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**GENERAL SERVICE**  
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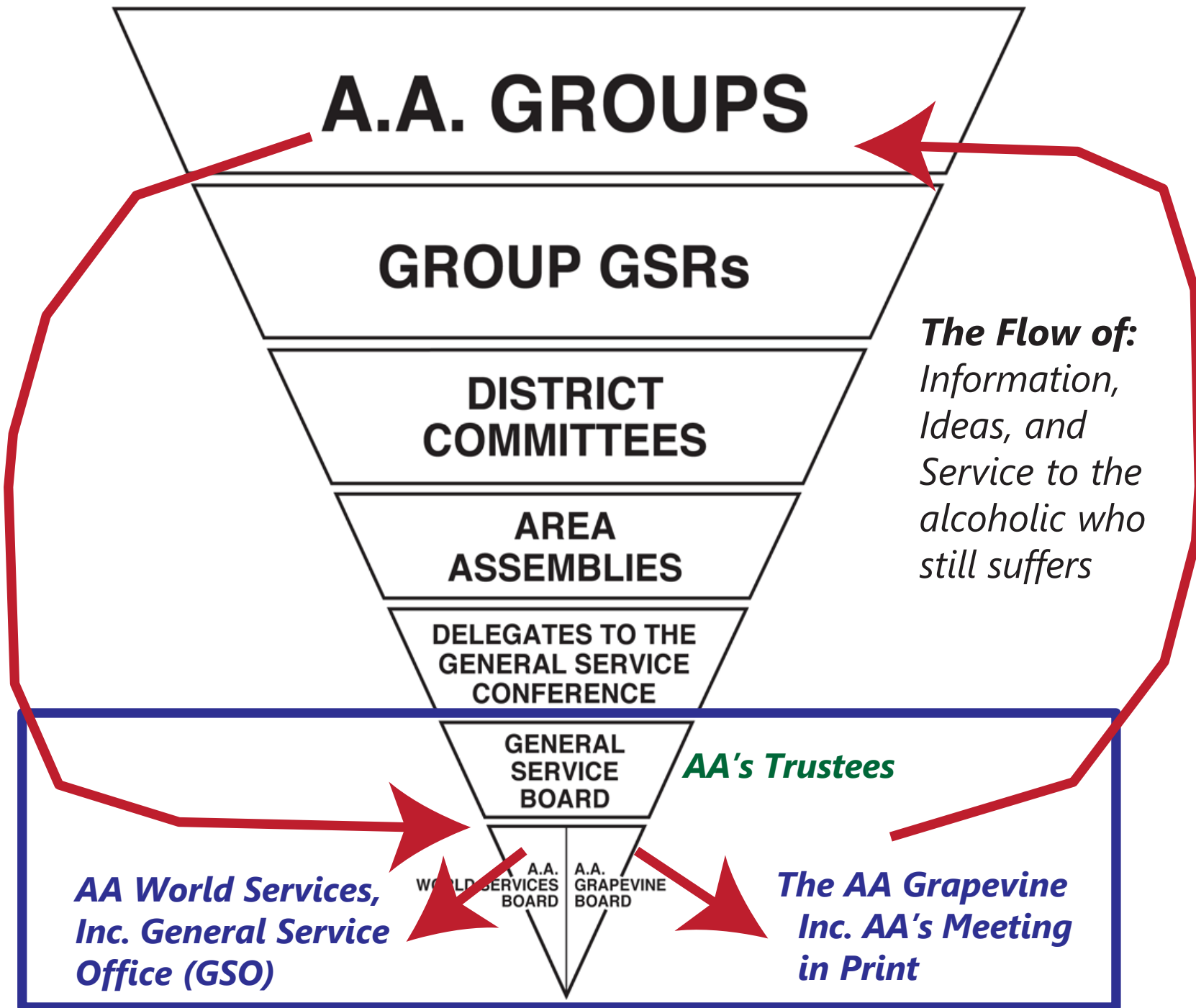
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IMPORTANT JOB  
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**Area 50 WNY**

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



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AA

**We Have  
Approximately  
500 Meetings in  
Western New York  
(Area 50)**

- *Each Group is allowed 1 voice and 1 vote.*
- *Your Group has entrusted you to help carry out their group conscience and vote on their behalf.*
- *If you are not sure how your group would feel, its best to table a motion to give time to bring it back and discuss with your group members.*
- *AA's whole structure rests within God's voice as expressed in the informed Group Conscience.*

# Welcome to Area 50!

**We're glad you're here and we're happy to see you.**

We are one "delegate area" out of 93 delegate areas in the US and Canada. Together the areas help to make up the total "General Service Conference." Each area is located in a specific geographic location and is responsible to help serve the region in which they sit.

Area 50 is responsible to help serve all of Western New York. We reach as far Northwest as Niagara County, As far Northeast as Orleans County, as Far Southwest as Chautauqua County and as far Southeast as Allegheny County.

**The Map to the right shows the size and scope of what Area 50 Covers:**



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# AA

**We have 22  
Districts in  
Area 50.  
Most Districts  
have 20-30  
meetings within  
each District**

- *Districts help to act as the grounds for additional group support, service opportunities and information.*

- *The purpose of a "DCM" or District Committee Member is to remain in regular contact with the groups they serve. They are often the ones responsible for helping to inform the groups about the importance of having a GSR and getting involved in service.*

- *They work on trying to obtain the conscience of the district and help to inform the Delegate of the district conscience.*



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**There are 93  
"Delegate" Areas  
across the US and  
Canada**

- Areas are charged with the Responsibility of conducting area business, which usually comprised of committee work as mentioned, securing an Area conscience and electing a Delegate every two years.

