

Sample GSR Report for Week #1

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Each year, in April, the delegates from AA groups all over the U.S. and Canada meet in New York City for the General Service Conference. The delegates bring the opinions and votes of each AA group in their areas on the issues at hand, and these issues are discussed and voted on. This is AA's way of making sure that AA is run by the AA groups and by the collective conscience of AA as a whole.

This year, one item of discussion was how AA can best reach out to "Remote Communities". A remote community is defined as one that is separated from the mainstream by geography (perhaps on a remote island), language (perhaps they only speak Vietnamese and there are no local Vietnamese-speaking AA meetings) or culture. There is a report containing the sharing from many Areas across the U.S. and Canada on what AA is doing to reach out to these remote communities. If any of you would like a copy, please let me know and I'll make sure you get one.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sample GSR Report for Week #2

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There are many AA committees that work together with non-alcoholic professionals to help alcoholics. These committees are called "CPC" committees. CPC stands for "Cooperation with the Professional Community".

Many thousands of alcoholics owe their lives to a nonalcoholic professional – a medical doctor, psychiatrist, counselor, law enforcement official, member of the clergy – who was knowledgeable enough about alcoholism to recognize the illness and take the actions that would cut through the alcoholic's denial and start him or her on the road to recovery. Often nonalcoholics are able to help drunks long before they might have reached AA. For example, in the 2001 AA Membership Survey, 27% of those surveyed identified courts, counseling agencies, and health care providers as a factor "most responsible for members coming to AA."

AA members cooperate with the professional community as individuals and through committees on Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC). Sober alcoholics make themselves available to take people to meetings, serve as temporary or long-term sponsors, speak at informational events, and provide a variety of other services to carry the message. If you would like more information on CPC committees, or would like to serve on our Area's CPC Committee, please let me know.

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For more information on the web, go to
msca09aa.org/Cooperation.html

To contact the Chair of the CPC committee, click "Contact: CPC Committee Chairperson".