GSR Forum
9.7.25

- Voting Assembly 10/19/25
- What to expect?
- Why bother?
- What do I do as a responsible GSR?

GSR Preamble

- We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

- Somos los Representantes de Servicios Generales. Somos el eslabón de la cadena de comunicación de nuestros grupos con la Conferencia de Servicios Generales y el mundo de A.A .Reconocemos que la máxima autoridad en A.A. es un Dios amoroso tal como Él se expresa en nuestra conciencia de grupo. Como servidores de confianza, nuestro trabajo es llevar información a nuestros grupos para que puedan alcanzar una conciencia de grupo informada. Al transmitir esta conciencia de grupo, estamos ayudando a mantener la unidad y la fuerza tan vitales para nuestra comunidad. Por lo tanto, tengamos la paciencia y la tolerancia para escuchar mientras otros comparten, el valor para hablar cuando tenemos algo que compartir y la sabiduría para hacer lo que es correcto para nuestros grupos en su conjunto.

Voting Assembly – October 19, 2025

- **Purpose:** Make decisions that affect AA as a whole in Area 48
- **Your role as GSR**: Carry your group's conscience and vote
- **Location**: Hybrid – attend in person or online
- *Rosendale Rec Center* *Meeting ID*: 840 3846 6923
- *Rosendale NY* *PW:* FallVote

Concept I

- 'Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services…'
- Authority comes from the collective conscience of the Fellowship
- GSRs are the voice of their group

Who Votes?

- GSRs (or Alternates if absent)
- DCMs (or Alternates)
- Area Officers
- Service Committee Chairs
- Past Delegates
- ***All may attend, speak if recognized, but only voting members can vote***

Parliamentary Procedure

- Motion → Second → Clarifying Questions
- Pro & Con discussion
- Vote → Minority Opinion → Possible Re-vote

Why 2/3 Majority?

- Used for substantial matters – policy, budgets, major changes
- Ensures broad agreement and unity
- Prevents slim majority from forcing divisive decisions

Spiritual Value of Voting

- Listen to all viewpoints
- Respect the minority opinion
- Support the outcome as the group conscience

What is a Proposal?

- A written request for the Area to take a specific action or make a change
- Must be clear, specific, feasible, and in harmony with Traditions & Concepts

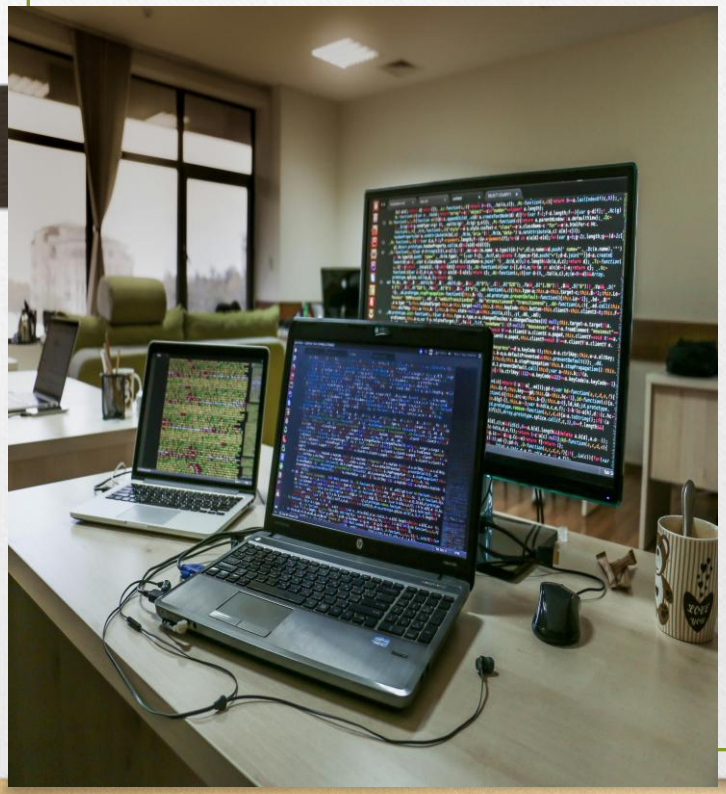
Example – Hybrid Proposal

- Offer all Assemblies & Committee Meetings hybrid
- Provide equipment & tech support
- Budget funds for maintenance & Zoom license

Proposal #1 – Hybrid Guidelines Update

A friendly overview of the proposed changes to Area 48's Hybrid Committee guidelines.

