

## **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM)**

The DCM is an essential link between the GSR's and the area's Delegate to the General Service Conference. As leader of the District Committee, made up of all the GSR's in the District, the DCM is informed of the District's group conscience.

### **Description**

The DCM is an A.A. member who usually has served as a GSR and whom the other GSR's wish to make responsible for their District activities. The following are recommended:

1. A background in A.A. service work that goes with the GSR job
2. 4-5 years of sobriety
3. The time and energy to serve the District well.

### **Responsibilities**

The AA Service Manual recommends that these duties be spelled out in detail. The sequence in which these are listed does not necessarily indicate the order of importance.

1. The DCM should be knowledgeable of the *A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, A.A. Comes of Age*, the Twelve Traditions, Area structure, and other A.A. service literature. The DCM may be called upon to discuss or explain any of these.
2. The DCM visits the groups within the District periodically.
3. Encourages groups to select a GSR and to become active in the service structure.
4. Provides assistance to the new GSR's and helps them get familiar with their duties and responsibilities.
5. Serves as Chairperson of the monthly District Committee Meetings.  
Prepares the agenda and sends it out prior to the meeting, includes
6. Regularly reports to the GSR's all the current available information concerning Alcoholics Anonymous. This should include but is not limited to information received from the Area Assembly, GSO and Box 459.
7. The DCM is a Member of the Area Committee.
8. The DCM attends the Area Committee Meetings (ACM), Area Assemblies and the Pre-conference Workshops, where they carry the group conscience of the District:
  - ACM** – Four (4) per year. Half day events. \*
  - Area Assemblies** Four (4) per year. One day events, except for the Fall/Election Assembly during even years, which is two days. Locations will vary within the Area. \*
  - Pre-conference Workshop** - One (1) per year, held in the Spring prior to the General Service Conference \*

\*Mileage and lodging will be reimbursed per the District budget set yearly.<sup>3</sup>  
Carpooling is encouraged.

9. The DCM serves as a communication link between the GSR's and the Delegate to the General Service Conference. This is a two-way communication with the information flowing in both directions.
10. The DCM encourages GSR's to attend Area Assemblies.
11. The DCM is eligible to be elected to an office of the Area Committee, such as Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chairperson. DCMs are encouraged to make themselves available for this service, when their term of DCM is completed.
12. The DCM may be called upon to serve on special committees of the Area Assembly.
13. The District may wish to host an Area Assembly. The DCM makes the necessary arrangements to do so.
14. The DCM should make an effort to attend various service functions such as workshops, conventions, conferences and Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assemblies (PRAASA).
15. The DCM should make an effort to keep the Alternate DCM informed of all activities. Many duties and responsibilities may be shared by the ADCM.

### **Elections**

Elections for the DCM are held in November of every even numbered year, and the elected DCM will assume office on January 1 of the following odd numbered year for a 2-year term.

All persons nominated for the DCM shall present their qualifications and ability to serve the district well before any votes are cast.

The DCM should be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those eligible to vote and are present.

If more than one candidate is being voted on, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Procedure as outlined in the *A.A. Service Manual* will be used.