

At area committee meetings, GSR reports provide perspectives on group growth vital to the committee's work. If a group is having problems, its GSR can share those problems with the committee in his or her reports. And if the group hasn't found solutions to those problems, the area chairperson will open a slot on the committee's "sharing session" agenda so that the GSR can gather the experience others have had in similar situations. IF any helpful solutions arise from the sharing session, the GSR can report those back to the group.

2. Alternate GSR:

Groups also elect a second representative called an alternate GSR. Alternate GSRs attend all the area service committee meetings (as nonvoting participants) with their GSRs so that they can see for themselves how the committee works. IF a GSR cannot attend an area committee meeting, that group's alternate GSR participants in the GSR's place.

Alternate GSRs, along with other members, may also serve on area subcommittees. Subcommittee experience gives alternate GSRs added perspective on how area service are actually delivered. That perspective helps make them more effective area committee participants if their groups later elect them to serve as GSRs.

**E.E.A.S.C.
New GSR
Orientation
Pamphlet
FOR THE
EAST END
AREA
SERVICE
COMMITTEE**

Membership Qualifications and Duties of the GSR

- A. New groups wanting to conduct NA meetings are always welcome to join our Area, The Group will send a representative to the ASC to give a report to the area.
- B. To qualify as an active, voting EEASC Member the New Group needs to Attend two consecutive EEASC meetings and on the 3rd consecutive meeting the group will have a vote.
- C. Groups missing 2 ASCs in a row will lose voting rights.
- D. If a Group loses their voting rights the Group can regain their voting rights on the 2nd consecutive meeting in which they are represented.
- E. GSR and GSRA Duties as recommended by the GLS 2002.
 1. GSR
Each group elects one group service representative; even those groups hosting more than one recovery meeting elect just one GSR. These GSRs form foundation of our service structure. GSRs provide constant, active influence over the discussions being carried on within the service structure. They do this by participating in area and regional levels, and sometimes joining in the work of an ASC subcommittee. If we are vigilant in choosing stable, qualified leaders at this level of service, the remainder of the structure will almost certainly be sound. From this strong foundation, a service structure can be built that will nourish, inform, and support the groups in the same way the groups nourish and support the structure.

Group service representatives bear great responsibility. While GSRs are elected by and accountable to the group, they are not mere group messengers. They are selected by their groups to serve as active members of the area service committee. As such, they are responsible to act in the best interests of NA as a whole, not solely as advocates of their own groups' priorities.

As participants in the area committee, GSRs need to be as well informed as they can be concerning the affairs of the committee. They study the reports of the committee's officers and subcommittee chairpersons. They read the various handbooks published by the World Service Office on each area of service. After carefully considering their own conscience and what they know about how their groups members feel, they take active, critical parts in the discussions which form the group conscience of the entire committee.

Group service representatives link their groups with the rest of the NA service structure, particularly through the information conveyed in their reports to the from the area committee. At group business meetings, the GSR report provides a summary of area committee activities, often sparking discussions among group members that provide the GSR with a feel for how the area can better serve the group's needs. In group recovery meetings, GSRs make available fliers announcing area and regional activities.