.M.S.C. The growth of the Spanish-speaking population and membership in Alcoholics Anonymous in the Mid-Southern California Area has brought opportunities for all members to become active in General Service work. The Foro del A.M.S.C. has been established to afford another means for all A.A. members to participate in the mainstream of Alcoholics Anonymous service. The purpose of the Foro del A.M.S.C. is to focus on General Service topics. It is held yearly in the summer. These events are hosted by one or more Hispanic Districts where English-speaking members wear headphones so that they can hear the translations from Spanish to English.

P.R.A.A.S.A. (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly). A Pacific Region-wide Assembly to discuss A.A. issues and matters. For the first time newly elected Delegates meet with and learn from Delegates who have been serving for a year. This Assembly also provides an opportunity for G.S.R.s, and District and Area officers to pool their information and share their views on issues to be discussed at the Conference. Areas bid to host the event.

Forums. Regional Forums are sponsored by the General Service Office in cooperation with the Delegates of the Region and are held every other year-each time in a different Area. They are attended by the Regional Trustees, the Delegates, Past Trustees, several members of the General Service Board of Trustees, G.S.O. staff workers and members of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the AA Grapevine. The purpose is to bring the General Service Office to you. The Forum acquaints G.S.R.s and other service-interested members in the Region with the activities, accomplishments and plans of the service personnel associated with the General Service Conference and-equally important-keeps G.S.O. informed of grass roots sentiments and opinions in the Region.

General Service Conference. We have talked a lot about the Group Conscience-because you, as G.S.R., are the custodian of that Group Conscience. The thoughts and opinions expressed in Group Consciences are pooled at the District meetings you will be attending, and pooled again at the Area Assemblies. The A.A. Group conscience finally comes to a focus-for one long week each spring-at the General Service Conference. Our Delegate carries our M.S.C.A. Group Conscience, along with the Right of Decision, when attending the Conference. The Conference is A.A's way of keeping our Fellowship strong and healthy by looking for weaknesses to be corrected and new challenges to be met.

SERVICE STRUCTURE

 This pamphlet describes the Mid-Southern California Area Service structure. The Area is the part of Alcoholics Anonymous service in which you personally will be most involved. It is in the Pacific Region. There are 8 regions comprised of 93 Areas, including 79 in the United States and 14 in Canada. We fit into the overall A.A. Service structure as described below.

Mid-Southern California Area

   The Area is divided into 24 Districts with each District being served by an elected District Committee Member Chair (D.C.M.C.), or District Committee Member (D.C.M.) in the Spanish-speaking Districts. In 2019 there were 2,317 A.A. Groups and 69,783 members reported in the Area. In that year, the M.S.C.A. was the largest Area in A.A. membership and largest in number of A.A. Groups in the Conference. The M.S.C.A. was tied for 77th in per capita group contributions ($3.20) and fifth largest in total Area contributions ($223,271.33).

With the rapid growth in numbers of A.A. members and A.A. Groups in the M.S.C.A., it was necessary to add the D.C.M.C. position in English-speaking Districts to maintain the integrity of the original Districts without interfering with effective communications between the A.A. Groups (through their G.S.R.s) and the District Committee Member (D.C.M.). D.C.M.s serve Subdistricts within Districts. Spanish-Speaking Districts do not use the Subdistrict structure; their District leaders are D.C.M.s.

General Service Structure United States and Canada	
Segment	Structure
General Service Conference Regions (8)	UNITED STATES • *Pacific* •East Central •Northeast • Southwest • West Central • Southeast Canada Eastern Canada Western Canada
Pacific Region Areas (15)	CALIFORNIA (6 Areas and part of Nevada Area) • *Mid-Southern Calif.* • Central Calif. • San Diego/Imperial • Southern Calif. •Northern Interior • Northern Coastal
	• Alaska • Idaho • Utah •Arizona • Nevada •East Wash. • Hawaii • Oregon •West Wash.
M.S.C.A. Districts (24)	Please see page 12

Spanish-Speaking Area Structure

The Mid-Southern California Area has one of the largest Spanish-speaking populations in the Conference. The Area's Spanish-speaking structure is expanding to accommodate the growth of this community in A.A. and in the Area. District numbers 20 to 29 have been reserved for this growth. There are six Spanish-speaking Districts that cover the entire Mid-Southern California Area. (See P.12.)

