



WELCOME TO SERVICE

What is an Area?



Committee vs. Assembly

THREE LEGACIES

RECOVERY

UNITY

SERVICE



THIRD LEGACY OF SERVICE

AA SERVICE

anything whatever that helps us reach a fellow sufferer

AA SERVICES INCLUDE

meeting places, hospital cooperation, intergroup offices, pamphlets,
books, good publicity, committees, delegates, trustees, conferences,
and voluntary money contributions

THIRD LEGACY OF SERVICE

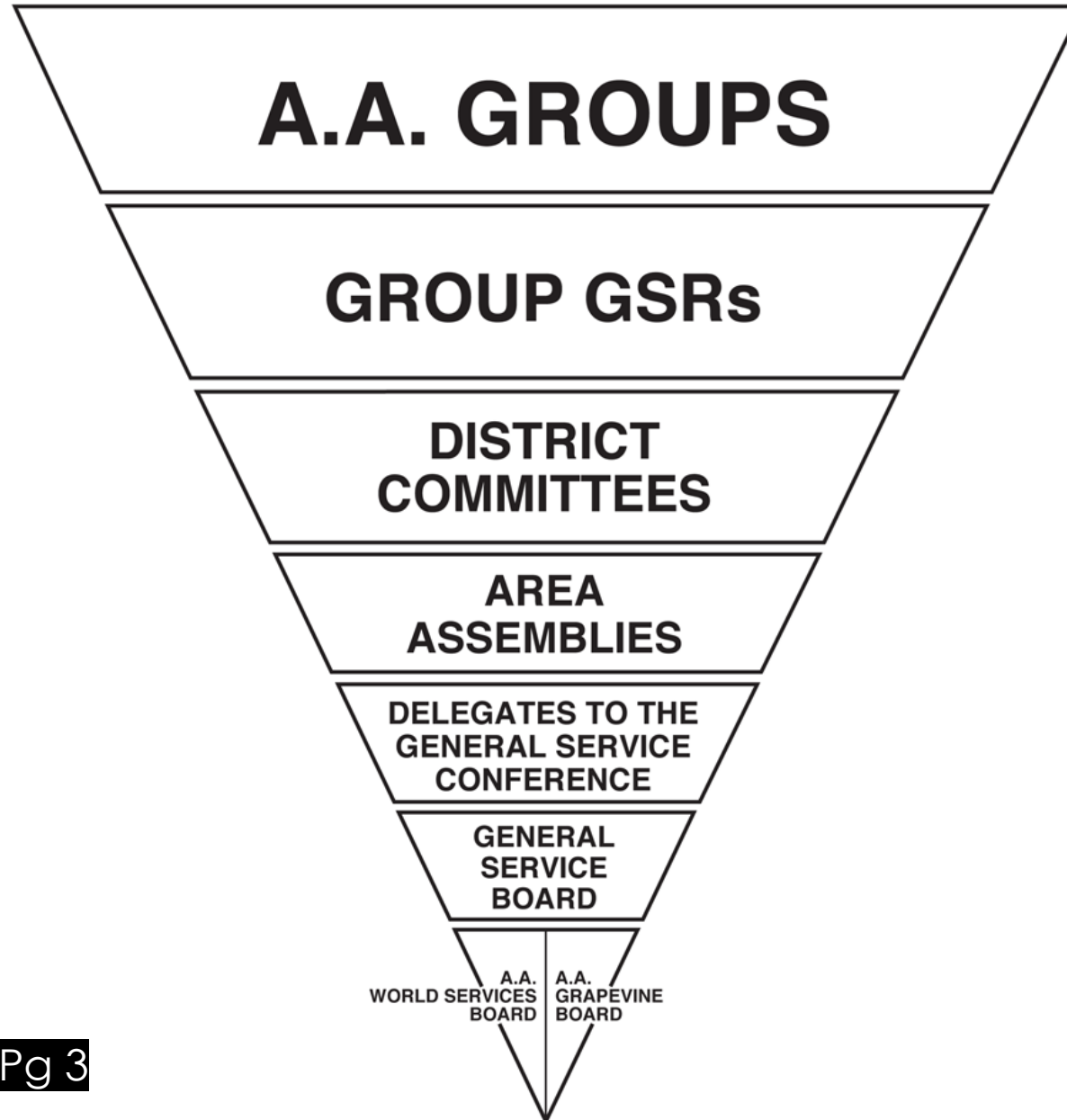
GENERAL SERVICE

enables AA to function as a whole (GSO, AAWS, AA GV, GSB)

IMPORTANCE

responsible for our worldwide unity and growth; provide the tools that we use to carry the message

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)



BRIEF HISTORY

Of General Service Conference



BILL'S VISION

connect Groups and NY

Headquarters.

