



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

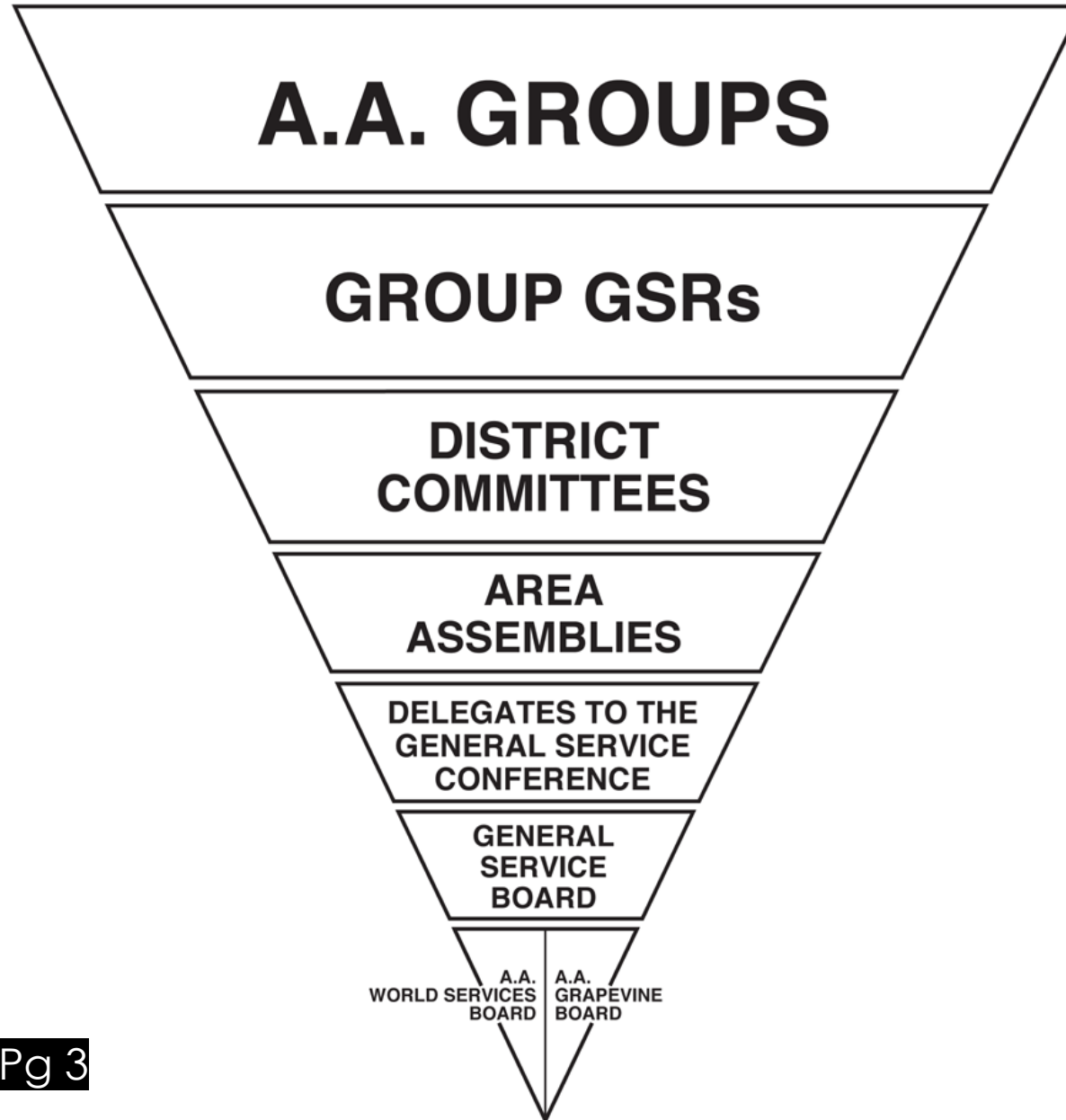
GENERAL SERVICE

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



1938
Alcoholic
Foundation,
later
renamed
General
Service
Board



1939
Big Book
published



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



Late 1940's
Bill & Others
developed
AA Service
Structure



1951
1st General
Service
Conference



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



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.”

73rd GSC Post Conference Report



COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU



SUMMER 2023

73rd GSC Post-Conference Reports

So You're The GSR, Now What?

Don't worry.....



You are fine.



