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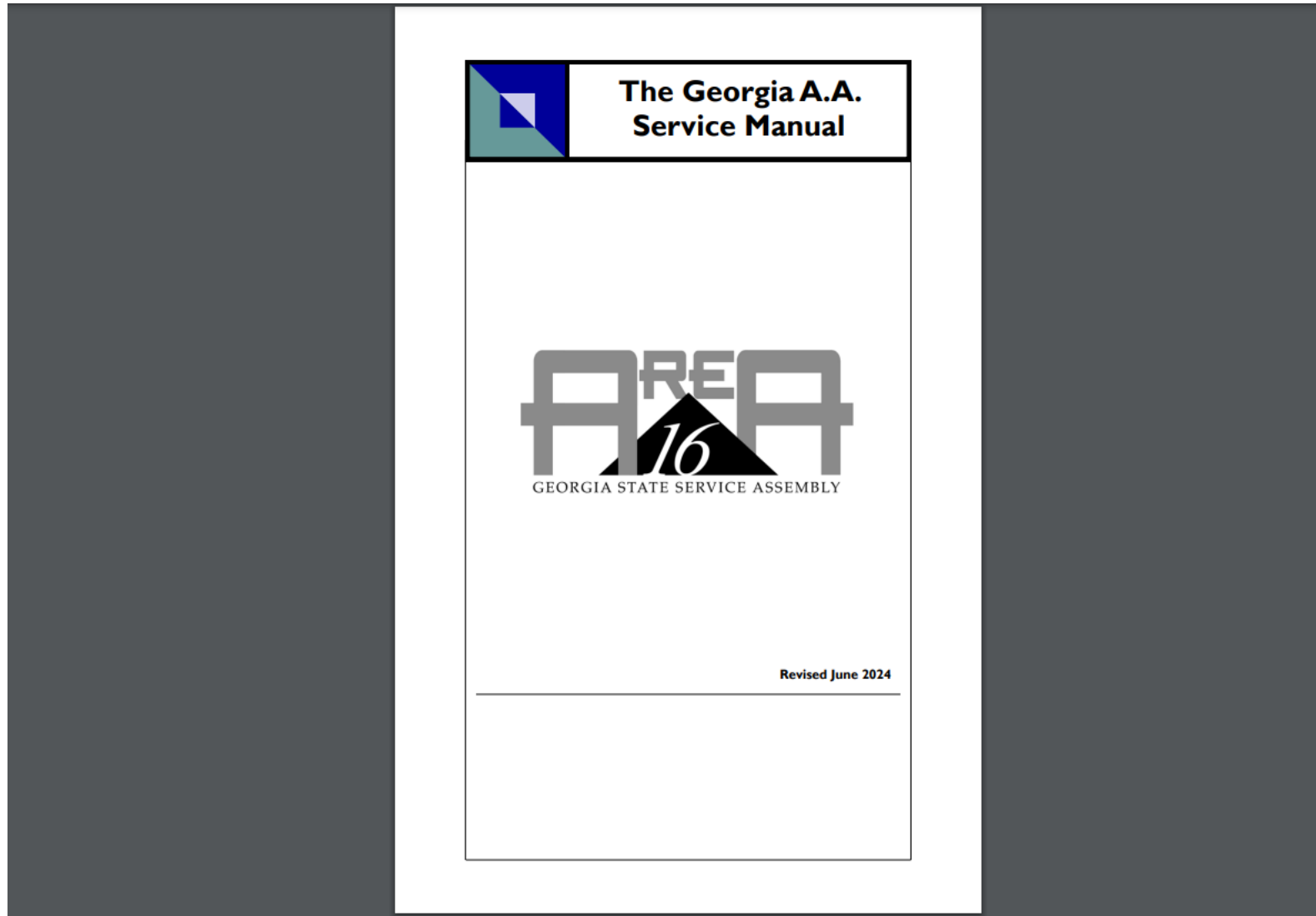
