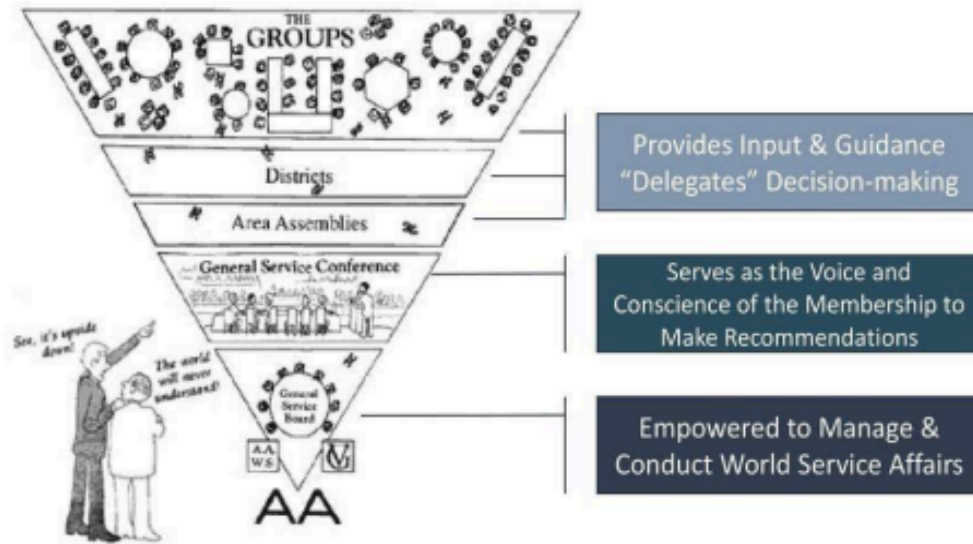


Area 41: First Timer Orientation

A Simplified View of the Upside Down Triangle

"...our objective is always a spiritual one,' nevertheless our world service is a 'large business operation.'" – The 12 Concepts for World Service Illustrated



"The strength of our whole AA service structure starts with the group and with the General Service Representatives the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the GSR's importance" – Bill W.

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AREA 41 NEBRASKA

- Even-numbered "panel"; Committee system models the structure of GSC
- 30 Districts: 1-32 (17 & 27 dissolved); District 31 is a "linguistic district" of Spanish-speaking members
- Area Committee: officers, standing committee chairs, service positions, DCM's, & ad hoc chairs
- Voting members of Area: officers, standing committee chairs, some service positions, DCM's (or alt-DCM's), and GSR's (or Alt. GSR's)
- New Business: submitted by any member; See **Area 41 Service Handbook** on "HOW TO"
- Acronym and word definitions (GSO, GSC, DCM, etc.) can be found in the **A.A. Service Manual**
- Area 41 Resources (local to us only):
 - **Area 41 Service Handbook; Area 41 Actions Listing; GSR Toolkit; Financial Guidelines; and Website Guidelines**
 - Area 41 Apps: DCM & GSR

WEBSITE

- **area41.org** >>> user name: iamadrunk password: thankgodiamsobber (*not case sensitive)
- Must log in to "Member's Services" for "Newsletters", "Area Meeting Agenda", and anonymity protected information
- Once logged in, there is a "Documentation" tab that has: **Area 41: Service Handbook, Actions Listing, GSR Toolkit, Financial and Website Guidelines, and more...**

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NEWSLETTER

- **NEBRASKANEWS** is the primary communication; it is available from your DCM or at area41.org
- Cover page: hotel location & contact info; index; & a calendar of upcoming area and regional events
- Page 2: agenda, a.k.a. schedule of meeting times for that particular Area 41 Meeting
- Page 3++: voting items; new agenda items assigned to a committee; minutes of the previous area business assembly, officer reports, committee reports, district DCM reports, and any financials
- IN THE BACK: CONTACT INFORMATION for all Area 41 officers, committee chairs, service positions, and DCM's can be found in unscrubbed versions (hardcopy); contacts not in online scrub version

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Free Service Manual mailed to you in GSR Kit if your group and GSR are listed with GSO
 - **The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service**
 - *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* book
 - *The Language of the Heart* book
 - Conference-approved pamphlets
 - A.A. & AA Grapevine & La Viña Resources
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| aa.org | ● Meeting Guide app by AAWS | ● AAWS on YouTube @alcoholicsanonymousworldse1373 |
| aagrapevine.org or aalavina.org | ● Grapevine & La Viña apps | ● Grapevine on YouTube @AAGrapevine |
| | ● Grapevine podcast | ● GV & LV Instagram: alcoholicsanonymous_gv alcoholicosanonimos_lv |

FURTHER DOWN THE TRIANGLE...

AREA ASSEMBLIES

- 93 Delegate Areas in U.S. and Canada
- An "Area" is determined by geography and population
- Elect a Delegate to the General Service Conference (GSC)
- Elect additional officers, standing committees, and are comprised of smaller representative districts
- Delegate "panels" rotate in even and odd-numbered years

REGIONS IN U.S. AND CANADA

- 8 (6 in U.S., 2 in Canada); Map in Service Manual
- Region is a group of Areas who elect a Trustee
- West Central Region: Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Northern Minnesota, Southern Minnesota, and Iowa
- 2 Regional Service Events (Held in rotating Areas around the Region)
 - Yearly Service Conference in Feb/Mar to discuss agenda items & prepare Delegate for GSC
 - Regional Forums are a chance for A.A. members to connect with people throughout the A.A. service structure, every other year (Aug/Sep). Members can exchange information with representatives of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S., AA Grapevine, and GSO.