

## SUGGESTIONS FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15

Get a copy of the flier, "Your DCM" from your Central Office or online at [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-12\\_yourDCM-2.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-12_yourDCM-2.pdf). This flier will help you begin to get familiar with the role of the District Committee Member.

Also: Go to [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-153\\_1222.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/f-153_1222.pdf) to view a list of materials that are included in the DCM kit. You do NOT need to wait for your DCM kit to come from the General Service Office. You can start reading the contents of the kit right now.

Get a copy of the A.A. Service Manual either from your Central Office/Intergroup or from aa.org, or read it online at [https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en\\_bm-31\\_3.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf). Pay special attention to the chapter about the District Committee Member but consider working your way through the entire manual.

Let your district registrar know you are serving as DCM for your district. Ask the registrar to update the Area 15 database accordingly so that you will receive information from Area 15.

Find out which groups are in your subdistrict. Your district chairperson or district registrar can help you with this. Then find out which groups have GSRs. Work with the GSRs to determine a day and time that is convenient for them to meet with you once a month. At your monthly GSR meetings, get to know their challenges and help them as much as you can. Use these meetings to make sure they are aware of, and informed on, motions coming to your district meeting as well as to Area 15 business meetings.

Here are other ways you can assist the GSRs in your subdistrict: Help them become acquainted with *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*. Introduce them to Box 4-5-9 and service material from the General Service Office. Alert them to new literature, service materials and technology applications from GSO and Grapevine.

Be prepared, when your district registrar requests your assistance, to review a roster of groups and trusted servants in your subdistrict and provide the registrar with updates (groups no longer active, changes in GSRs, etc.) to ensure that the area database is an accurate reflection of reality.

Visit and encourage groups in your subdistrict that do not have a GSR to elect one. Provide those groups with information about the role of the GSR and why it's important for groups to have one. Revisit the pamphlet, "[GSR: Your Group's Link to A.A. As a Whole](#)," if you need a refresher. If a group is not interested in electing a GSR, encourage the members to name a group contact with whom you can keep in touch.

Keep in mind that a DCM who can set his or her opinions aside in favor of listening and supporting the GSRs and of understanding and advancing the conscience of the district's groups is practicing two important principles of leadership in A.A.: leading by example and serving with humility.

Be prepared to conduct a group inventory should a GSR in your subdistrict request it. You can learn about group inventories in the pamphlet, "[The A.A. Group ... Where It All Begins](#)."

Interest a member who has served as a GSR, preferably a GSR who recently has rotated from the position, in standing for alternate DCM. Begin working together with your alternate so that he or she will be able to seamlessly come into the DCM role when you rotate at the end of your two-year term.

Make a commitment to attend your district's business meeting every month. Plan to stay for the entire meeting. Encourage the GSRs in your subdistrict to attend as well. If your district offers a DCM sharing session, attend it.

Make a commitment to attend the Area 15 General Service Assembly in January, April, July and October. You can find information on area assemblies at <https://area15aa.org/>. Encourage the GSRs in your subdistrict to attend as well and share the link above.

When you are at the area assembly, attend the DCM workshop, but find other sessions to attend. Pass on everything you learn to the GSRs in your subdistrict and encourage them to join you when you attend sessions at assemblies. Make plans to attend the Sunday business meeting with the intention of staying for the entire meeting.

Consider asking someone who has participated in service for a longer time than you to be your service sponsor.

If at any point you feel you can no longer serve your district as an active DCM, let the district know so they can find someone to replace you.