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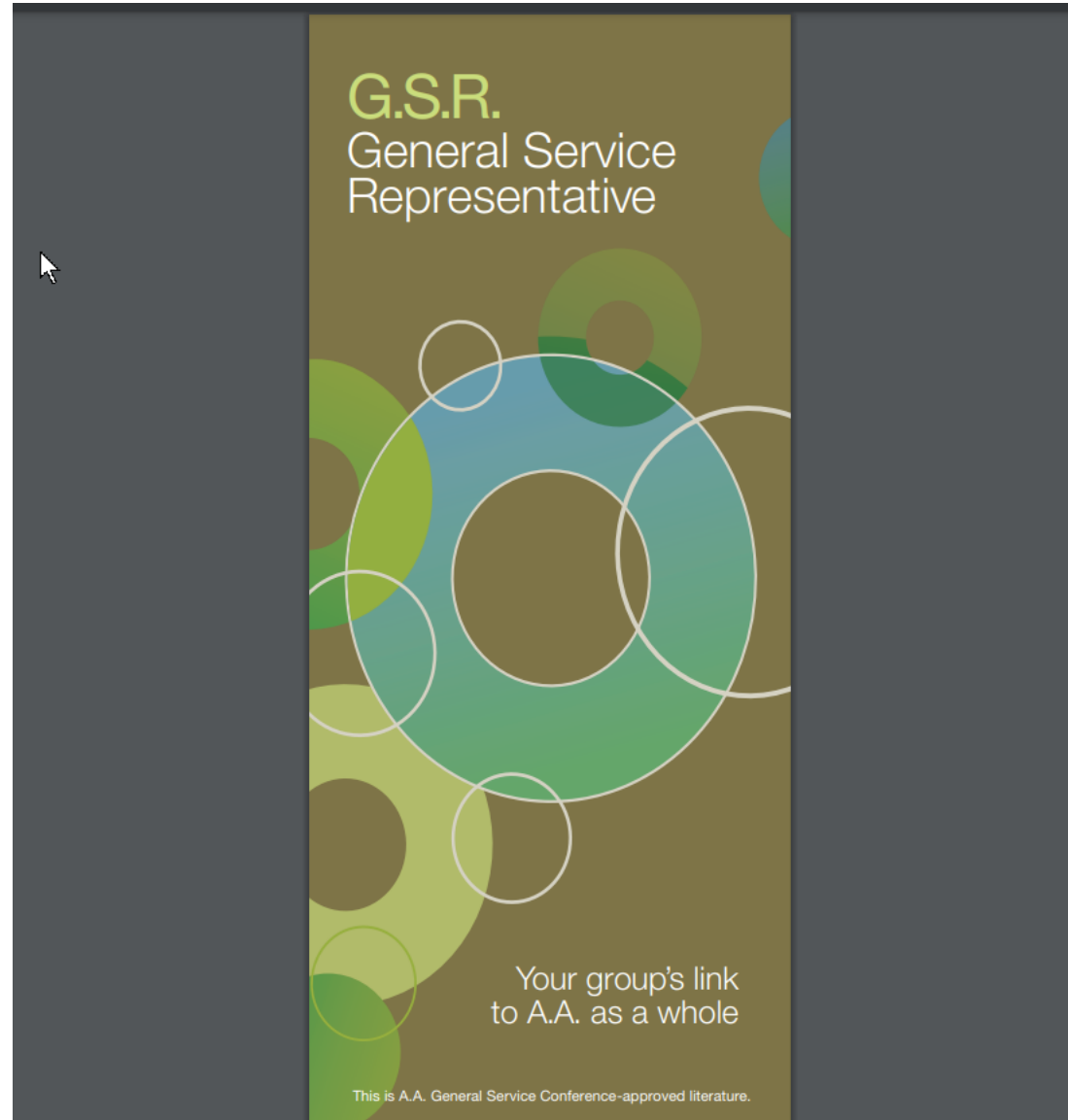