AREA ASSEMBLY

The M.S.C.A. Assembly has seven officers (Executive Committee) including the Delegate. They are elected during odd-numbered years. They serve two-year terms beginning January 1 of even-numbered years. The Executive Committee subject to confirmation by the Assembly appoints replacements for vacancies.

Area Officers

Area Officers	
Position	Duties

Delegate	Provide the leadership to build a sound service
	    structure
	Attend the General Service Conference
	    - Carry and express the Area Conscience
	    - Vote on all questions
	    - Act in the interest of A.A. as a whole
	    - Report back to the Area
	Maintain contact with G.S.O. and the G.S.B.
	Serve on a Conference committee
	Attend Assemblies, A.S.C. meetings, Area events,
	    P.RAASA, and Pacific Regional Forums

Area Officers Continued.

Area Officers (Continued)	
Position	Duties

Alternate Delegate	Assist, substitute for the Delegate when required
	Responsible for special committees, workshops
	   and special functions of the A.S.C.
	Maintain liaison with A.S.C., Intergroups/Central
	   Service and all other permanent committees
	Work closely with the Area Chair
	Assume the duties of the Area Chair when that
	   officer is absent

Chair	Conduct Area meetings. Plan/publish agenda Appoint ad hoc committees Function as Administrative officer of the Assembly Maintain a healthy Area structure Assist Districts when needed
Secretary	Record/distribute Area meeting and Executive Committee minutes. Maintain roster and mailing list; distribute roster. Maintain Assembly records
Treasurers Payable & Receivable	Conduct Area financial business; Maintain fiscal records; Provide financial reports; File Tax forms; Serve on Financial Committee
Registrar	Maintain Group records up-to-date Locate Groups when needed Schedule visits of officers

Area Committees

The M.S.C.A. Assembly includes permanent committees responsible for conducting much of the A.A. business activity in the Area. They are Standing and Coordinate Committees.

Standing Committees

There are 17 M.S.C.A. Standing Committees. Individuals standing for Committee Chair are elected by the Assembly. (Some committees elect their own Chair.) Each Standing Committee drafts its own guidelines for approval by the Assembly.

Area Standing Committees (17)	
•Accessibility	Guidelines & Policies
Archives	Grapevine & La Vina
•Communications	GSR School
'Convention Liaison	Literature
Cooperation with Elder Comm.	Public Information
'Cooperation with Prof. Comm.	Registration
Corrections	Treatment Facilities
DCM Shool	Young People
Finance	
•Spanish-speaking Cochairs	

Coordinate Committees

Coordinate Committees are part of the Area structure but are completely autonomous

Coordinate Committees (Continued)

CENTRAL OFFICE/INTERGROUP	LOCATION
All South Bay C.O.	Torrance
Off. Integ. Hispana del Sur de la Bahia	Gardena

Y.P.A.A. COMMITTEE	LOCATION
All Orange County Y.P.A.A.	Costa Mesa
Harbor Area Cities Y.P.A.A.	San Pedro
Inland Region Y.P.A.A.	San Bernardino

Other Committees

	LOCATION
Comite de Instituciones del Sur de la Bahia	Gardena

ELECTION ASSEMBLY

In October of odd-numbered years, you will perform one of your most important functions as a G.S.R. by taking part in electing a Delegate from the Mid-Southern California Area as our representative to the General Service Conference. Other Area Officers will also be elected.

Eligibility to Office

The number of Assembly members who are eligible to office is quite large. This gives the Assembly a good field from which to choose the Area officers. Each eligible member must state if they wish to stand for election. Included in those eligible to Area office are: 24 District leaders and any alternates; D.C.M.s of the subdistricts; numerous District officers; six of the Area officers (not Delegates or Past Delegates) all English and Spanish-speaking Standing Committee Cochairs; and 16 Chairs or Directors of Coordinate Committees.

