

Group Service Representative

Suggested Clean Time = 1 Year

Term = 1 Year

The GSR is probably the most important service position for which a member can be elected. Great care should be taken with this choice, the quality of the District/Area Services and ultimately World Services can only be as good as those choices the individual groups make. GSR candidates should only accept positions for those groups they attend regularly (50% of the time). They are the ones who will carry the information back to the Group as to what is going on in our Fellowship on a District/Area level as well as the World level.

It should be understood that a GSR does not require group approval to vote on matters affecting the Group or C.A. as a whole, although it is the GSR's responsibility to vote mindfully of the Group conscience. A good GSR is familiar with C.A. World Service Manual and the Twelve Concepts of World Service. If a GSR cannot attend, an alternate should attend. The person elected as GSR should be trusted with the group's vote. Before accepting a nomination for GSR, the nominee must consider the level of commitment as well as the sacrifice of time involved.

Duties and Responsibilities (as taken from the C.A. World Service Manual)

1. To see that the Traditions are followed within the group.
2. Attends all appropriate business meetings.
3. Conducts communication between the Group, District and Area.
4. Reads/reviews communications from the District, Area and World Service.

Useful Tips (based on the experience of UK GSR's)

On Arrival at District or Area Service Committee.

1. Get to venue at least 15 mins before start time.
2. Any donations should be placed in an envelope with your group's details. Time Day Location
3. Hand in literature request form to literature person on arrival.
4. All monies should be notes if possible. This is your treasures responsibility
5. Introduce yourself to chair and secretary.

General Duties

1. It is every GSR's duty to learn about the 12 traditions of CA.
2. Read one of the Group Inventory Traditions to the group each week or all twelve once a month and ask **A}** Are we following them to the best of our ability? **B}** How can we better follow the traditions?
3. Attend each DSC or ASC or send an alternate GSR in your place; remember that GSRs are the eyes and ears of the group, the main link between the group and the area, and the rest of C.A.
4. Hold an informed Business Meeting (previously having announced agenda, date and time of business meeting) and carry the Group's conscience (not one's own) and any business matters to the DSC or ASC.
5. Read to the group, before the next DSC or ASC, the minutes or bullet points from the previous DSC or ASC keeping the group well informed of everything that's happening outside of their meeting i.e World, UK and local conventions, parties and dances, developments at District,, Area, including what's happening with sub-committees.

The GSR is responsible for bringing out the Group's conscience at business meetings and should take time and care to plan these meetings, with the rest of the Group's committee, to ensure they are carried out in an effective and regular manner. If you are struggling with any aspect of your commitment please ask the DSC, ASC, another GSR or the Unity chair for help.