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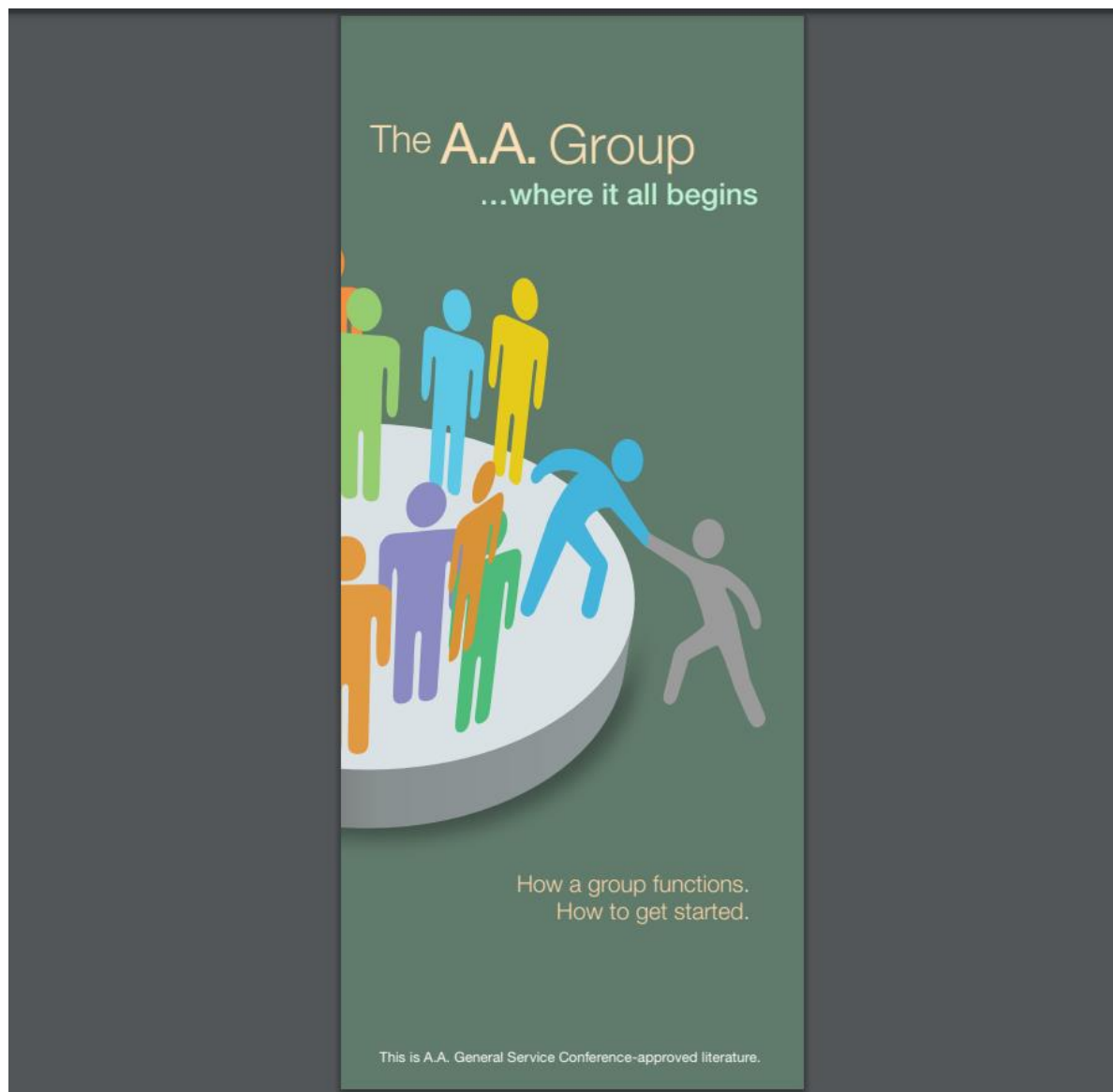