DCMCs, Alt. DCMCs Past DCMCs, Past Alt DCMCs DCMs, Past DMCs	With one year of service in one or more of these offices Regularly attended Area meetings in
Area Officers	Excluding Delegate and Past Delegates

Archives
*Convention Liaison
*Cooperation with the
  Elder Community
	Professional Comm.
	  Correctional Facilities
	*D.C.M. School
	  Finance
	*G.S.R. School
		sletter
		c Information
		stration
		cial Needs
		tment Facilities
		g People in AA

Suggested Continuous Sobriety

Area Guidelines have suggested continuous sobriety values to be eligible for election to Area office which are equal to/greater than those suggested in *The A.A. Service Manual.*

Delegate	6 Years	Secretary	5 Years
Alternate Delegate	6 Years	Treasurer	5 Years
Chair	5 Years	Registrar	5 Years

Eligibility to Vote

Members of the M.S.C.A. Assembly are eligible to vote in Area elections as shown below.

ig Members of the Election Assembly

nd Cochairs of Standing Committees

irectors of Coordinate Committees
• Currently serving in office, or
• In office within the past 12 months

oting members: Past Delegates

In order to be eligible to vote, members of the As-sembly **must** *have attended, in spective capacities, at least one Assembly or A.S.C. meeting in the past year.*

Elections

The Assembly in October of odd-numbered years elects seven Area officers. The Assembly in January elects all English and Spanish-speaking Standing Committee Co-chairs; (Some committees elect their own Chairs.)
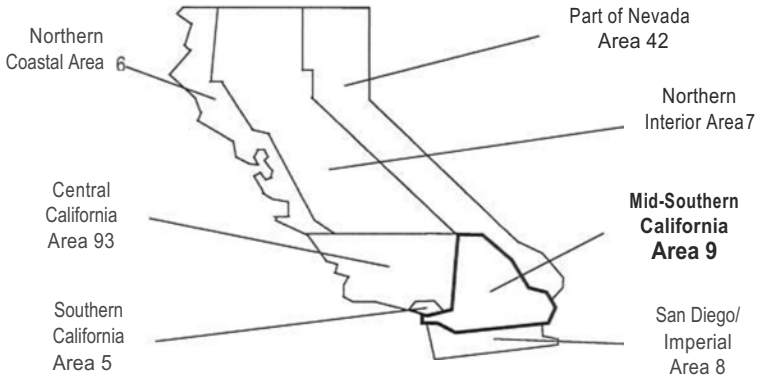
Third Legacy Procedure

The Third Legacy procedure used to elect the seven M.S.CA officers is considered unique with AA The names of all eligible candidates---except those who state they are unable to serve-are posted on a board. Written ballots are used to vote. The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected. If no candidate receives that vote, lots are drawn from a hat to determine the winner. The balloting sequence is shown below. All actions for each ballot are listed in separate boxes. Action statements in bold italics, information items identified with bullets(•).

Third Legacy Procedure	
First candidate to receive 213 of the total vote is elected	
Ballot	**Action**
	If no First Ballot winner-a second vote is taken
2	*If no Second Ballot winner-a third vote is taken*
3	• The top two candidates remain • Second place ties remain with top candidate • Candidates with **LESS THAN 1/5** of the total vote are withdrawn *If no Third Ballot winner-a fourth vote is taken*
4	• The top two candidates remain • Second place ties remain with top candidate • Candidates with **LESS THAN 1/3** of the total vote are withdrawn *If no Fourth Ballot winner-the Chair asks for a motion, a second and a simple majority vote to go to a fifth ballot* • If the motion fails-Go to the Hat • If the motion carries-Go to a fifth vote
5	• The top two candidates remain • Second place ties remain with top candidate • Candidate with **SMALLEST TOTAL** is withdrawn *If no Fifth Ballot winner-go to the Hat*
THE HAT	• The top two candidates remain • In case of first place ties: All those tied remain • In case of no first place ties: Top candidate and tied second place candidates remain *Lots are drawn by the teller* *The first one "Out of the Hat" wins*

AREA STRUCTURE and G.S.R. MATERIAL

The following pages give some examples of the types of service material that is available. The answers to your questions will be found in the abundant supply of A.A. literature. When searching for answers or information you will find that your best friend will be the catalog, *A.A. Conference Approved Literature and Service Material.*

California Areas

Northern Coastal Area 6

Part of Nevada Area 42

Northern Interior Area 7

Central California Area 93

Mid-Southern California Area 9

Southern California Area 5

San Diego/ Imperial Area 8

M.S.C.A. English-Speaking Districts
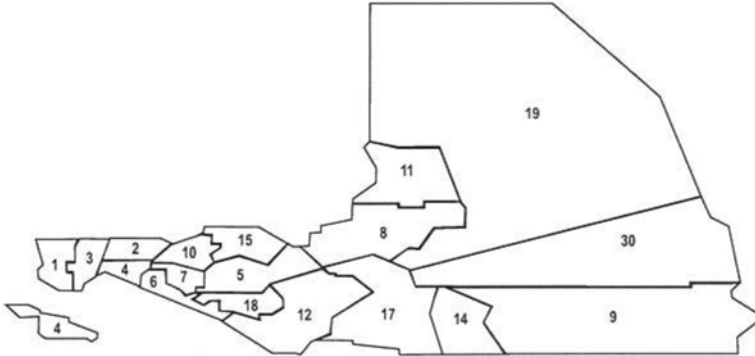
The English-speaking district structure has 18 Districts.

