

Questions:

What does a GSR do?

A GSR is probably one of the most important commitments one can take on in the CA fellowship. You are entrusted to be the voice of your Group at District and/or Area meetings and you are the one who keeps your Group plugged in to what is going on in the Fellowship. You are the primary communication link that keeps your Group unified with the other Groups. You will be called upon at times to make your best assessment of what you think your Group would do when a matter arises for a vote at District/Area; you discuss the matter from the perspective of your Group and vote as you believe your Group would have you vote.

How to run a group conscience?

Most groups choose to have each member speak their opinion on each subject until they come to a consensus on each matter. The GSR listens to members keeping his or her opinion to themselves, then repeats back the decision to the members for their approval. Groups may also choose to run a group conscience by using Robert's Rules of order for there business meeting. However most groups use the former believing that a Higher Power speaks thought each opinion spoken during the process.

What's the 7th tradition about?

Our 7th tradition is how each of our groups covers expenses and takes care of there meeting place. When a member puts a dollar in the basket the4 money goes to pay for meeting supplies, rent, and literature. The excess is then forwarded on to the District/Area to help carry the message of Ca on a larger scale. The seventh tradition is also about being responsible to the group and meeting place in where we reside.

Why use Robert's rules?

We use Robert's Rules of Order to help facilitate the orderly operation of the District and Area while conducting business. These Rules can be confusing and frustrating. Your World Service Manual discusses the very basic elements of Robert's Rules of Order, as we tend to apply them in CA. There are entire books on the subject and some people get into really sophisticated use of the Rules during the World Service Conference. The Rules used locally at the District/Area help to keep order (believe it or not) and also help educate you as to how CA business is generally conducted. That way, if you wind up becoming a Delegate, you won't be completely aghast at the World Service Conference. Many of our members have said that learning Robert's Rules and other aspects of our business meetings have actually made them more effective in the real world.

As a GSR what do I report at Area/District?

First a GSR should report on how well there group is carrying the message to the addicts who still suffer. Reporting the attendance of the meeting, if they can use support, and how effective they are. The main point is using the help and experience of the other

groups to be more effective. Also a GSR should bring any concerns or changes that their group may also like to see.

How do those elections work?

Different positions have different procedures for elections but, most of the elections in the Ca Colorado Area a run by a simple majority, 50% PLUS 1. The different ways of voting for each position are located in the Colorado Area Guidelines on the Service page.

Why do we have an Area?

One of the reasons we have an Area is to stay in contact with the C. A. World Service Office for the purposes of registering and updating its meeting information in the World Directory and communicating information regarding Area functions such as service conferences, conventions and other special events to promote and ensure unity with the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous. The area also serves as a conduit for the local Districts and/or Groups for their needs, while fostering an environment of communication and Unity.

What is the definition of and Area?

An Area is a defined geographic division, which may include portions of more than one state. Normally there is one Area per state, except in locations which are heavily populated by C. A. groups. In those cases, there may be two or more Areas. As new Areas are created, or if an Area changes its geographical definition, the creation or change must be recognized by the WSC. The Colorado Area geographical definition is defined as the entire State of Colorado, including Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs.