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Job Descriptions

This issue is the Job Description Special Issue No. 1. It has been amended from the original issue. The original issue accidentally contained a "proposed" job description. This issue contains job descriptions for various positions at the area level. An index of the job descriptions that appear in this issue is listed below. They are not by order of importance, it is just an index.

Hopefully, there will be additional Job Description Special Issues.

Yours in service,

Stephanie S.; 93 News Subcommittee Chair

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CPC & Treatment Committee Chair

I rely upon the area guidelines and world service manual.

Special Needs Subcommittee Chair

The Accessibility Committee Chair meets with the Accessibility Committee or the Public Information Committee, passes on information related to the committee and helps trusted servants create projects relevant to this committee. You may change the wording any way that you want. There isn't really a committee though. We have been meeting with Public Information.

<p>Responsibility Declaration <i>I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.</i> <i>From the December 2002 Grapevine. Reprinted with permission of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.</i></p>

WHAT IS ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS?

Alcoholics Anonymous is a Spirit. It cannot be touched nor can it be completely understood. AA is as large as the world, yet small enough to fit snugly in the mind and heart of mankind. AA has brought light where only darkness dwelled. AA has given hope to the hopeless and help to those who yearned in despair.

AA has nourished forgiveness in us. AA has given strength to the weak and humility to the strong. It has spurred to higher goals to those of us who strove for nothing. It has brought to the destitute a home. AA has transferred sorrow into a weapon of happiness. It has given purpose to the fearful and shelter to the lost. AA has brought patience to the hurried and action to the slothful.

To us it has given vision and promise. To the lonely it has given compassion. To the restless it has given rest. To those who have fallen it has been a helping hand. To the outcast it has become a family. To the ignorant AA has given wisdom, to the wise it has given tolerance. It, AA, is like a gold mine, and we can mine it all we wish.

(emailed to the 93 News Subcommittee Chair by the Area Delegate)

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Chairman of Guidelines & Policy Committee Chair

The "Guidelines and Policy Committee" description, in the G & P about sums it up.

I have come to appreciate the importance of maintaining the G & P but it is still a pretty basic committee with a straight forward (as described) structure. I'm afraid it just isn't to spicy.

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Website Subcommittee Chair

Interface with Public Information committee members and follow direction of Public Information chair.

Subcommittee of Public Information; has voting privilege and eligible to run for Area offices.

Oversee and maintain Area 93 web page www.ccaaarea93.org and email address forwarding for Area 93 contacts www.addr.com

Assure the 12 Traditions and GSO guidelines and policies are followed relating to the world wide web. Post sanitized versions of minutes, Area news items, fliers and documents related to and including a calendar of Area events.

Meet as a sub-committee whenever necessary, for example at the Area Committee Meetings.

Suggested prerequisites are web page publishing and maintenance experience, with specific knowledge of software Front Page, which the Area website utilizes.

Other duties as specified or requested by the Area Officers and the PI committee and/or its chairperson.

Concept I – The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Concept II – When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

Concept III – As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of work service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Concept IV – Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Concept V – Throughout world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

Concept VI – On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The 12 Traditions make clear the principle that AA, as such, should never be organized, that there are no bosses and no government in AA. Yet at the same time, the Traditions recognize the need for some kind of organization to carry the message in ways that are impossible for the local groups—such as publication of a uniform literature & public information resources, helping new groups get started, publishing an international magazine, and carrying the message in other languages into other countries.

Reprinted from the AA Service Manual

A Declaration of Unity
This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

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Description of **Delegate's** duties 6/10/04

My name is Jeanine Rios and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is the Freedom Group in Lompoc and I have the pleasure of serving the Central California Area 93 as the Panel 53 Delegate to the General Service Conference.

I have been serving in this capacity for the past eighteen months and will be rotating into the position of Past Delegate on January 1st, 2005 at midnight. Our Area will hold elections for the Panel 55 Delegate plus our other Area Officers on November 21st. 2004. All DCMs, DCMCs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area officers will be eligible for election if they have never previously served in the position to be voted on.

The duties of an Area Delegate are demanding, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve AA as a whole. A delegate needs to read an enormous amount of correspondence (warn your mail carrier), he/she travels throughout their own Area whenever it is requested, plus he/she visits other Areas when invited. This year I will be attending the elections of Area 05 and possibly Area 06's as well. Next year Areas 08 and 09 will hold elections and will invite the delegate and Area Officers to attend. I logged over 10,000 miles last year and expect to do the same this year.