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Your group's link
to A.A. as a whole

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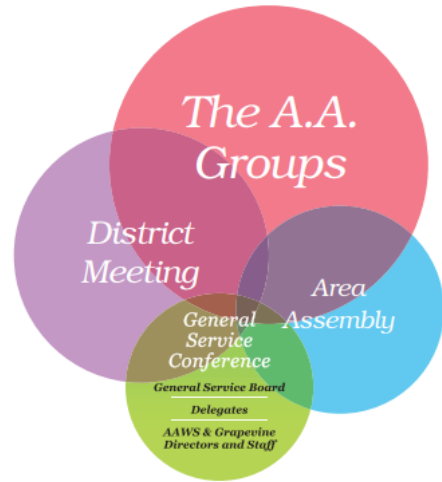
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Birth of the General Service Conference

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The complete manual, an invaluable
guide in Fellowship activity, is available
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AA CIRCLES OF LOVE PAMPHLET



HANDLING A.A. SERVICES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Central/Intergroup offices provide vital local services and Twelfth Step opportunities. All areas function independently and handle local A.A. services in the manner best suited to local needs. While GSRs, DCMs, area committees, area assemblies, and the General Service Conference are concerned with matters affecting A.A. as a whole, Central/Intergroup offices and answering services fill a different need. They handle local services only — such as coordinating local Twelfth Step calls, providing meeting lists, and in some places furnishing public information speakers for non-A.A. groups and for A.A. meetings in institutions.

Central offices and general service area committees are complementary, rather than competitive, A.A. operations. They exist to help insure A.A. unity and to fulfill A.A.'s primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

In 1990 the General Service Conference stressed the importance of communication and recommended that delegates establish and maintain contact with offices in their areas to share Conference information and assure that Central/Intergroup offices have a voice in the Fellowship through their existing service structure.

IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, WE ALL WORK TOGETHER

"To those now in its fold, Alcoholics Anonymous has made the difference between misery and sobriety, and often the difference between life and death. A.A. can, of course, mean just as much to uncounted alcoholics not yet reached.

"Therefore, no society of men and women ever had a more urgent need for continuous effectiveness and permanent unity. We alcoholics see that we must work together and hang together, else most of us will finally die alone."

—Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 561

Circles of Love and Service

*How A.A.s work together to help
the alcoholic who still suffers*

This leaflet is based on *The A.A. Service Manual*, *A.A. Comes of Age*, and the pamphlet "GSR — Your group's link to A.A. as a whole." For further information, contact your group's GSR, or write P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

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The Twelve Traditions A Distillation of A.A. Experience



As newcomers, many of us say to ourselves, "Let the group officers worry about the Traditions. I'm just an average member. They're rules for running groups, aren't they? And everybody tells me, 'There are no rules in A.A.!' Then we look closer — and find that the Traditions are *not* rules — and they are *not* just for officers. They have deep meaning for each one of us, as the Twelve Steps do.

Like the Steps, the Traditions were not figured out in advance, as courses of action against future problems. The action came first. Pioneer A.A. groups, with nothing to go on except the trial-and-error-and-try-again method, soon discovered: "Well, that way didn't work. But the other one did. And *this* one works even better!"

Both successes and failures were reported in letters to A.A. headquarters (eventually to become the General Service Office). In went these shared experiences of A.A.'s first 10 years, and out came the Twelve Traditions. In 1946, then in the "long form," they were published in the A.A. Grapevine. By 1950, they had been condensed to their present form and were adopted by A.A.'s First International Convention.

"Our Traditions are a guide to better ways of working and living," co-founder Bill W. said. "And they are to group survival what A.A.'s Twelve Steps are to each member's sobriety and peace of mind.... Most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group. The group must survive or the individual will not."...



