

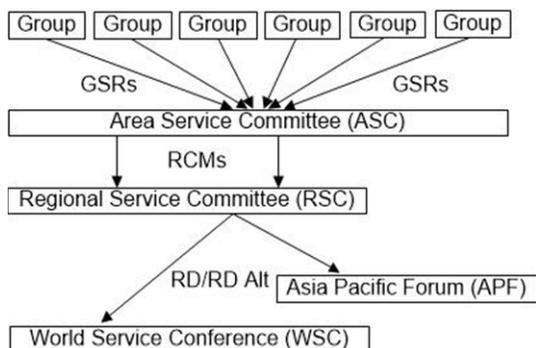
## Area Service

NA in New Zealand is divided into three Areas - Northern, Central and Southern. All three Areas make up the Aotearoa New Zealand Region, and that has its own committee too – called the Regional Service Committee or RSC. The Regional bank accounts are named "Fellowship Service Agency".

The Aotearoa New Zealand Region sends a Regional Delegate (RD) to the World Service Conference (WSC) every two years. Our Delegate and Delegate Alternate (RD Alt) are elected at the Regional Assembly held every year. In New Zealand the Regional Assembly is held at the Regional Gathering. All GSRs (including you) are expected to attend and vote on the election and participate in workshops. The Gathering is held in a different Area each year.

If the Region would like an Area to do something, they ask Areas if they are willing. Region can also offer advice, but generally, they do not tell the Area what to do - that is for the Area to decide.

### Narcotics Anonymous Service Structure



These service groups allow important information to travel from the individual NA member in New Zealand (you and me) to the International Fellowship - and back again!

New Zealand is also part of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF). The APF supports communities in the Asia Pacific to better carry the message. See <http://apfna.org/> for more information about the APF.

### For More Information

A really useful handbook is "A Guide to Local Services". It has detailed job descriptions and information on elections, accountability and the whole service structure. Your Group probably has a copy, but you can also buy your own or download a copy from the World Services site at [http://www.na.org/pdf/GLS\\_2005.pdf](http://www.na.org/pdf/GLS_2005.pdf)

The Twelve Traditions of NA, which are in the green and gold NA book "It Works, How and Why" are essential reading for any service role. NA also has Twelve Concepts, which explain the values of NA Service in detail.

Each of these books can be ordered from the Fellowship Service Office (FSO), which is in Auckland. You can ask the trusted servants of your home group about placing an order for them.

You can join your local area email list by sending an email to [lists@nzna.org](mailto:lists@nzna.org) with your request. This is recommended and a great way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in the Area and the Region.

Each Area has its own sign in details for an online file sharing tool called Group Office, which can be found at the bottom of every email you receive from your local list.

Northern [nasc@nzna.org](mailto:nasc@nzna.org)

Central [casc@nzna.org](mailto:casc@nzna.org)

Southern [sasc@nzna.org](mailto:sasc@nzna.org)

Region [nzrsc@nzna.org](mailto:nzrsc@nzna.org)

# GSR Welcome Information Pamphlet

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<http://www.nzna.org/>

Welcome  
Group Service Representatives  
(GSRs and GSR Alts)

There are helpful resources available at  
<https://admin.nzna.org/>

**Congratulations:** on your new role as Group Service Representative (GSR), or GSR Alternate (GSR Alt). This IP explains your role and the part you and your Group play within NA Service. Your primary concern is communication between your Group and the wider fellowship. You are the vital link in the NA chain of communication.

**Support:** When you are new to being a GSR it can seem a bit scary. Home group members, sponsors and members of NA who have performed service can help you. Delivering a Group report or understanding what is going on at an Area meeting can be a mystery when you are new, so ask for help if you need it!

**Your job as GSR:** The Area meetings are held as often as your Area decides, for about four hours. The purpose is to serve all the groups and support the services in the your Area. Your role is to represent the conscience of your Group. You do this by having a Group conscience meeting before any Group Support or Area meeting.

**GSR Alt:** Your Group may also elect a GSR Alt. The GSR Alt supports the GSR, and stands in if the GSR cannot attend a meeting. A GSR Alt can be a great help to the GSR.

**The Group:** The Group is the most important unit in NA. Each Group is autonomous (makes their own decisions) unless it's a matter that affects other Groups or NA as a whole (Tradition 4). Your job is to represent your Group through NA Service. You are the main communication point and carry important information between your Group's conscience and the Area.

(See 'The Group' Information Pamphlet)

## Before each Area meeting:

- Take the previous Area minutes to a Conscience meeting. Discuss anything that interests your Group, and anything that your Group was asked to provide feedback on at the previous Area meeting, and vice versa.
- Find out if there is anything your Group wants you to raise at the Area meeting.
- If required prepare a report on how your Group is going and note any issues that your Group would like discussed.
- If your Area requires written GSR reports to be attached to Area minutes, please email your report to your local Area list before the Area meeting. Otherwise a verbal report on the day may be appropriate.
- Your Group Treasurer can provide a financial report to take to the Area meeting. This could include income from 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions, Group expenses and contributions to any part of the NA Service Structure.

## At the Area meeting:

- **Bring pen and paper!**
- If required be prepared to deliver your GSR report, including the financial report
- Bring along any 7th tradition contribution your Group is making
- Make suggestions from your Group
- Discuss ideas
- Engage in the Area decision making process about issues affecting NA in the Area, based on your Group's conscience
- Ask questions – how else will you find out, if you don't know?

- In the same way engage with decisions for Regional and World Representatives to take to their meetings
- Take note of: Action GSRs, Requests from the Area for your Group to consider, and NA Announcements. Take these to your Group meetings
- You may be asked by the Area to get feedback from your Group conscience on certain issues or proposals. Take note of these to discuss with your Group.

## After the Area meeting:

- Hold a conscience meeting with your Group and report back on what was discussed. Minutes of the previous Area meetings are sent out before the next meeting, but it's easier to have your own record as well.
- Please keep your Group informed of upcoming events and service opportunities. The NZNA Events page produces an events calendar with this information; there may also be other pamphlets to display at your meeting.

## Service System Project as applied from Group to World in the Southern Area