Area 93's Delegate assists the Alternate Delegate in planning the Pre-Conference Workshop and in the publication of the Group/Personal Opinion Polls, especially in the first year of the rotation. Then he/she tries to attend the Pre-Conference Workshops for Areas 05, 08, and 09. The delegate attends the Area 93 Foro, plus other Area events held throughout the year.

Although the high point for a delegate is the Conference, meeting the delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. Apart from what I've already outlined the delegate should:

- Be prepared to attend all Area Assemblies/Area Committee Meetings - from these meetings the delegate comes to better understand his/her own area and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda.
- Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the AA traditions.
- Prepare GSR Highlights page to facilitate how GSRs inform their groups and to motivate them to do so.

Concept VII – The Conference recognizes that the charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

Concept VIII – The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Concept IX – Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concept X – Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Concept XI – While the Trustees hold final responsibility for AA's world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Concept XII – General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others: that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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- Cooperate with GSO in obtaining information - for example, making sure the up-to-date info reaches GSO in time to meet deadlines for the AA directory and helping carry out the membership surveys.
- Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience all thru the year. Attend Officer's meeting as deemed necessary by the chairperson or other officers.
- Keep the Alternate Delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
- As a first-year delegate in the Pacific Region, you will be expected to give a presentation at PRAASA and your Area Highlights at the Conference.
- Attend PRAASA both years and the Pacific Region Forum in the even year. Participate in the Delegate's Ask-It-Basket at PRAASA.

The AA *Service Manual* suggests the following characteristics for a well-qualified delegate:

- Several years of active participation in local and area affairs, as a GSR, and as a committee member.
- Time available, not only for the week-long Conference meeting in April but for all the efforts needed before and after the Conference.
- Five or six years of continuous sobriety. A delegate should be sober long enough to be responsible and informed.
- The ability to make and take suggestions – and criticism, too.
- Experience in chairing meetings.
- Knowledge of AA affairs, and of where to find the correct information when he/she doesn't know the answer.
- Thorough familiarity of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts and how they apply to local problems.
- The ability to be open-minded, to sit down with other delegates or AAs in the Area to discuss and act on matters vital to AA.

The *Service Manual* also suggests you talk to your family and your employer before making yourself available for Delegate to be sure you have the time available to perform your duties. You should be familiar with the *Service Manual*, *AA Comes of Age*, and the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, and the 12 Concepts. You should also talk with past delegates to get an idea of the time and effort required and the sort of work you will need to do.

Election time is an exciting part of our Area's business. I hope that each and every one of you who feel that you are qualified for the position of Area Delegate for Central California will be standing for that office in November. It is truly a once in a lifetime experience that will change your life.

93 News Subcommittee Chair

I rely on the Area 93 Guidelines & Policies for our Newsletter mission statement and on the A.A. Service Manual, the paragraph on Area Newsletters or Bulletins.

I make sure a newsletter is published just prior to every Area Assembly complete with the agenda and directions. Because the newsletter charter says the newsletter is to be written for the AA membership at large, I do not publish the reports given at the Area Assembly and at the Area Committee meeting. (Those items are published in the minutes.) After that, I beg and borrow articles from any A.A. source. The Service Manual explains how to include articles that have already been published by New York.

Anyone who asks and all who have email addresses get a copy of the 93 News. There are no subscriptions, but donations are gratefully accepted. The goal is to be self supporting at some point. Everyone on the roster gets a copy. U.S. mail is used if there is no email address.

Copies must be made for the Area Assembly and the Area Committee Meeting. (I use colored paper so the newsletter will stand out in that sea of white at the literature table.)

The 93 News must be translated into Spanish. The goal is to have copies at the Area Assembly & Area Committee Meeting for our Spanish speaking members.

Central Offices that are listed on the roster receive a copy of the 93 News via U.S. Mail.