CONCEPTS ILLUSTRATED PAMPHLET

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

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come

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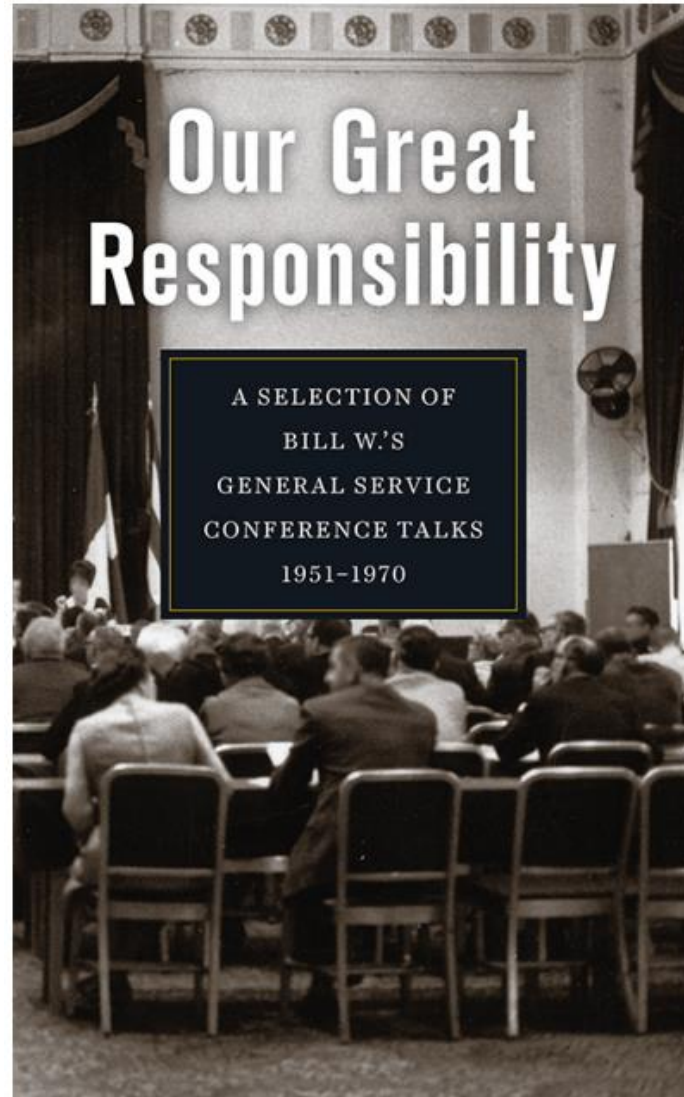
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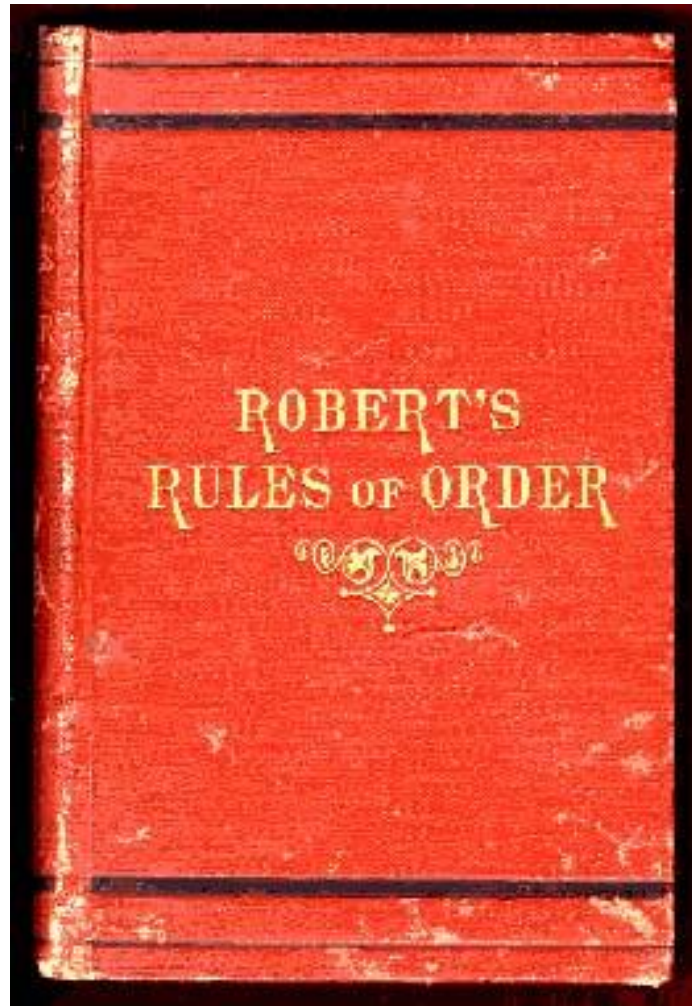
Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings

OUR GREAT RESPONSIBILITY



“BOB’S” RULES OF ORDER

We follow a very loose version of Robert’s Rules of Order.





