



GRS Workshop

Presented by Central Arkansas Area of Narcotics
Anonymous Regional Service Members



Portions of this presentation were reproduced from the following NA publications:

- Green Mountain Area Service Committee GRS Orientation Packet
- A Guide to Local Services in NA, *2002 version*
- A Guide to World Services in NA, *2014-2016 Conference Cycle*
- Group Treasurer's Workbook, *Revised*

What is a Group Service Representative?



A trusted servant of their group.



The voice of their group at the Area Service Committee. (ASC)



The voice of area at their group.



The financial link between their group and the Area Service Committee.



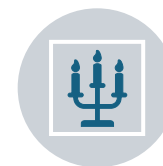
The group's main source of information about service, activities, and events.



The group's source of information on how to get involved in service work.



An important source of information for the group about the traditions.



The trusted servant who attends to the specific needs of the group including questions regarding Traditions, Policy, and the 12 Concepts.

How do they do it?

Attend the group meeting regularly.

Attend the ASC meeting bi-monthly.

Report to the ASC the group status, donation, problems, concerns, change of meeting time/place to update phone and meeting lists.

Bring issues from the ASC to the group for a group conscience and report back to the ASC.

Learn about the subcommittees of the ASC.

- What do the subcommittees do?
- When do they meet? Who may attend?
- Which subcommittees need support?
- Attend subcommittee meetings.

Learn the service structure.

Learn what the ASC, RSC, WSC, WSO, etc are.

Study the Guide to Local Service and the ASC Policy guidelines & All Subcommittees.

Qualifications for a GSR



Is an addict.



Attends the group they represent.



Has a willingness to serve.



Has one-year clean time. (suggested only)



Has knowledge of the service structure of NA or the willingness to study it.



Has an understanding of or the willingness to learn the duties of a GSR.



Has an understanding of the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts or the willingness to study them.

How does a group take care of its business?



At the monthly business meeting, where the recommendations are voted on for literature purchases, Area donations, rent, etc.



By creating an ad-hoc committee when needed.



By holding elections of trusted servant positions as needed with prior notice if possible.



By holding special business meetings when important issue surface, like literature review, a group conscience, etc.



By sending their GSR or group representative to the ASC monthly.



By Group Conscience



Group Conscience:

- An informed vote taken by the group as a whole.
- An expression of God's will.
- Is best for the group as a whole.
- Is the practice of placing **principles before personalities**.

When may a group conscience be initiated?

A group conscience may be initiated anytime during a group business meeting if a member feels it's necessary.

How much notice should there be before a new GSR/GSRA is elected?

At least one month's notice should be given before the planned election.

How does the Area donation get from the group to the Area?

The group decides at their regular monthly business meeting if and how much of a donation they can make to the ASC. A check or money is prepared and sent with the GSR or group representative to the regular monthly ASC meeting.

GSR Report (to their group) May Include



Attendance of groups and elected trusted servants of the ASC.



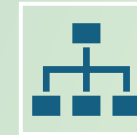
Open positions at Area and Region.



Motions carried back to the group.



Points of discussions made during the ASC.



Open positions within the sub-committees.



Nominations of trusted servants at ASC.



Summary of the Regional report given at ASC.



Passing over the Area announcements to the group.

GSR Report (to their area) May Include



Average monthly attendance



Meeting day(s), time(s), and location(s)