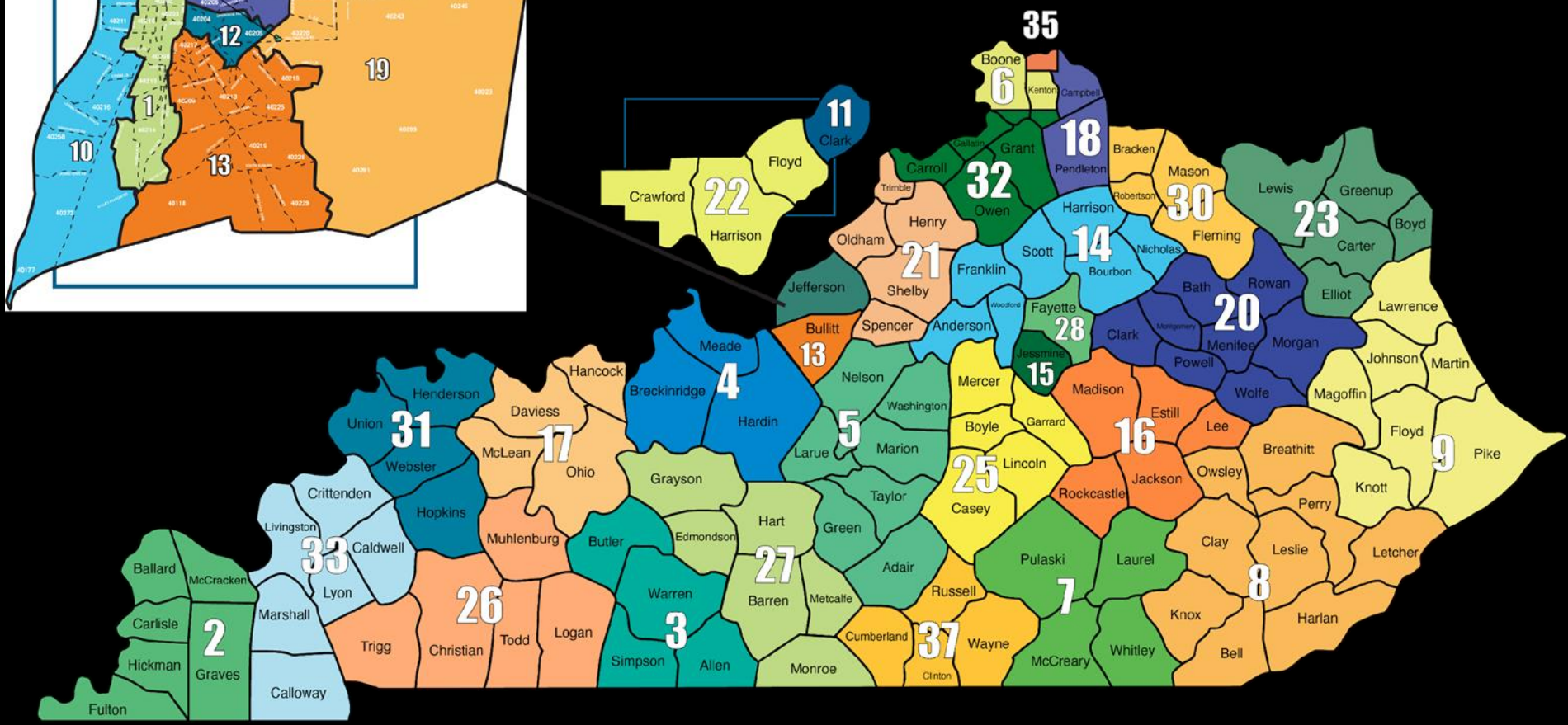
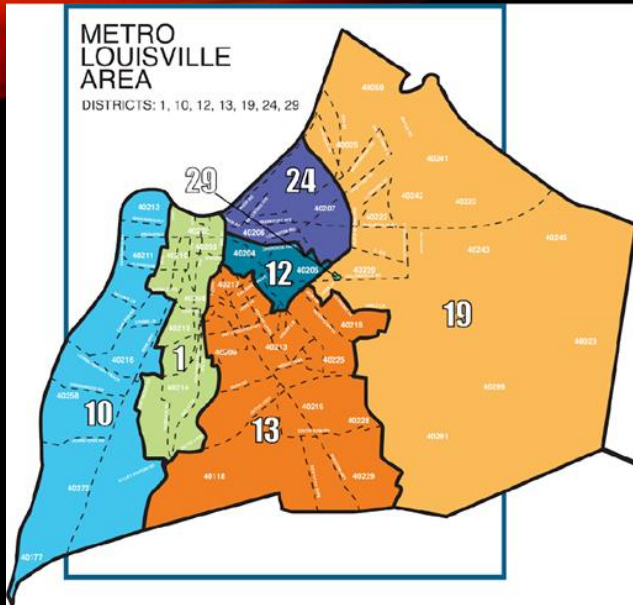
Special Note: These are actors, not AA Members

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"

METRO LOUISVILLE AREA

DISTRICTS: 1, 10, 12, 13, 19, 24, 29



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

An idea suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from...

...A.A. members, GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee members, Delegates, Trustees or GSO/ GV Staff...

...and is first shared or discussed at the group, district and Area Assembly and sent to the...

Conference Coordinator GSO

The idea is discussed by the GSO Staff and sent to the...

Trustees Committee on the General Service Conference

...who then refers the matter to the...

Appropriate Conference Committee

...which meets during the General Service Conference Week and makes a recommendation that goes in the Committee Report to the...

General Service Conference

...which if approved after full floor discussion becomes a Conference Advisory Action that becomes binding when approved by the...

General Service Board

Annual Conference Cycle

- **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

2022

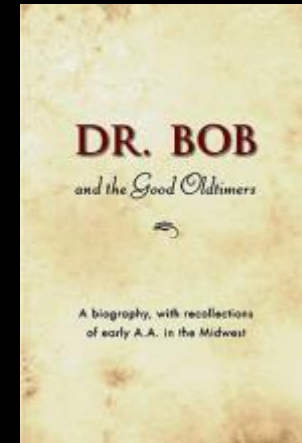
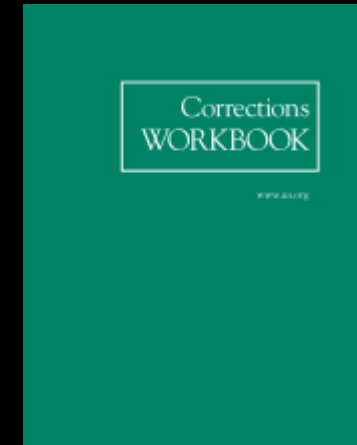
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RESOURCES

- AA Service Manual
- SSAASA and Regional Forums
- Service Literature
- AA Guidelines
- Dr. Bob & the Good Old Timers
- area26.net
- AA Comes of Age
- Box 459



**THE SECRET
TO SUCCESS**

Effective
Communication