He and Bob had

been that link

BOB'S DIAGNOSIS

accelerated need to link Groups to Board

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE



Link accomplished through the *General Service Conference- collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.*

A.A. HISTORY TIMELINE



1935
AA began

1939
Big Book
published

Late 1940's
Bill & Others
developed
AA Service
Structure

1955 St. Louis
Convention
–Mantel of
leadership
passed to
the
Fellowship

1938
Alcoholic
Foundation,
later
renamed
General
Service
Board

1940's
AA Growth
Period,
Services –
publishing,
Grapevine,
NY Office

1951
1st General
Service
Conference



Why Do We Need A Conference?

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.”

72nd GSC Post Conference Report



So You're The GSR, Now What?

Don't worry.....



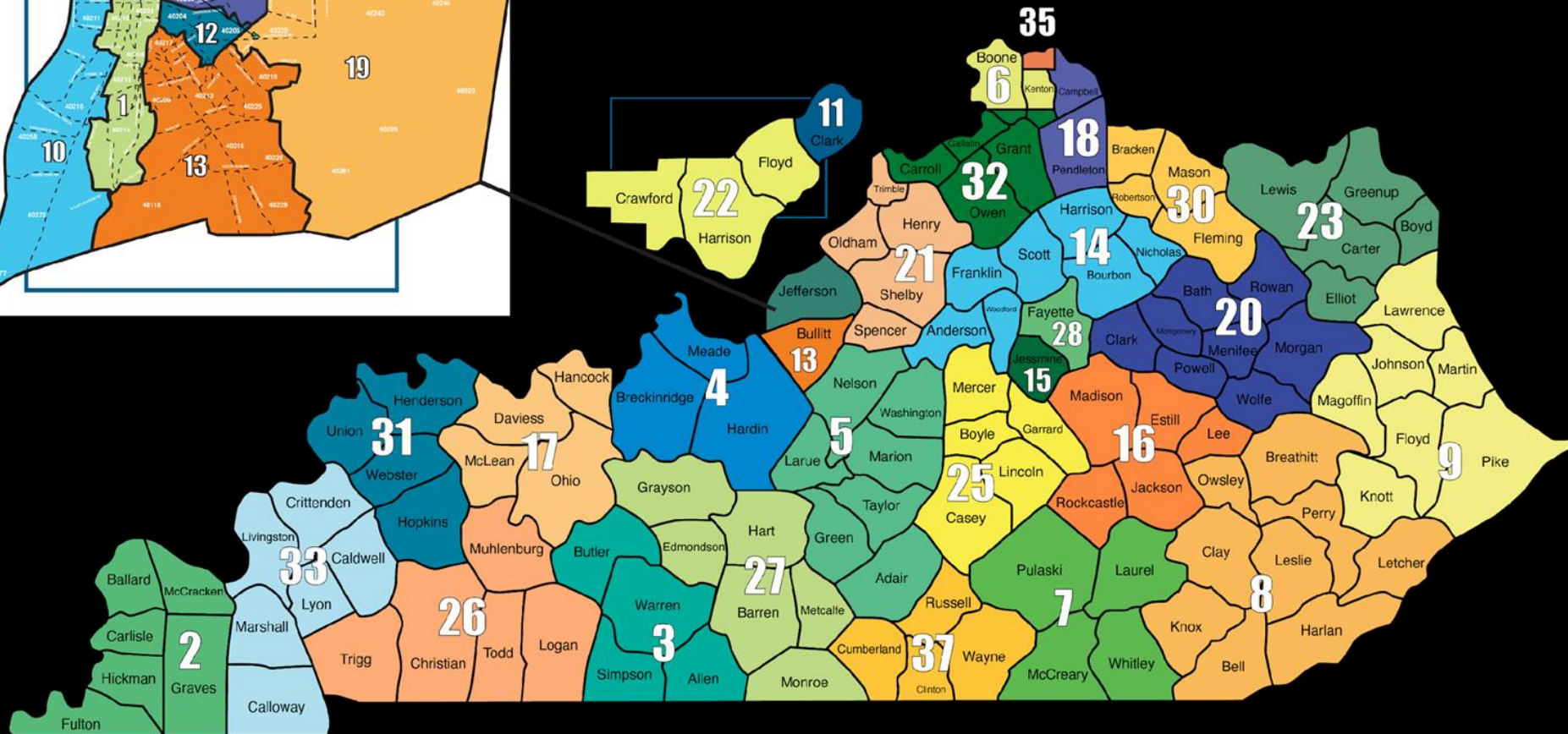
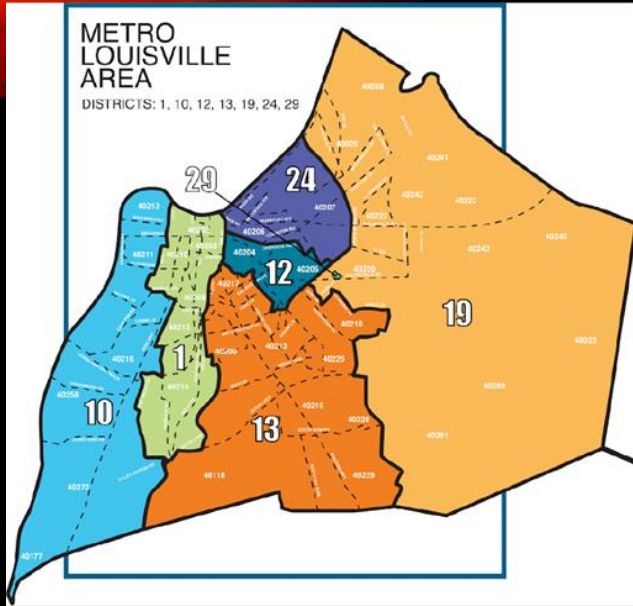
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Special Note: These are actors, not AA Members

