

DCM Sharing Sessions Minutes April 24, 2021

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B., Chairperson. Introduction of new DCMs: Patrick Dis05/Sub05, Bren Dis07/Sub02.

The session opened with a 10-minute presentation by Ginger O. of District 15/Eureka on the topic: How and what are some methods a DCM can use to help GSR's learn? How do you help GSRs learn about General Service?

The Presenter shared:

Even though they are not involved in General Service in any way currently, it is the engagement in the DCM Sharing Sessions held by Area that continues to be where they learn about A.A. and what A.A. does. "The most important thing to consider is what brought us here to the Sharing Session," they stated. They remembered the time they were a GSR when the DCM in their Sub-District put them in the car bringing them to their first Area Committee Meeting. The DCM asserted, "You need to go to the DCM Sharing Session. It really is where I learned everything." It was that experience that brought them to the realization that GSRs are not aware that this is where they learn everything. Being In Eureka is like being behind a Redwood curtain. We talk with ourselves, and we don't know what is really going on.

The presenter shared some key-bullet points helpful to both the GSR and DCM and their importance to the Service Structure:

- The GSR (General Service Representative) purpose is to link the Group to A.A. as a whole. The group don't know what is going on without the GSR.
- Gaining an informed conscience from the Group and carrying the consciences to their Delegate
- Is there more to being a GSR than gathering a collective conscience on the Agenda Topics presented at the Conference?

DCM Duties:

- Attends and votes at district meetings, area meetings, and at assemblies, and at PRAASA.
- Being available as a voice of reason when groups in their district are having "Group Problems."
- Learn to not override the GSR.
- Encouraging the GSRs to attend and participate in their home group, district, assemblies, and PRAASA
- They attend AREA Meetings, DCM Sharing meetings and any meetings that are open to them.
- Inform all their group members of what goes on in the district, area, assembly, and the business of GS Organization.
- The GSR needs to hear from the DCM they are welcome here at Area and that they have a voice and their voice is needed.
- Encourage the importance of going up to the mic

Following the Speaker, 16 members shared their experience in General Service and ways that they are connecting with their GSRs in the middle of a Pandemic. The excitement and echoes of appreciation filled the DCM Sharing Session

TOPIC FOR NEXT MONTH: Reviewing and looking at the history and why the General Service calendar is the way it is. Why is the General Service Conference in April? How did we get here?

Megan volunteered to present this topic for next month's session to kick us off into discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully Submitted,

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