

A.A. General Service Representatives (GSR) for District 17- District Committees and Offices Reference Sheet

As members of Alcoholics Anonymous, we stay unified by keeping a connection with World Services in New York City. The way A.A. functions as a whole is by participating in our local district meetings that are held monthly. Each individual group has a voice carried to the district by their GSR, which communicates with our Area. Each Area has a delegate that speaks on behalf of our community by attending the annual conference in New York. The conference votes on present agenda items that apply to current issues of the year. We reach our hand out by maintaining our anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film through our local standing conference committees. The GSR is how we maintain our fellowship through local involvement that leads to global connection.

*If you are interested in participating, please attend our **monthly meeting held every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The location is Spring Community Church in Temecula 41735 Winchester Rd # C, Temecula, CA 92590.** The following is a list of service positions, committee positions and officer positions and a brief description of them. “Required” lengths of sobriety vary depending on position.*

GSR (General Service Representative): *The link from their A.A. group to A.A. as a whole. The GSR is a member selected by the group to voice the group’s opinion in discussion at the District and Area level. The GSR is the voice of group conscience. The GSR reports group’s thoughts to district and delegate who takes them to conference and brings back info to the group from conference. The GSR participates in the election of the District’s DCM and elects the Area Delegate and officers of the Assembly.*

District 17 Positions:

- **District Secretary:** Records and distributes minutes; keeps mailing lists, sends out mailings, can make bulletins to keep interest in district activities, can act as liaison between officers and committee members.
- **DCMC:** A DCMC is a District Committee Member Chairperson. A large District in a city or county may hold regular meetings led by a DCMC, who services as the link between the district and the area. Within this large district, there are many district subdivisions, as needed, to adequately serve the groups. Each of these is called a local district and is served by a DCM who may hold regular meetings of GSRs. The DCMC votes in the election of Area Delegate and officers.
- **Alt. DCMC:** Alternate for District Committee Member Chair. Provide continuity. Should attend all events.
- **Registrar:** Develops and maintains records of all groups in the area, a contact list information of GSR’s an DCM’s, district and area officers and committee members. Mailing labels for publications and keeps GSO records up to date.

- **DCM (District Committee Member) Subdistrict:** The District Committee Member is an experienced GSR, elected by the GSRs of the District, to represent the groups of the District at Area committee meetings and Area Assemblies. The DCM coordinates service activities in the District. The DCM votes in the election of the Area Delegate and officers.

Committee/Liaison Positions:

- **Cyber/Internet Liaison:** Responsible for maintaining and updating the District website, providing links to information, internet security and following traditions regarding the dissemination of information regarding the District and its members to the public.
- **GSR School:** Welcomes the new GSR to the District meeting and provides them with general information regarding their roles and duties as a GSR. Serves as a contact for new GSR's for additional information and guidance.
- **Literature Committee:** recovery literature, review literature, make suggestions and recommendations. The focus of Literature committees is to assure that A.A. literature is available for A.A. groups, service meetings and other A.A. events. Through displays, supplies of A.A. catalogs and order forms, and A.A. literature workshops these committees help A.A. members carry the A.A. message through our literature.
https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/literature-committees
- **Hospital & Institutions (H&I) Liaison:** Provides information to the district regarding the status of H&I and coordinated efforts to carry the message and AA materials to those who are in need in local hospitals and other facilities who are unable to get out to regular meetings. The H&I Liaison's function is report to the district committee about the events of H&I and take vital information to H&I about events occurring at the District level
- **Archives Committee:** The Archivist collects, organizes and stores historical materials which are pertinent to the District. Like any other A.A. service, the primary purpose of those involved in archival work is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity; it is the means by which we collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened.
https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/archives-committees
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals ((the institutions and individuals who come into contact with alcoholics) about A.A.— what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do and how to contact local A.A. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.
https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/cooperation-with-the-professional-community-cpc-committees

- **Corrections**: The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to incarcerated alcoholics. The Corrections Committee is the key link to getting meetings and literature to those inside local correctional facilities. Bringing meetings and literature into facilities, raising awareness of the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) among "inside" and "outside" A.A. members, and helping inmates transition to a local A.A. Community through Prerelease contacts are just some of the activities corrections committee's support. https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-committees
- **Treatment**: While A.A. is not affiliated with any form of alcoholism treatment, A.A. Treatment committees are essential in carrying the A.A. message into treatment settings where the suffering alcoholic may be introduced to A.A. for the first time. According to the A.A. 2014 Membership Survey, 74% of our members cited treatment or counseling as an important part of their journey to A.A. The local Bridging the Gap program, or BTG, connects the new member being discharged from a facility to A.A. in their community. Clients can request contacts through the A.A. Temporary Contact/Bridging the Gap Request form. A.A. members can serve as A.A. Temporary Contact/Bridging the Gap Volunteers. (aa.org) https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/treatment-committees
- **Grapevine Committee**: The GV & L Chair informs the local fellowship about AA literature, and how to obtain literature and service materials.
- **Public Information Committee**: The PI Committee is responsible for making AA accessible when anyone reaches out for help, (by informing the public and carrying the message of AA outside of AA). Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with Public Information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public through activities such as giving A.A. information talks at schools and civic organization meetings, providing A.A. literature to schools and offices, and ensuring local media have accurate information and providing them with A.A. public service announcements. https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/public-information-committees
- **Accessibilities Committee**: Accessibilities Committees assist A.A. members who have a variety of challenges in accessing the A.A. message in A.A. meetings, Twelve Step work and other A.A. service. The pamphlet Serving All Alcoholics provides an overview of opportunities to serve on this committee. https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/accessibilities-committees.
- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC)**: To carry the message to the older alcoholic through a committee on Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC). CEC carries the message of recovery to the older still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public and present and future professionals about the AA program – what we are, where we are, what we can do and what we cannot do. Professionals often meet the alcoholic in places where AA is not present. CEC committees also coordinate the service work of AA groups and individuals who carry the message to older alcoholics in

hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes, and treatment facilities. Provides access to A.A. Materials and information to the Elder community. We carry the message by getting in touch with the media, the community, and professional organizations and schools who can report on the nature and purpose of AA and what it can do for alcoholics.

- **Intergroup Liaison**: The Intergroup Liaison attends all the Intergroup meetings and reports to the district committee what is happening at Intergroup, as well as reports back to Intergroup what is happening at the district level.
- **Temecula Valley Young Peoples AA Liaison**: The TVYPAA Liaison reports to the district committing the status and events happening within the District for young people. The Liaison reports back to TVYPAA what is happening at the District level.
- **Remote Communities Committee**: Note: **Our District does not have a remote communities committee at this time. This is informational only.** Remote Communities Committees assist A.A. members who live in underserved or remote communities — communities that are difficult to reach because of geography, language, or culture. It could be a community that is remotely situated, or right around the corner. Members may be faced with travel or geographic challenges or may face barriers such as language, cultural considerations and/or anything else that could separate a person who needs A.A. from our lifesaving program of recovery. https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/remote-communities-committees