

Area 8 GSR

Beyond the General Description

Beyond the general description and duties of a GSR as outlined in the GSR pamphlet (P-19) and other A.A. materials, there's more to the commitment that one should be made aware of before accepting the position.

Investment of Time & Responsibility

This has been a major sticking point and upset for many members new to general service who were caught off guard and surprised to learn of the many aspects to the position after they were elected. That said, no one who is doing their best should be made to feel as though they're not doing enough. No one can do it all, nor is it reasonable to think so. But you will be invited to participate on everything and to take on additional responsibility. So not to be surprised, here's a preview of what to expect.

- District GSR's meet once each month in Oceanside on the 1st Monday of each month from 6 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or until business is completed.
- The district structure requires the election of five GSR's to the position of Chairperson (DCM), Alternate Chairperson (Alt. - DCM), Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar. These are typically 2 year terms.
- Reports delivered to your group require some form of preparation. Additional time to provide materials, help educate by speaking to individuals, invite participation and to carry the message of A.A. general service is a commitment and our aim.
- The District will prepare to host a couple of events each year that require a GSR's time (attendance) and often assistance in the planning and arrangements. These events are most often held in the city limits of San Diego.
- Attendance will be requested at five area assemblies (spread-out through the year) where GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers and Committee Chairs meet. These assemblies are important in part because they require a quorum to carry your (*groups conscience*) vote on A.A. General Service Conference and Area 8 business matters. Assemblies begin at 9:15 a.m. and end near 4:00 p.m. Prior to these assemblies is GSR school (8:00 - 9:00 a.m.) which promises to be worth the early rise.
- GSR's will be afforded the opportunity and encouraged to join one of the fourteen Area Standing Committees. All but one or two of these committees meets on weekday nights within the City limits of San Diego. Attending via Skype or some other form of telephone / video conference may be an option for some committees.
- During your tenure as GSR, you will receive many invitations to help support and attend other district and area events, workshops and on occasion even an out of the area regional forum.