

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and experience this wonderful weekend at PRAASA, I was able to witness one more time the spiritual content of a group of People gathering together with so much enthusiasm, working so hard to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I totally agree that not every year is the same, because as you rotate to a new commitment you will feel the magic of Service as you get more comfortable with your new Service position. I was able to see a lot of GSRs, DCMs, DCMCs Area officers, current and Past Delegates Trustees and non-Trustees Directors willing to share experience strength and hope so when we go back to our groups we will have a better idea how to present the agenda topics, this is the time of the year when in my own opinion describes why the GSR could be the most important Service in our structure. We have some very exiting agenda items for the 65th General Service Conference. There is a variety of topics that you can choose from, I will mention a few examples:

- 1) Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contributions that the General Service Board can receive from an AA member from \$3,000 to \$5,000,*
- 2) Review revised text of the pamphlet “ A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meeting in Print” Discuss ways to encourage AA members and groups to purchase Grapevine and La Viña Subscription Gift Certificates to give to their local service committees for distribution to help carry the message of AA.*
- 3) Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.*
- 4) Consider producing a book combining the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.*
- 5) Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Woman”*

The GSR is an essential link between AA as a whole and the home group. The value for them to consider becoming a DCM, DCMC or District Officer is because they are a motivated live link that already functions. That is the exact type of servant our Area needs. Through practicing all of our 36 principles and achieving our spiritual awakening there is a form of responsibility that grows within us, that is more powerful than the fear of not being able to do the job correctly. We have to keep in mind that as we serve we are never alone, we are trying to have progress not perfection, let us not forget that we are alcoholics after all with a great need to stay sober. One thing that my service sponsor always tells me is that I will live longer than I serve, therefore I should always do my best. **(See you all at the Pre-Conference Assembly)**

*We have seen how the A.A. groups, under the concept of the “group conscience” are today holding the ultimate authority and the final responsibility for world services. We have also noted how by reason of the Conference Charter and the “trusted servant” provision of Tradition Two, the groups have delegated to their General Service Conference full authority to manage and conduct A.A. ’s world affairs. **Concept 3 Page 11***

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