M.S.C.A. Spanish-Speaking Districts

The Spanish-speaking district structure has six Districts.

M.S.C.A. Divisions

Mid-Southern California Area districts are form-€d into geographic divisions to ensure the consideration of driving distance in the fair rotation of hosting Area meetings. The following divisions are used.

A. Divisions

Districts

Abbreviations

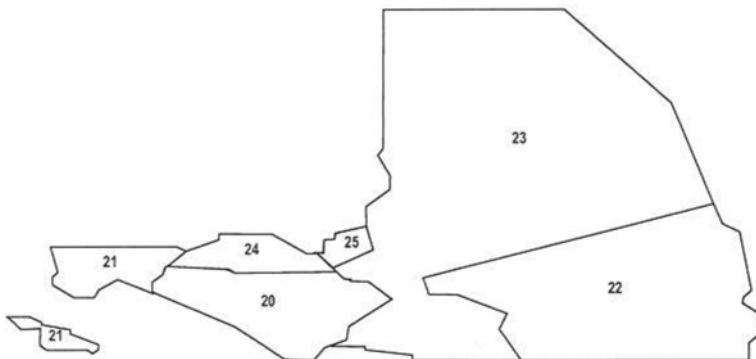**A.A.** Alcoholics Anonymous

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

A.M.S.C. Area Media-Sur de California

A.O.C.Y.P.A.A. All Orange County Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

A.S.C. Area Service Comm.

C.O. Central Office

C.E.C. Cooperation with the Elder Community

C.P.C. Cooperation with the Professional Community

D.C.M. District Committee Member

D.C.M.C. District Committee Member Chair

E.A.B. Editorial Advisory Board **[AA** Grapevine]

G.S.B. General Service Board

G.S.C.   General Service Conference

G.5.0. General Service Office

G.S.R. General Service Representative

GV AA Grapevine

GvR AA Grapevine Representative

H.A.C.Y.P.A.A. Harbor Area Cities Young People in A.A.

H.&.I. Hospitals & Institutions

I.R.Y.P.A.A. Inland Region Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

L.C.M. Local Committee Member (Same as D.C.M.)

M.C.D. Miembro de Comite de Distrito

M.S.C.A. Mid-Southern California Area

P.I. Public Information

P.R.A.A.S.A. Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly

P.S.A. Public Service Announcement

R.L.V. La Vina Representative

R.S.G. Representante de Servicios Generales

S.C. Southern California

T.F. Treatment Facilities

W.S.M. World Service Meeting

Y.P.I.A.A. Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

Area Standing Committee Chairs Election	January
Servathon	Fall

The G.S.R. Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our Fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

Welcome Aboard

We hope that you will experience what most of us in General Service within the Mid-Southern California Area feel to be a very rewarding way of giving back a little of what has so freely been given to us. We hope that you will become an active, involved G.S.R. As one G.S.R. said in an earlier edition of *The A.A. Service Manual.*

"You now have the opportunity to open the door to worldwide A.A. so that your group can enjoy the benefits of the whole Fellowship."

Bill W. left a personal message to you as a G.S.R. He wanted to be sure that you understood the critical nature of your G.S.R. job.

"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. I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s *importance."*

Responsibility Declaration

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that:
I am responsible.

G.S.R.
Getting Started Checklist

Task	Done

Advise A.A. of Your New G.S.R. Status
• Get a copy of the *A.A. Group Information Change Form.* Contact G.S.O. New York, www.aa.org. Click: (1) For A.A. Members,
  (2) Information for G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s
  (3) Change of Information Form for Existing Groups
  (4) The form will appear. Print two copies.	

