

CNCA06 – AA General Service - May 27, 2017
Standing Committee Report - DCM Sharing Session

Report:

51 enthusiastic DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Erica S. facilitated.

George A. presented on The DCM Packet: and How Do I Use It?

As a new DCM, George still has not received his DCM packet, so he asked for help and created a packet with the help of his service sponsor and DCMC and compiled its contents to present to our meeting. The packet contains 31 items, all of which are available online for order.

Main Points from Sharing Session:

Trivia: Did you know that total AA Guidelines total 16? These guidelines are compiled from the shared experience of A.A. members in various service areas. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). In keeping with our Tradition of autonomy, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of the Guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group conscience

- DCMs obtain packets from GSO by registering with their district registrar. If you haven't received yours, please check with your district registrar or, if you don't have one, check with GSO.
- George pointed that the only "wrong" thing to do with the DCM packet is to "place it on a shelf and not utilize it"

Member Sharing

- Several shares focused on engaging members to step up for General Service, as GSRs or DCMs. The experience, strength and hope of "attraction not promotion" emerged as one of the major factors that seems to ignite the General Service "Spark." Members shared how they shared from the heart about their love and passion for General Service and how that love informs and grows your own recovery.
- One DCM likes to visit each of his sub-district meetings, sitting quietly in the back and smiling. He always expresses his appreciation that the meeting is doing the most important service of all, which is keeping the door open for the still suffering Alcoholics. Appreciation. He commented that it has taken four years to list all groups in his sub-district with GSO. Progress...
- One DCM changed his General Service "pitch" to his sub-district meetings, and speaks about three topics, which include 1) the importance of each meeting's GSR, 2) Registering the meeting with GSO (using one of the 31 forms in the DCM packet) 3) Guiding the meeting's Treasurer on the Seventh Tradition donation suggestions
- Several members shared about the very spiritual principles that underlie General Service, including "our code of love and tolerance."
- If her meetings do not have a GSR, one DCM makes it a point to attend those meetings and share Area and General Service info and emphasizes the importance of each meeting having a voice in Alcoholic Anonymous business. The process is slow.
- Several shares mentioned the importance of strengthening and recognizing our spiritual principles in General Service work, including patience, tolerance, unanimity, group conscience, silence, willingness, gratitude, humility, and the seeking of the experience a higher power in our service work.
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Our June Topic Presentation: Intergroups and GSRs -The Purpose of Each

Respectfully submitted, - Jacqueline P.

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