- In order to be a better-informed members of AA, our Area will often host educational seminars, days of sharing, workshops, etc.

- In Area 50, because we are an even numbered Area, we handle elections on even years. Experience has show that it typically takes 2 years before you start to get a handle on the position and then you are asked to rotate out! This is so personalities never get too entrenched in AA, and we make sure to give new members the opportunity to serve. God can't fill a seat that isn't left vacant!

# Area 50's Typical Assembly Format:

## **New GSR School and Area Learning Session (approx: 9:30-10:00am)**

New GSR's are welcomed to attend a learning session to provide you with the tools and resources you will need to serve your home group. It is a small group where we can answer questions you might have and help you get your group registered.

## **Morning Meeting Portion (10:00-12:00)**

**The agenda may vary, and different sessions may take place before or after lunch.**

**Most Assemblies will contain the following elements:**

- **Business Meeting** We will discuss business from last Assembly (Old Business) and anything from this current Assembly (New Business).
- **Committee Reports** The Area Officers and Committee Chairs will give reports back on their recent works.
- **District and Group Reports** Districts and individual AA groups may give reports about their recent work including announcements of Days of Sharing or Learning or other events

## **Lunch (approx: 12:00-12:30)**

The District or group hosting the Assembly provides lunch and this is an opportunity to meet new people from other districts. It is also sometimes a "working lunch" where members discuss certain topics to be reported on in the afternoon session.

## **(Afternoon Meeting Portion 1:30-2:00)**

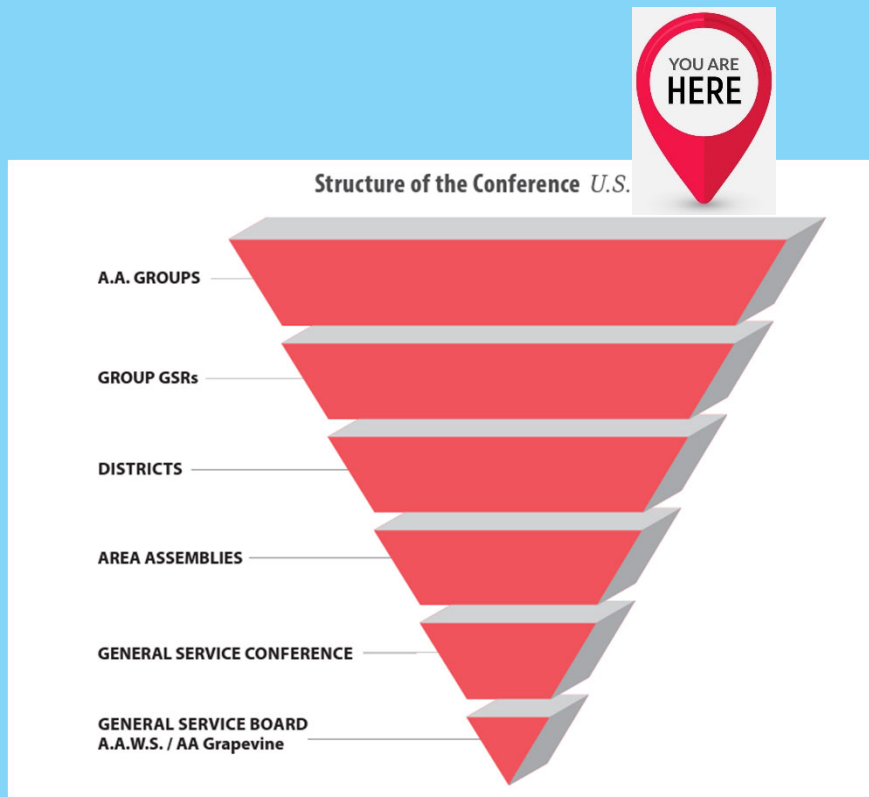
This is usually where we present an Area Learning Session which may be a special speaker, presentation regarding one of the 12 concepts or a panel put on by our Area Learning Committee

# The role of the GSR:

**You are the messenger and the link between your home group and AA as a whole.**

**Ask Questions, Ask Questions, Ask Questions!**

**If you are confused, or unsure, ask a question. If you don't know what is being discussed, vote NO and state that you are voting against because you are not clear about what is being discussed.**



**As a GSR you are higher up on the Service Structure Triangle than anyone else in the room.**

**DCM's, Area Officers, and Committee Chairs gain no power from their titles.  
Only Responsibility.**

**We are here to help, and everything should be done in the spirit of helpfulness and usefulness!**

# **What Do I need to do right now?**

- **When anything is unclear to you, ask a question at any time during the assembly.**
- **If your current sponsor does not have experience with general service, it may be wise to get a 'service sponsor' someone who can help you grow in the service structure.**
- **If you have not already, please introduce yourself to the Registrar, Dave G. and make sure your group gets registered and updated. You'll get free stuff!**
- **Grab a copy of the service manual (It is to general service, what the big book is to recovery) Read it, ask someone to help you go through it and the concepts!**
- **Find out who your DCM is and when they meet and what they are doing, we can help you get connected.**