

GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Group service refers to all MA service work whose purpose is the maintenance and preservation of MA's unified identity and presence. Group service necessarily involves activities and decisions that are responsive to the group conscience of all MA groups. To accomplish group service, each MA group chooses a Group Service Representative and an alternate. The GSR represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's wishes and ideas to the District Service Committee Meeting. The GSR also reports DSC Meeting activities back to the group.

The GSR needs the confidence of the group, and should have a good ear for listening. The GSR is in the position to determine the conscience of the group, and is the voice for communicating the group's conscience to the rest of MA.

The GSR has the job of linking his or her group with the local district and MA as a whole. After a few months of service, the GSR should also be on one of the district committees to help serve MA as a whole. It is from this group of trusted servants that the MA Delegates are usually selected. Suggested clean time is six months to serve as a GSR. Length of term is one year.

Typical responsibilities of the GSR include:

1. Report the group's wishes to the monthly DSC Meeting and to the Delegates to the MAWS Conference.
2. Should attend the monthly DSC Meeting, take notes, and report back to the group, keeping the group well informed about MA.
3. Report to the group the minutes of trustee conference calls, MAWS financial reports and minutes of the Conference, as well as district business and activities.
4. Keep report concise. This is not the place for opinions, those should be discussed at the group's business meetings.
5. Confirm and/or take the group donations from the group's treasurer to the DSC Meeting.
6. Confirm that adequate supplies of chips and MA literature are available for the group.
7. Act as a "service sponsor" for the incoming GSRs when term is done.
8. Make certain that the alternate GSR attends the DSC Meeting in the event the GSR can not attend.