

**DISTRICT 2 LEGACY OF SERVICE FOR**  
**DCM (District Committee Member)**  
**ADCM (Alternate Committee Member)**

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**DCM (DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER)**  
**ADCM (ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER)**

- Eligibility for election as a DCM is set at four (4) years of sobriety and service experience as a *past DCM, past or current Alternate DCM, or past or current GSR*.
- Eligibility for election as an Alternate DCM is set at three (3) years of sobriety and service experience as a *past DCM or Alternate DCM or past or current GSR*.

If position unfilled, Chair may ask if there are others who wish to serve. If so, the person wishing to serve may stand and qualify himself.

The district members then vote whether or not they wish to modify the eligibility requirements in the particular instance and ask this person to serve.

If there are still unfilled DCM positions, current DCMs ready to rotate out may stand for reelection to these positions if they choose.

- Provide a written report to the Secretary by noon the Tuesday after the District 2 business meeting.
- Alternate DCM supports the DCM in the above functions and acts in absence of the DCM at District 2 and Area 15 business meetings.

- Have voting and motion making privileges pursuant to the District 2 Book of Current Practices District Committee *Member (DCM) section*. [Pg 25]
- Term of service to be two years pursuant to the District 2 Book of Current Practices *Elections & Qualifications section*. [Pg 3]
- Act as conduit of information/educate the groups on Area and District activities and gather/convey the group consensus.
- Build relationships with groups/meetings.

- Periodically attend group meetings/business meetings.
- Regularly attend district meetings & area assemblies.
- Attends DCM Sharing Session at Area 15 General Service Assembly.

## ***SUGGESTIONS***

- Communicate group/meeting mail contact & GSR changes to District Registrar.
- Join a District panel or committee to learn different aspects of General Service.
- Have a Service Sponsor.

## SOME ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Area15aa.org Under Resources:

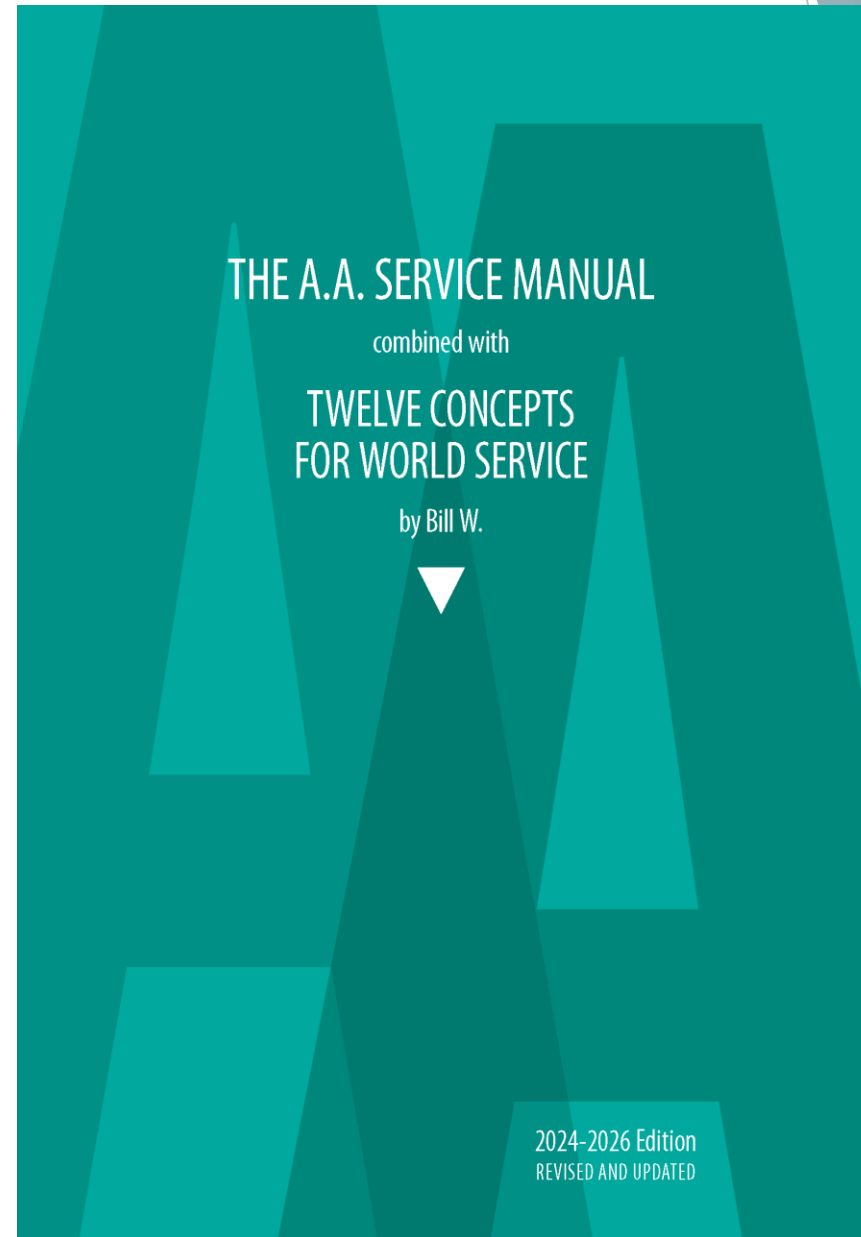
- Suggested activities for District Committee Members
- The DCM's Role in Data Stewardship in Area 15

aa.org

- DCM Kit

AN ADDITIONAL RESOURCE:

Audio presentation *The Service Manual Audio Recording Chapter 2* is found on the Area's website ([area15aa.org](http://area15aa.org)) under The Outreach Committee page.