Qualifications and Responsibilities of GSR

The Georgia AA Service Manual

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE G.S.R.

1. Minimum of two (2) years of continuous sobriety.
2. Experience in group affairs, such as secretary, Central Office, etc.
3. Should be able to coordinate and lead.
4. Time and energy to serve the group well. Liaison between D.C.M. and group.
5. Be prepared to place principles before personalities.

DUTIES OF THE G.S.R.

1. Attend group meetings regularly.
2. Keep informed of group affairs and encourage contributions.
3. Be available to serve and cooperate with other G.S.R.s.
4. Return factual group registration cards on time.
5. Attend district meetings regularly.
6. Assist D.C.M. in all phases of district.
7. Report to district on your group.
8. Attend all Assemblies and participate.
9. Keep a complete handbook with all procedures and minutes available for all district and Assembly meetings and for group meetings when reporting.
10. Be available to service in such district activities as may be required.
11. Attend training sessions, Assembly workshops, etc., and study the Service Manual.
12. Obtain the services of an alternate (at least during the second year of term), and supervise the training of alternate G.S.R., particularly with the Service Manual, handbook, procedures, reports and duties.
13. Become an active, knowledgeable, and effective G.S.R.



VOTING

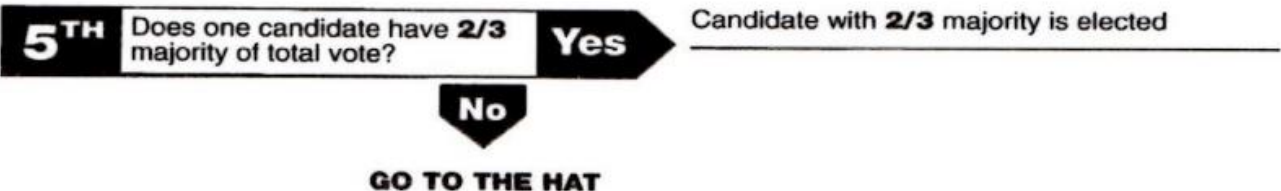
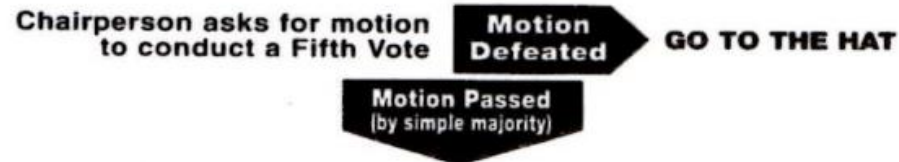
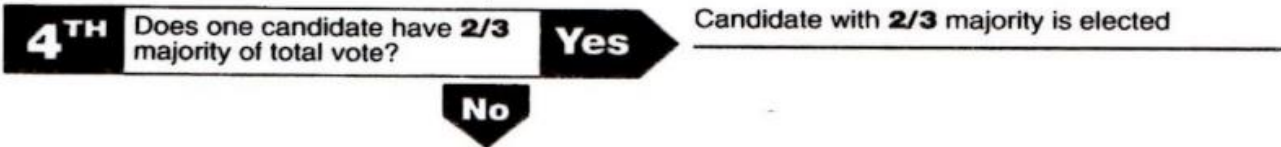
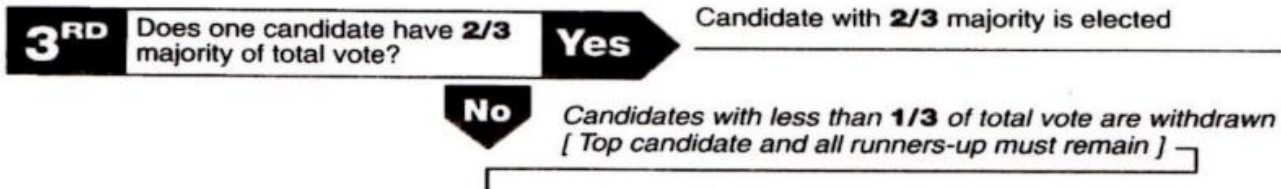
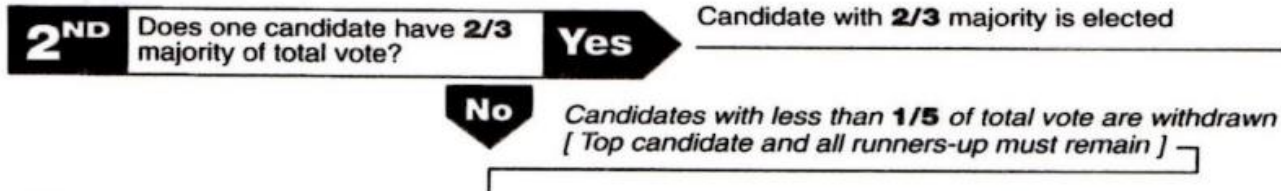
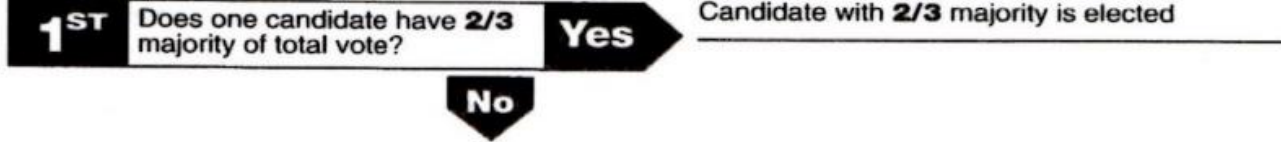
WHO VOTES?