Upcoming birthdays



New members



Upcoming events



Successes

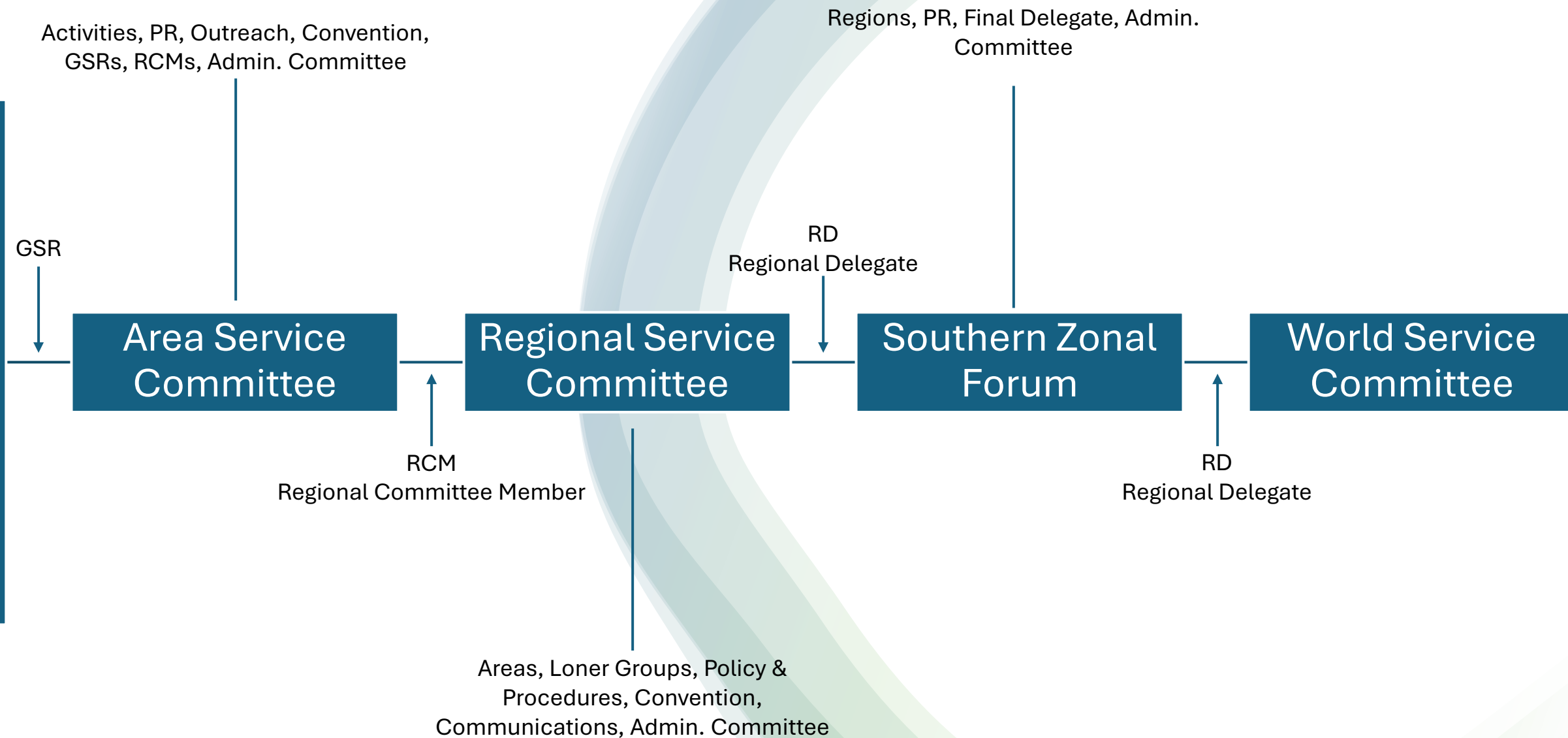


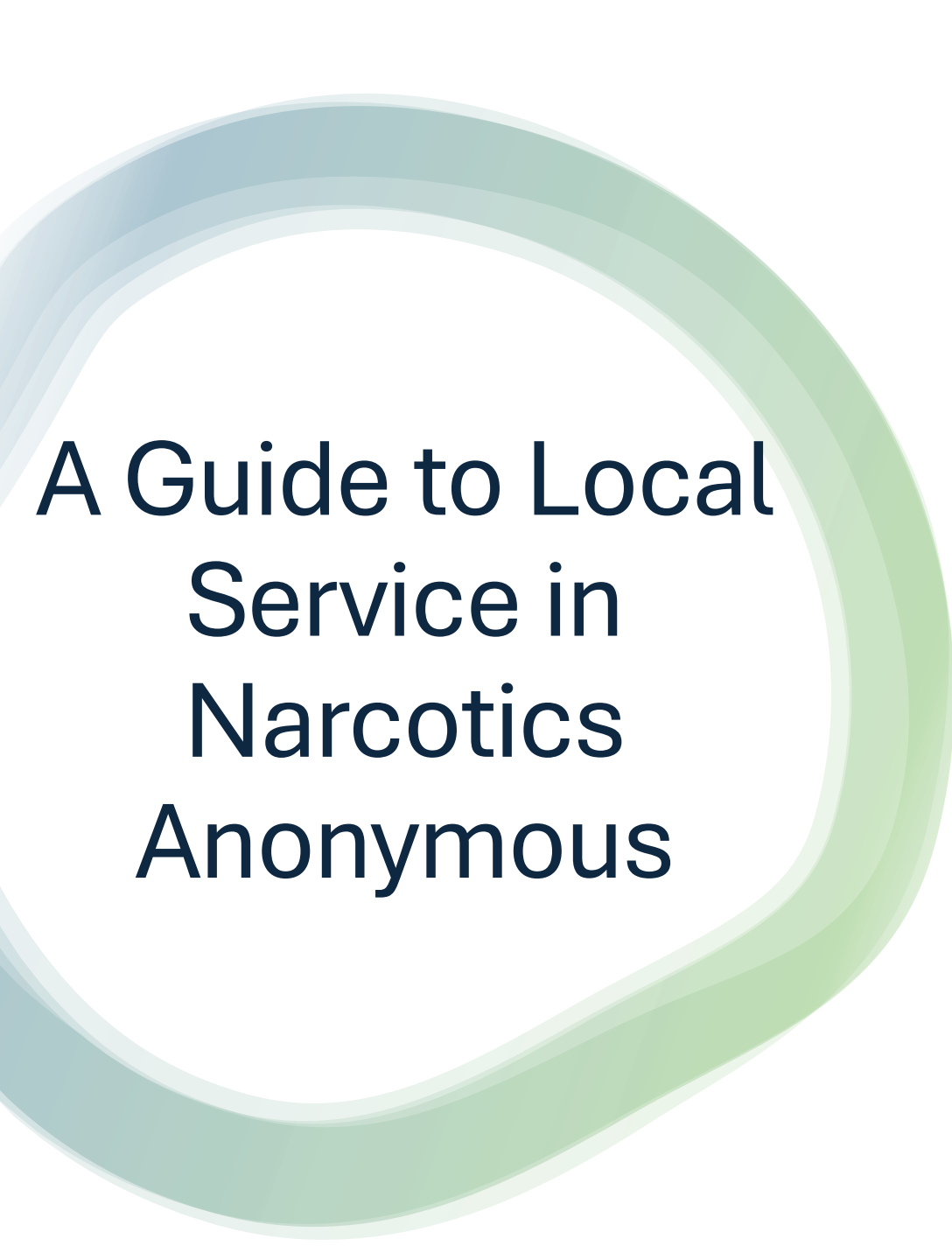
Challenges



Donation Amount

Homegroup





A Guide to Local Service in Narcotics Anonymous

“GSRs serve a dual role. As our fellowship’s Second Concept for Service indicates, GSRs take part on their groups’ behalf in the area committee and the regional assembly, conveying a sense of their groups’ wishes to the service structure and bringing back information on what’s happening in the larger world of NA. Yet our Twelve Concepts also suggest that GSRs are delegated the authority to serve in their own right as ASC and regional assembly participants, exercising their own conscience and best judgment in the best interests of NA as a whole.”