

## **What GSRs report to their home groups:**

### **Before attending an area assembly or quarterly**

- Let the group know what is on the agenda - pick a few key items they may be interested in (finances, guest speaker, sharing session topic, committee items, motions etc)
- Prepare a travel budget -This is also a good opportunity to have a service sponsor walk you through how to do this or your DCM. Look up events, cost them out. Worst case scenario travel alone to best case - give range of cost. Figure out a good per diem for meals for a day. Have your group approve your travel ahead of the event. Motion from the floor.
- TIP: If your DCM has a travel budget, you can always look at that for guidance and copy it.
- Ensure you let your group know you may need more time when it comes to gathering their conscience on motions.
- Some groups hold special members meetings to allow their GSR to present motions or have longer discussions on topics.
- A GSR can conduct a sharing session on Pre-Conference agenda items or motions that affect the group/district/aa as a whole.

### **After attending an area event:**

- Consider a report reflecting what you saw, felt and heard Bring back information your group is interested in
- Let them know the outcomes of the business proceedings (motions, election, discussion highlights from sharing sessions, financials)
- Did the area vote on an agenda item? Report back the outcome, and if you voted differently than the group conscience, explain your reasons why.
- Make sure you know how they prefer to receive the information
- You can choose to write a report and submit it to your group for the minutes

### **What do GSRs report to DCM/District?**

- Does your group have any feedback to give to the district? Any workshop topics they would like the district to put on?
- Does your group need more support in matters affecting your group that the District may provide experience on?
- Bring any pertinent topics from your group to your district table for discussion on shared experience.

### **After attending a district meeting:**

- Update your members on any upcoming workshops or special events
- Update on Financials
- Any updates from your District PI -CPC / Telephone / Literature /Treatment/Grapevine/Archives/Website
- Does your district need feedback from your group on a particular topic? Motion?
- Did your district vote on an agenda item? Report back the outcome, and if you voted differently than the group conscience, explain your reasons why.
- Are there positions at District to be filled? Announce this.
- It is suggested that GSRs use the announcement times in meetings for some of these District/Area updates.

### **Group Business Meetings**

#### **How to get members to business meetings:**

- Ensure these are announced at your meeting - sometimes the GSR does this, or it is the secretary's job at the group to announce it
- Announce what the topics will be - this can create more interest especially if you are talking about changing anything in your group, or AA as a whole
- Have group members make the members meeting a potluck or dessert buffet and bring cookies/donuts/cake/dessert
- Be organized - have it run smoothly - set your agenda - have the secretary send it out in advance if possible. Agenda to include reports from and to what has been outlined in GSR Reporting portion above
- Work with your service sponsor to understand how to chair the meeting and facilitate discussions for your members
- Encouraging home group members to attend provides an opportunity for all group members to participate in decisions affecting their group and AA as a whole. The more participation, the more unity.