VOTING PROCEDURE

MOTIONS

The Third Legacy Procedure

BALLOT



New Beginnings

Liz W.

Area 16 Delegate

When I was elected as GSR, I had a pretty good idea of what was expected of me. I had served as your Area Corrections co chair and chair by then, and I had had a service sponsor for at least 4 years. She took me through the traditions and concepts. It was very important that I understand the traditions because I was told that the GSR was the “keeper of the traditions” in a home group. I later found out that having a foundation

sponsor told me that the underlying principle for Tradition One is unity through sacrifice. And the thing that I had to sacrifice the most often would be my right to be right. That can still be a bitter pill to swallow, even today! No matter how a vote turned out, I was told that I had to accept the decision of the group conscience, and that acceptance was not the same as approval.

Those same principles still ring true while serving as Delegate. I have learned that there are many ways that people look at an issue.

the document on how the assembly operates. Plan to attend Assembly 101 on Saturday morning at the assembly. Attend the GSR Orientation and GSR workshop that Saturday afternoon. Those last 2 mentioned are available through zoom as a view only. So, if you are considering standing for GSR, or just want to know more about it, please log in and see what it is all about.

Service has been the foundation of my recovery. I can't imagine what my life would be like today if I

AREA 16 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN GEORGIA

GEORGIA STATE SERVICE ASSEMBLY



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Georgia Meetings and Information

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Georgia Message

- [Georgia Message of AA Newsletter](#)

Georgia State Events and Information

- [GSSA Assembly](#)
- [72nd Prepaid Convention \(Columbus, GA\)
October 17 - 19, 2025](#)
- [Archives Committee Presents](#)
- [Cluster Forums](#)

General Service Office - World Services

- [AA World Services, Inc. Website](#)
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- [What is the General Service Conference?](#)
- [General Service Conference Documents](#)

Area 16 Upcoming Events

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Southeast Region - Delegate Get Together

February 7 - February 10
Atlanta, GA
In 14 days

PI/CPC COMMITTEE - SHARING

SESSIONS

February 17 @ 7pm
Virtual
In 25 days

[Southeast Georgia Cluster Forum](#)

March 8 @ 10am
Savannah, GA

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CONCEPT ONE

CONCEPT TWO

CONCEPTS OF
WORLD SERVICE

CONCEPT 1

SHORT FORM

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LONG FORM

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CONCEPT 2

SHORT FORM

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

LONG FORM

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

CONCEPT 9

SHORT FORM

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees

LONG FORM

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

CONCEPTS 3-4-5

SHORT FORM


III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional ***“Right of Decision.”***

IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional ***“Right of Participation,”*** allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

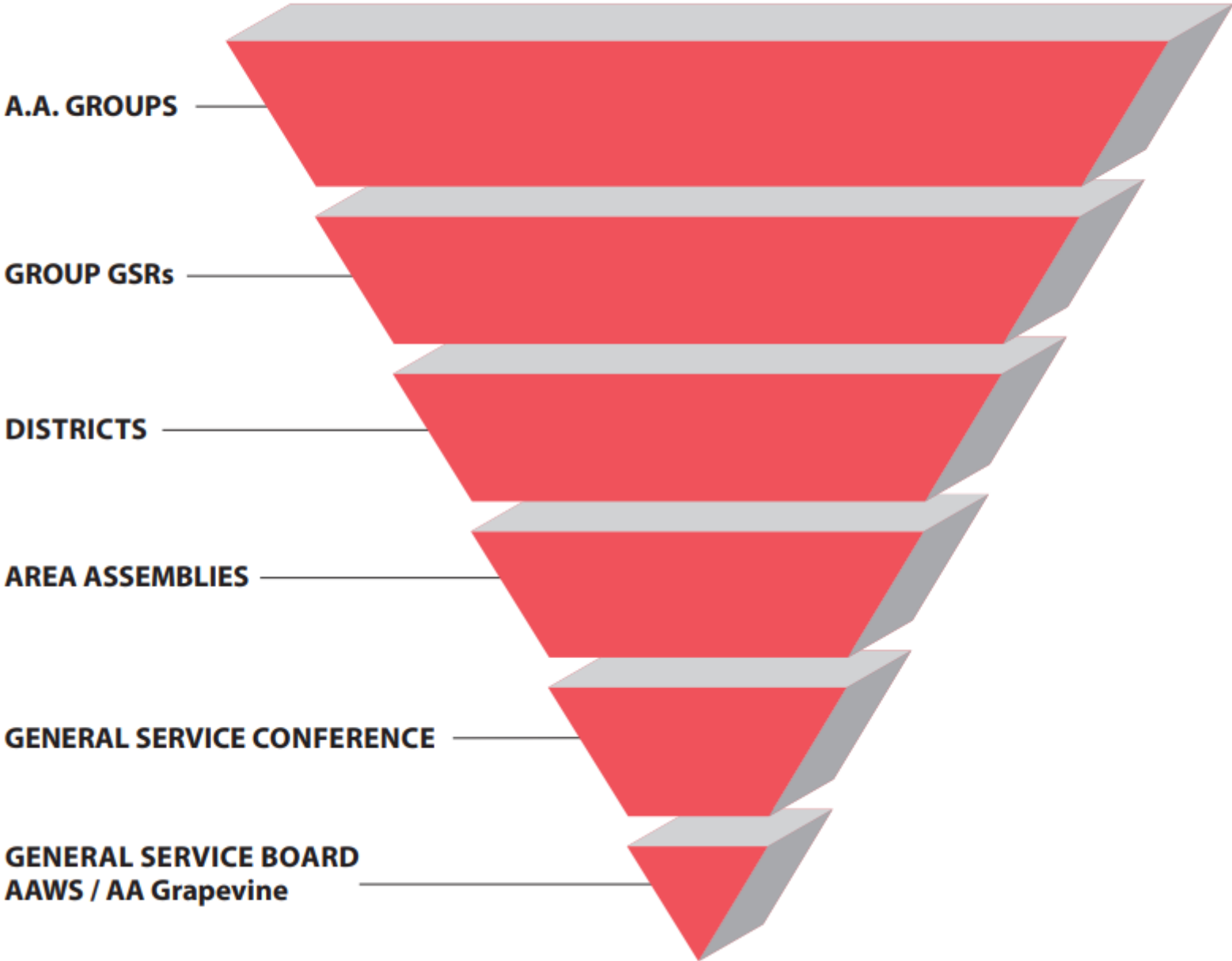
V. Throughout our structure, a traditional ***“Right of Appeal”*** ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

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SERVICE STRUCTURE

- GROUPS
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Structure of the Conference *U.S. and Canada*



QUESTIONS