• Complete one form. Fill in "old information" so prior G.S.R. can be removed from the record. Fill out "new information" including your data as new G.S.R. Update other data. See Chapter 2 of *The A.A. Service Manual.*	
• Make copies for: G.S.O., Area 9, home District, local Central Office and your group records. Mail forms as soon as possible.	
• Make all future routine group information changes promptly the	
• Keep Your Group service number close. It may be found in the *Western United States A.A. Directory.*	
• The G.S.R. is mail contact with G.S.O. and is listed in the A.A. Directory as group contact. G.S.R.s keep groups informed of	
Attend Group Steering Committee Meetings • Actively discuss group business. Record the group conscience, carry it to District/Area.	
Attend District Committee (G.S.R.) Meetings • Find out the time and place of the District G.S.R. meeting. The Central Office meeting directory	
• Attend G.S.R. School at District/Area meetings. This helps to learn about General Service.	
• Introduce yourself to the D.C.M.C. (District Committee Member Chair). [The leader of the District Committee.]	
• Find General Service sponsors. Ask for help in General Service and service literature.	
• Use A.A. service material and current events to give brief monthly reports to your Group.	

G.S.R.
Getting Started Checklist

Task	Done
Attend Area Service Comm. Meetings • You are a nonvoting participant in the A.S.C.	
• Standing Committee meetings are held before District and Area meetings. Take this opportunity to learn about them. Arrive early, pick a committee meeting and participate in the activities. Stay with one committee for good learning experiences. Become one of their officers and help work on projects. You will quickly feel at home in General Service.	
• Make a report of the committee meetings to your Group to keep members informed.	
Attend Area Assemblies • You are a voting member of the Assembly. Alternate G.S.R.s are also members of the Assembly but may vote only in the absence of the G.S.R.	
• One of your most important tasks is to carry your Group's conscience to the Assembly and vote as guided by the Group Conscience.	
• It is important to learn about the Right of Decision (Concept III) and understand that you may change the Group's planned vote if other information is learned at the meeting.	
• Report Assembly activities and A.A. news to your Group.	

Attend Other Area Activities
• Learn more about General Service and the Mid-Southern California Area by attending the following activities:
    Area Election: Officers
    Area Election: Standing Comm. Chairs
    Archives Open House
    Foro del A.M.S.C.
    Pre-Conference Workshop
    Heritage Day
    Founders Day
    Servathon	

Task	Done
Learn How to Give a G.S.R. Report Suggestion: Give the most information in the shortest time possible. Try 1-3 minute reports. Give 5-10 word statements of fact, and be prepared to give additional information. Develop your report well prior to the meeting. Sound interesting. Supplement report with some additional printed information.	
Collect, Read and Use Helpful Documents - *The A.A. Group* [Pamphlet] - M.S.C.A. Guidelines - M.S.C.A. Standing Comm. Guidelines [Var.] - District Guidelines [Home District] - District Standing Committee Guidelines [Var.] - Local Intergroup Newsletters - *A.A. Tradition-How It Developed* [Pamphlet] - *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* [Book] - *A.A. Conference Approved Literature and other Service Material* (Catalog] - *Service Material List* [Free] - *The A.A. Service Manual* - *A.A. Guidelines* (1 set of 16 free from G.S.O.] - Subscribe to *Box 4-5-9* [G.S.O. Bulletin] - Subscribe to the *AA Grapevine,* [AA Journal] - Report on the *Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous*	

Learn A.A. Service Addresses
G.S.O. - www.aa.org
    A.A. World Services, Inc.
    Box 459, Grand Central Station
    New York, NY 10163
AA - www.aagrapevine.org
Grape- AA Grapevine
vine 475 Riverside Drive
    New York, NY 10115
Area 9 - www.msca09aa.org
    Mid-Southern California Area
    P.O. Box 51446
    Irvine, CA 92619-1446
Districts - Click(1)www.msca09aa.org (2) Districts, Maps.etc.
    (3) District number.
    - Check Central Office directory
Central - Call local Central Office
Offices - Check local Central Office directory	

