

**1) Please submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**

Consider a request to create a new form of communication, listing all the different service positions in AA at the group level and below together in one place, and include the responsibilities for each.

**2) What problem does this proposed item address?**

Many A.A.'s are not aware of all the ways to provide service to our fellowship. The average A.A. member appears to only know about going to meetings, sponsoring a newcomer and/or other positions at the group level. Maybe they think you have to arrive at a certain "level" to qualify to do other types of service. There are many other ways to get involved outside of the homegroup and to give back what was so freely given. If more members were made aware of the abundance of service positions, it may foster more participation in service down the triangle.

**3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed this proposed agenda item? [Make it clear who is submitting the item - an individual, group, district, county, etc. – and whether it was approved by substantial unanimity (2/3) or simple majority.] *A member of the SENY Assembly (see item 7 below) must make a motion for the motion to be voted on at our 8/20/2022 Area Assembly.***

This consideration was presented and discussed with the Alternate Delegates in the Northeast Region during our meetings on 4/26/2022, 5/23/2022, 6/28/2022, 7/12/2022. We voted using Google forms and of the 18 Alt Delegates in the Northeast Region 8 responded. The vote was 6 in favor of supporting the agenda item and 2 were opposed.

**4) Please any provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**

Currently, most service positions and the responsibilities are listed and described in the pamphlet "The AA Group", in Area Handbooks, the AA Service Manual or Service Committee Guidelines. The average AA member is only exposed to the Group pamphlet, and many AA members may never see an Area Handbook or the AA Service Manual unless they begin to do service at these levels or have a sponsor or close A.A. friend who participates in service below the group level. There is information on the website [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) but it is not all in one place or even easily accessible. A search on the website using the word "Positions" yielded 8 committee results and 5 other; none of which were combined into one location or other form of communication simultaneously. Additionally, since we are in a virtual world today, many new technology service opportunities at all levels of service are available.

**5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**

A new form of communication would give all A.A. members the opportunity to find out about other service opportunities early in recovery since it would be easily accessible and all in one place. If members had the descriptions of the responsibilities of each service position in one place, they would be more fully informed, and may be more likely to say, "I think I can do that" and stand for service positions. Sponsors and Service Sponsors would also be able to encourage sponsees by using this material as a guide to Service introduction.

**6) Final Comments, if any:**

To summarize, our three legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service are the heart of our program. We are depending on others to share information by word of mouth instead of providing the information where any A.A. member can have access. Some have said it is the sponsors responsibility to educate the newcomer on service opportunities; however, the pamphlet, "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" has a great description on how to be a sponsor and encourage newcomers to do 12th step work but not necessarily take on service positions. The section on service sponsorship mentions some service positions but nothing about descriptions. Many have never heard of a service sponsor. That is another position learned about when someone does service below the group level. There is a communication disconnect that needs to be remedied. Rather than state what form this communication should take, I prefer for the conference committee to decide.

Please review the attached list of suggested generalized service positions inside and below the group level.

**7) Please provide your first name, last initial, and SENY Area 49 title: GSR (including group's name and county), DCM (and District), DCMC (and county), SENY Standing Committee Chair (and Committee), SENY Officer, or SENY Past Delegate.**

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**8) Please provide your phone # (for Delegate's use only):**