

# District Committee Member



***A Trusted Servant at both  
District and Area Levels...***

# Congratulations! You're a New DCM!

Where can you get some help?

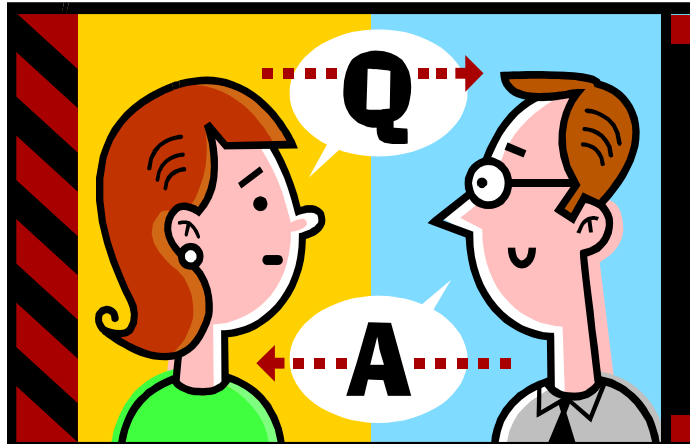


**Answer:** Right here from your fellow AA members who have been or are currently serving as DCMs. Also, we have literature which explains your new duties. (It is strongly suggested that you get a Service Sponsor, if you don't already have one).

# A Brief Overview of a DCM's Job...

- A DCM represents their District at the Area level in much the same way that a G.S.R. represents a group. They carry their District's conscience to the Area and bring back vital information from monthly Area meetings.
- A DCM makes themselves available to groups as needed to offer guidance when asked and answer any questions regarding the Traditions or Concepts a group may have.
- DCMs should encourage groups to get active in service and seek to conduct themselves in accordance with the 12 Traditions.

# Who can become a DCM?



**Any AA member may be elected by their District as a DCM. However, it is strongly suggested that the DCM have some service experience as a GSR and a minimum of 4 years sobriety.**

# The Importance of the Traditions

The 12 Traditions are the best answers that our experience has yet given to questions like “How can A.A. best function?” and “How can we best stay whole and survive for future generations?”

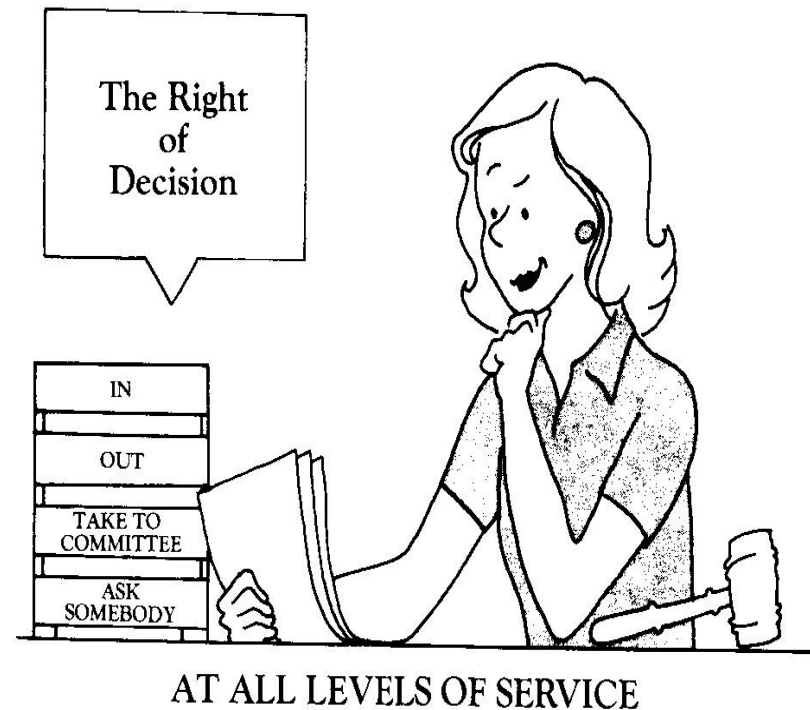
# What About The Concepts?

The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962. The Concepts aim to record the "WHY" of our service structure so that valuable lessons from past experiences will not be forgotten.

# Practicing the *Right of Decision*...

You may exercise your “**Right of Decision**” if:

- A vote has to be taken immediately, always considering the common welfare of A.A.
- You may vote contrary to your District’s conscience if new information is presented that you feel would sway their decision.
- The Right of Decision should NEVER be used as an excuse for failing to inform those who are entitled to be consulted.



# How can I help Groups?

- By encouraging them to elect a GSR to be their eyes, ears, and voice at the District level.
- By explaining the value of conducting themselves in accordance with the 12 Traditions and gaining knowledge of the Concepts.
- By making yourself available to help when problems or questions arise.
- By not being “anonymous” in Alcoholics Anonymous... Let the groups know who we are and what we do!



## Where can I get more information?

If you have access to the Internet, check out the *Services for Members* menu at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). You will find a wealth of freely downloadable information there. You will also find contact information so you can contact GSO and request a catalog of currently available literature.

## How about the *Alternate* DCM?

- An Alternate DCM is a backup for the DCM, being available to attend service meetings as a representative of their District in the absence of the DCM. They are encouraged to attend as many service meetings as possible, in the event that they must assume the duties of a DCM.

## Other Responsibilities of a DCM...

- Assist the delegate in obtaining group information to keep the A.A. directories up to date.
- Make sure GSRs are acquainted with all A.A. service materials and literature.
- Attends Spring and Fall Assemblies.
- Attends the Pre-Conference Assembly to assist the Delegate in preparing for the Conference.
- Holding Service Workshops as necessary.

## Our Leaders are but Trusted Servants...

- We must lead by **EXAMPLE**.
- We must always uphold the principles of our traditions at all times and in all circumstances.
- We must always be mindful of our primary purpose and practice these principles in all our affairs.