

## ACRONYMS AND TERMS USED IN SERVICE WORK

1. **Alternate** A service worker who, at group, district, or area level, assists, supports and participates in service responsibilities where feasible, depending on local needs.
2. **Area** A geographical division within a state or region. A Conference delegate comes from an *area*.
3. **Area Committee** A committee made up of district committee members, elected by the general service representatives in each district, and the area committee officers.
4. **Assembly** A meeting of general service representatives and committee members to discuss area affairs and biennially to elect a delegate and committee officers.
5. **A.A.W.S.** Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., a corporate board which oversees the General Service Office and publishes A.A.'s books and pamphlets.
6. **A.C.M.** Appointed committee member for one of the Trustees' Committees.
7. **C.F.C.** Corrections Facilities Committee
8. **Conference** The General Service Conference: the *annual meeting* of Conference delegates each April in New York City; or the *structure* involving committee members, general service representatives, and delegates in an area.
9. **Conference-Approved** **Literature, Videos, Film** - Pamphlets, videos, and films which the appropriate Conference committees have reviewed and reported favorably to the Conference meeting for its approval, and which have been approved by the Conference.
10. **C.P.C.** Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee
11. **Delegate** The man or woman elected at the electoral assembly every other year to represent the area at the annual meeting of the Conference in New York, and to bring back to the area the results of the Conference meeting.
12. **District** A division within an area to be represented by a committee member.

13. **D.C.M.** District Committee Member. He or she is an experienced general service representative, elected by the other G.S.R.s to represent the groups of their district in area committee meetings – and to coordinate service in the district.
14. **District Meetings** The meetings of the district committee member(s) and G.S.R.s of the groups in the district.
15. **General Services** The work of anyone in the general service structure – group officers, G.S.R., committee members, delegate, etc.
16. **G.S.R.** General Service Representative: an A.A. member elected by the group to voice the group’s opinion in discussions at the district and area levels. G.S.R.s vote for the district committee member and for the delegate and other area officers at the area level.
17. **G.S.O.** The General Service Office in New York City.
18. **General Service Trustee** Persons with particular business or professional acumen that is applicable to problems at hand, such as publishing, public relations, or administrations who have served as directors on the Grapevine or A.A.W.B. Boards. There are two from each board.
19. **General Service Board** The General Service Board (the Trustees) is the chief service arm of the Conference, and is essentially custodial in its character.
20. **L.C.M.** Local Committee Member: a person elected to represent a subdistrict or local district of a large district which has divided itself into smaller entities. L.C.M.s may or may not have a vote in the area or hold meetings with G.S.R.s (current there are no L.C.M.s in SETA).
21. **G.V.R.** Grapevine representatives elected by groups to promote the use and subscriptions to the Grapevine.
22. **P.I.** Public Information Committee
23. **Region** A grouping of several states or provinces from which a regional trustee comes to the board of trustees. There are six regions in the United States and two in Canada.
24. **S.C.A.P.** State Convention Attendance Promotion Committee for the Southeast Texas Area. This committee is funded by the State Convention Committee.
25. **S.E.T.A.** Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

- 26. Sharing Session** A kind of group, district, area, or conference meeting where everyone is invited to contribute ideas and comments on A.A. matters.
- 27. S.W.R.D.A.** Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly: an annual meeting of current delegates and alternate delegates, past delegates, and past and present trustees from the Southwest Region. It is a weekend of sharing the Conference experience, strength and hope.
- 28. S.W.R.A.A.S.A.** Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – Workshops are held on all service positions, from G.S.R. to delegate, standing committees, and panel discussions on service issues.
- 29. Third Legacy** Recovery and Unity are A.A.’s first two legacies. Our Third Legacy is Service, the sum total of all A.A. services, from a Twelfth Step call to A.A.’s coast-to-coast and worldwide service activities.
- 30. Trustee** The usual term for a member of A.A.’s General Service Board. Seven of the trustees are non-alcoholic; fourteen are members of A.A.