What's the Big Idea?



- Make the Hybrid Committee a permanent part of Area 48 with clear roles, responsibilities, and processes.
- Ensure hybrid events run smoothly with proper oversight and equipment care.

Zoom & Online Support

- Hybrid Committee manages Area 48 Zoom account.
- Schedules and hosts meetings for Area events.
- Provides hosting access to committee chairs.
- Ensures security settings are in place.
- Offers training for trusted servants and attendees.

Equipment & Approval

- Equipment includes laptops, mics, cameras, speakers, projector, cables.
- Chair keeps inventory up-to-date.
- New/replacement gear requires Hybrid Committee + Finance Committee approval.

Beyond Area Events

Districts or committees can request hybrid support.

- Must be approved at least 3 months ahead.

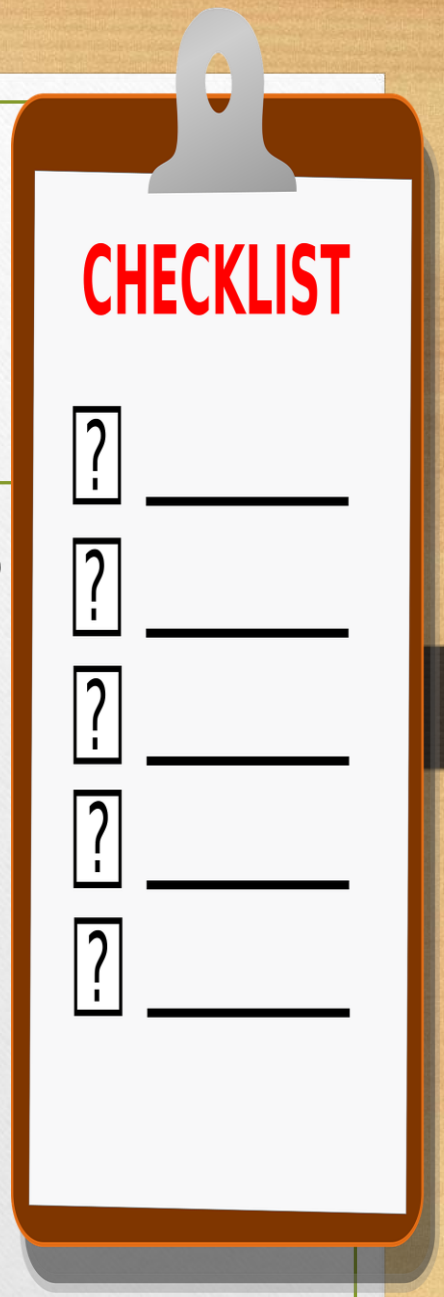
- Event must include travel/lodging funding for Hybrid tech team.

Key Changes

- Hybrid Committee becomes a standing (permanent) committee.
- Chair appointed by Area Chair; Alternate Chair assists.
- Hybrid gear stays with the Hybrid Chair; backup coverage if absent.
- Covers all major Area events like Assemblies, Fellowship Days, Joy of Service.
- Travel/lodging reimbursement for whoever runs hybrid setup.

In Short

- Proposal #1 sets clear, permanent guidelines for how Area 48 runs hybrid events—equipment, people, process, and support.

GSR Checklist

- Review agenda & background materials-(July)
- Discuss proposals with your group(August)
- Bring your group's conscience (Sept)
- Vote and participate fully (October)
- Report back after the Assembly (November)