Guidance

When I think about receiving guidance from my Higher Power, I always see the word dance. Doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement is jerky and uncomfortable. When one person lets go and lets the other lead, both begin to flow with the music. It's as if the two become one, moving beautifully, effortlessly. The dance takes trust, willingness, and attentiveness from one to the gentle guidance and skill of the other.
Cynthia S., Grass Valley, California
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AREA ASSEMBLY –SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2004
Solvang Veteran’s Memorial Building
1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, Ca. 93463

- 8:30** **Registration**
- 9:00 – 10:15** **New GSR Orientation, GSR Sharing, DCM Sharing, Spanish Sharing 10 MINUTES ONLY**
PLEASE- (then join with others)
- 10:30 – 12:00** **Standing Committee Meetings**
Archives, CPC/Treatment Facilities, Finance, Grapevine/LaVina, Registration, Guidelines & Policies, PI/Website/Special Needs, Literature/Audio Visual/Newsletter, CO Liaisons
- 12:00** **LUNCH – PROVIDED ON SITE, WE ARE SELF SUPPORTING – SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00**

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

- 1:00** **Call to Order** **Serenity Prayer** **12 Concepts**
- Secretary’s Roll Call – AA Birthdays June & July & August -
Treasurer’s Report Mid Year Financials& Proposed 2004 Budget
Registrar’s Report
Chairman’s Report- approve minutes and quarterly reports
Alt. Delegate Report
Delegate’s Report

Standing Committee Reports and FORO Report

BREAK

- 2:30**
- Area Assembly Old Business**
1. Old Timers Event
 2. 2nd vote – raise mileage reimbursement
- Area Assembly New Business
1. Change Special Needs Name in Guidelines & Policies to Accessibility- 1st vote
 - 2.
 - 3.

General Sharing – Announcements for the Good & Welfare
Adjourn – Responsibility Declaration

COME AND COOL OFF ON THE CENTRAL COAST THIS SUMMER

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AREA 93 ASSEMBLY
HOSTED BY DISTRICT 52 SANTA MARIA, LOMPOC, AND SOLVANG

AUGUST 15, 2004

SOLVANG VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING
1745 MISSION DRIVE
SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA 93463
(805) 688-7529

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM
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DIRECTIONS

FROM THE NORTH TAKE 101 SOUTH TO THE BUELLTON EXIT (246 HIGHWAY) AND GO EAST THROUGH SOLVANG APPROXIMATELY 3.5 MILES TO THE WHITE BUILDING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD

FROM THE SOUTH TAKE 101 TO THE BUELLTON EXIT (246 HIGHWAY) AND GO EAST APPROXIMATELY 3.5 MILES TO THE WHITE BUILDING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD.

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It is impossible to
overestimate the value of
your friends

ANGER
is one letter short of
DANGER

If you are right, you don't need to
be angry. If you are wrong, you
can't afford to be angry.

CCAA Area 93 Upcoming Events

Date	Name of Event & Info	Who should attend	Location and/or Comments
August 15, 2004	Area Assembly Dist. 52 host	GSRs, Area Committee Mbrs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers	Solvang Veteran's Memorial 1745 Mission Drive Solvang, CA 93463
September 19 11:00am – 2:30pm	Annual Old Timers Event	Everyone	Ventura College (directions are provided on the flyer & on the Area 93 website – www.aarea93.org)
September 24, 25 & 26, 2004	53 rd Southern California AA Convention	Everyone	Town & Country Convention Center; San Diego, Calif.
October 10, 2004	FORO	Everyone	Oxnard – Convention Center
October 17, 2004	Area Committee Meeting	Area Committee Mbrs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers	Goleta Valley Community Center 5679 Hollister Ave Goleta, CA
October 22 – 24, 2004	Santa Clarita Valley AA Convention	Everyone	College of the Canyons Santa Clarita, CA www.scvaaconvention.com
October 23, 2004 – 8am to 12:30pm	Dist. 28 Workshop – The Joy of Sharing – Chicken Soap for the AA Soul	Everyone	St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 1 Church Road Thousand Oaks, CA
September 10 – 12, 2004	26 th Annual Ventura County AA Convention	Everyone	Hyatt Westlake Plaza 880 S. Westlake Blvd. Westlake, Village CA
November 20 & 21, 2004	Election / Area Assembly	GSRs, Area Committee Mbrs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers	Bakersfield
January 2005	Area Assembly Dist. 07 host	GSRs, Area Committee Mbrs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers	Santa Clarita Valley
March 11 – 13, 2005	PRAASA	GSRs, Area Committee Mbrs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers	Radisson Hotel 181 W. Broadway Tucson, AZ
June 17 – 19, 2005	Antelope Valley Round Up	Everyone	Antelope Valley Inn Lancaster, CA
June 30 – July 3, 2005	International Convention	Everyone	Toronto, Ontario, Canada Please check the GSO web site (www.aa.org) for specific instructions if you have been convicted for anything, i.e., DUI, DWI or a felony.
March 2006	PRAASA	GSRs, Area Committee Mbrs, DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers	Area 93

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