THE GSR: YOUR GROUP'S LINK TO AA AS A WHOLE

- Read GSR pamphlet and Service Manual
 - Who is your DCM?
 - Attend District and Area Meetings
 - Get a Service Sponsor
- Bring interesting reports back to your group
 - "What I saw, heard and felt"



AREA MAP OF US AND CANADA



REGIONAL MAP OF US AND CANADA



WHAT HAPPENS AT AREA MEETINGS?

- Area Assembly
- Area Committee Mtg
- Welcome to Service
- Standing Committees
- What's on your mind?
- Business Meeting
- Reports/Discussion
- New Business
- Elections



COMMITTEES

- COORDINATE WORK RELATED TO CARRYING THE MESSAGE IN AREA 26
- CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE WITH GSO
- SHARE EXPERIENCE THROUGH MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

**SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE**





COMMITTEES

A Brief Description

- **FINANCE** Financial matters of Area 26
- **CORRECTIONS** Behind the walls
- **LITERATURE** Integrity of AA message through literature
- **CPC** Inform professionals



COMMITTEES

A Brief Description

- **TREATMENT** Carry AA message to treatment facilities
- **ACCESSIBILITIES** Challenges accessing the AA message
- **PUBLIC INFO** Info to the general public and media
- **ARCHIVES** Preserves and shares heritage of our fellowship



COMMITTEES

A Brief Description

- **GV & LA VIÑA** Our meeting in print
- **KY NEWSLETTER** Area 26 quarterly newsletter
- **TECHNOLOGY** Maintains Area website and tech assets
- **REGISTRAR** Maintains group and district info

Flow Chart of a Conference Advisory Actions



Annual Conference Cycle

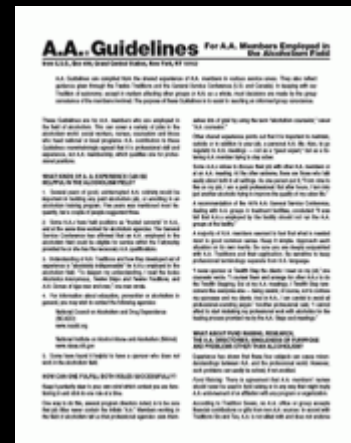
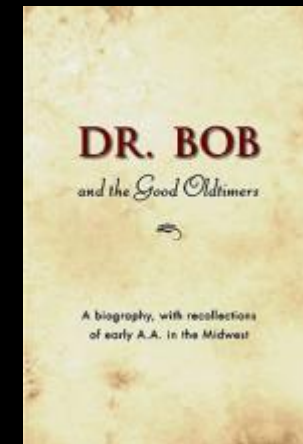
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- **January**- New panel 2 years
- **February**- GSC background material
- **April**- Delegate to GSC
- **May/June**- Delegate reports
- **July**- Delegate report to Area 26
- **August/September**- Reports and workshops
- **October**- Area Assembly



- Corrections
WORKBOOK
- www.az.org



THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

Effective Communication