Throughout the U.S. / Canada Service Structure  
The Typical Geographic District Has Only **ONE**  
**DCM** And That DCM **Serves As CHAIRPERSON.**

The A.A. Service Manual Discusses the Typical  
Geographic District.

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Area 15 Has a Service Structure that is **DIFFERENT**  
than the Typical Geographic District as it has  
**multiple DCMs** (see \*\*) and a **Chairperson** is  
Elected to Serve each District.

\*\*Many Of Area 15's Districts Are Divided Into  
Sub-Districts. Each Sub-District Is Served By A  
DCM. District 2 Currently Has 16 Sub-Districts.



# CHAPTER 2 OF THE A.. SERVICE MANUAL

## THE DISTRICT AND ITS DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

### THREE TYPES OF DISTRICTS

A District is part of an area, one of 93 that make up the U.S. Canada General Service Structure.

#### Geographic District

- Most common type of district. The number of groups usually determined by how many groups a DCM can reasonably be expected to be in touch with.

#### Linguistic District

- Made up of groups that conduct meetings in various languages.

#### Virtual District

- Groups that conduct meetings online and wish to participate in general service.

## **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DCM**

The DCM plays a vital role in General Service. While the GSR is the voice of the Group the DCM is the voice of the district.

GSRs look to the DCM for guidance on being a GSR and serving their groups.

By setting their opinions aside in favor of listening and supporting the district's GSRs, the DCM practices two important principles of leadership in A.A.: Leading by example and serving with humility.

The DCM learns the thoughts wishes and needs of the district's groups in various ways, including visiting and communicating directly with the groups.

The DCM serves as a resource, not a replacement.

What the DCMs learn will eventually form the conscience of the district.

At area assemblies the DCM has the opportunity to express the district's conscience in several ways:

- By asking questions/making suggestions on area business and proposing new ideas.
- By conveying the *district's* conscience to the delegate on issues coming before the GSC.
- By voting on the Area's trusted servants, including the Delegate position

## MEMBERS OF A DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- Current GSRS from groups within a district
- The DCM elected by the GSRS
- The Alternate DCM elected by the GSRS
  
- Each GSR has a vote. Depending on the District, the DCM and the alternate DCM may or may not be able to vote.
  
- Some districts form standing or ad hoc committees. Depending on the district and the type of the committee, the committee chairs may be elected by the district or be appointed by the DCM.

Many districts have additional positions to serve on the district committee:

- District Treasurer
- District Secretary
- Committee Chairs

Depending on the district, Current GSRs may be able to serve in these positions. This GSR would still have one vote.

Some districts suggest that these additional positions go to past GSRs or experienced group members from within the district. Depending on the district, they may or may not be able to vote

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR DCM

Experience of the Fellowship suggests that a DCM ought to:

- Served as a GSR
- Have at least 4 or 5 years sobriety
- Be familiar with both the Twelve Traditions and Twelve concepts
- Have the time and energy to serve the district well
- Be able to lead a district while respecting the conscience of the district
- Have an email address or other easy way of maintaining contact with GSRS and other members
- Be familiar with the GSO and area websites.

## ***TERM OF OFFICE***

DCMs serve a term of two years. Alternate DCMs also serve two years.

In many areas DCM terms coincide with those of the panel covering the area delegate's term of service

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Regularly hold district meetings.
- Regularly attend area assemblies.
- Reach out to groups not having a GSR.
- Organize workshops and/or sharing sessions
- Bring Traditions problems to attention of the delegate

- Help GSRs become acquainted with the A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service. Introduce GSRs to Box 4-5-9 and service material from GSO.
- Alert GSRs to new literature, service materials and technology applications from GSO and Grapevine.
- Assist the Delegate or Registrar in obtaining/updating group contact information for the General Service Office database, “Fellowship Connection.”
- In many areas, DCMs attend area committee meetings in addition to area assemblies.

## **TO THE NEWLY ELECTED DCM**

The rotating out DCM typically briefs the incoming DCM before the new term begins.

Experience suggests that new DCMs take time before and early in their terms to review the Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service and Traditions.

Also helpful is review of Chapter 1 “To the Newly Elected GSR” for a list of other A.A. publications.

Preparing for the first district meeting is typically a top priority for the new DCM. Let the purpose of the district – to serve the district’s group and convey their conscience to the area – be your guide.

## **THE ALTERNATE DCM**

The alternate DCM serves as back-up for the DCM. If the DCM is unable to attend a district or area assembly the alternate steps in.

If the DCM resigns or is unable to serve for any reasons, the alternate often steps in. How this is handled is up to the District.

Experience suggests involving the GSRs in the first meeting as much as possible helps set the right tone.

Newly elected GSRs will likely have little or no experience in general service, may or may not have had predecessors to help prepare them. Being able to talk about their groups and ask questions can help ease their entry into their roles.

## **THE SERVICE SPONSOR**

Experience suggests that a service sponsor is highly recommended. See “The Service Sponsor” Chapter 1.

## **TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Budgeting for expenses is a discussion a DCM ought to have with the district at the beginning of the term and before incurring any expense.

It is up to each district whether it will reimburse its DCM for all or part of their travel expense

But it should be remembered that an individual's finances should not be a barrier to service.