M.S.C.A. English-Speaking District Cities

	Gardena Hermosa Beach Lawndale Manhattan Beach	Palos Verdes Est. Rancho Palos Verdes Redondo Beach	Rolling Hills Rolling Hills Estates Torrance
2	Artesia Bellfiower Cerritos Compton, S. of Rosecrans	Hawaiian Gardens Lakewood, **N.** of Carson Long Beach, **N.** of Carson	Norwalk, S. of Rosecrans Paramount
3	Carson Dominguez	Harbor City Lomita	San Pedro Wilmington
4	Avalon Belmont Shore Bixby Knolls Lakewood, S. of Carson	Long Beach, S.of Carson Los Alamitos Los Altos Naples	Naval Station Long Beach Rose Park Rossmoor Signal Hill
5	Cowan Heights Lemon Heights Orange	Orange Park _ Acres Santa Ana	Tustin Villa Park
6	Balboa Corona Del Mar Fountain Valley	Orange Park Acres Santa Ana	Seal Beach Sunset Beach
7	Garden Grove Midway City	Stanton	Westminster
8	Calimesa Cherry Valley Corona El Cerrito Mentone	Mira Loma Moreno Valley Norco Oak Glen Pedley	Redlands Riverside Rubidoux Woodcrest Yucaipa
9	Bermuda Dunes Blythe Cathedral City Coachella Desert Center Desert Hot Springs Eagle Mountain Indian Wells	Indio Indio Hills La Quinta Mecca North Palm Springs Palm Desert	Palm Springs Rancho Mirage Ripley Sky Valley Thermal Thousand Palms Whitewater
10	Anaheim, W. of 55, S. of 91	Buena Park Cypress	Fullerton La Palma
11	Big Bear City Big Bear Lake Bloomington Blue Jay Colton Crestline Crestpark	Devore Fawnskin Fontana Forest Falls Grand Terrace Highland	Lake Arrowhead Loma Linda Muscoy Rialto Running Springs San Bernardino

English-Speaking Districts Continued.

M.S.C.A. English-Speaking District Cities
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12	Aliso Viejo
	Capistrano Beach
	Coto de Caza
	Dana Point
	Ladera Ranch
	Laguna Beach
	Laguna Hills
		Laguna Niguel
		Laguna Woods
		Lake Forest
		Mission Viejo
		Modjeska
		  Canyon
			Rancho Santa
			  Margarita
			San Clemente
			San Juan
			  Capistrano
			Silverado Canyon
			Trabuco Canyon

14	Aguanga Anza Banning Beaumont	Cabazon Hemet Homeland Idyllwild	Juniper Flats Romoland San Jacinto Winchester
15	Anaheim E. of 55, N. of91 Anaheim Hills	Brea La Habra	Placentia Yorba Linda
17	Canyon Lake Lake Elsinore Lakeland Village Menifee	Murrieta Perris Rancho California	Sun City Temecula Wildomar
18	Costa Mesa	Irvine	
19	Adelanto Apple Valley Barstow Dagget Helendale	Hesperia Hinkley Lenwood Lucern Newberry Springs	Oro Grande Phelan Trona Victorville Yermo
30	Johnson Valley Joshua Tree Landers	Morongo Valley Twentynine Palms	Wonder Valley Yucca Valley

M.S.C.A. Spanish-Speaking District Cities

20	Costa Mesa Huntington Beach Lake Forest	San Clemente San Juan Capistrano Santa Ana	Tustin Westminster
21	Avalon Bellflower Carson Compton Gardena	Hawaiian Gardens Long Beach Norwalk Paramount Rancho Dominguez	San Pedro Signal Hill Torrance Wilmington
22	Blythe Cathedral City Coachella Desert Hot Springs	Indio Mecca Palm Desert	Palm Springs Thermal City Yucca Valley
23	Corona Lake Elsinore Mira Loma Moreno Valley	Ontario Perris Riverside	Rubidoux San Jacinto Temecula

24	Anaheim Buena Park Fullerton	Garden Grove La Habra Orange	Placentia Tustin Whittier
25	Adelanto Banning Colton	Fontana Hesperia Rialto	San Bernardino Victorville

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A double page spread in the report is dedicated to an analysis of Area Contributions. It presents a picture of the contributions of all the Areas. The Mid-Southern California Area information from the report is shown below. Column one shows Area 9 position in relation to the Conference.

2d	Number of groups reported	2,239
2d	Number of groups contributing	1,060
18th	Percent of groups contributing	43.9%
4th	Total group contributions	$229,563
1st	Membership	65,606
74th	Contributions per capita	$3.33
17	Individual member contributions	$23,132
30th	Memorial contributions	$2,070
18th	Special contributions	$5,241
7th	Special meetings contributions	$397
4th	Total Area 9 contributions	$260,403.47
63d	Per capita contributions	$3.97

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God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

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