



2019 Annual Chairperson's Report

General Service: "Every A.A. member has something to say about the Fellowship's present and future — and A.A.'s welfare is central to the agenda of every General Service Conference." (AA Service Manual, Page 39) We all want to carry the message to as many alcoholics as we can. Our General Service Conference is the way that the Fellowship reaches an informed group conscience on how to do that. Area 59, the Districts and the GSR positions were created to support that.

Duties of the Area Chairperson (from our Area Structure Manual)

"The Chairperson chairs the quarterly pre-area meetings at which the agenda is planned; chairs the area committee meetings and the mini-assemblies; and keeps informed of all area activities through close contact with other officers and chairpersons."

Quarterly Area Meetings are where the main business of Area 59 is conducted. When a member has an idea that they would like to bring to the Area Committee, the Chairperson works with them to try to present it to in such a way that we can reach an informed group conscience in a democratic manner.

I am advisor to Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and ad hoc Literature. They both have great workshops planned for this afternoon. Please attend them or any of the other Subcommittee workshops. It's a good way to learn how we can better carry the message.

I'd like to thank Area 59 for sending me to the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) and the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) this year. I always learn a lot and have come back with important information that has helped me in my position.

I enjoy attending District meetings and workshops, which provide valuable information for a GSR to do their job. The GSR may be the most important service position in AA. It's vital that we provide the tools to help them carry out their responsibilities so we can reach the alcoholic who doesn't know there is a solution.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

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