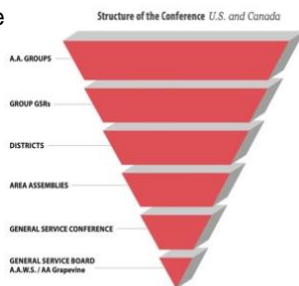


BC/Yukon Area 79

Welcome to General Service in BC/Yukon Area 79. This information sheet contains important information for incoming GSRs. It is intended to aid you and answer some of your questions. It also informs you about what is offered in the way of services from your Area. *Some of the content of this sheet has been reprinted or reproduced from the A.A. Service Manual and conference-approved Literature with permission of AAWS Inc. and the Area 79 GSR Handbook.*

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR)

The General Service Representative has the job of linking their group with A.A. as a whole. The GSR represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference. (See diagram on page 3 of The A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023)

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GSRs?**

In general, there are three areas in which the GSRs have their major responsibilities, each of which involves a two-way relationship: The Group, the District, the General Service Area (79).

GSRs have the responsibility of:

- Linking their Group with A.A. as a whole
- Representing the voice of the Group's Conscience
- Reporting their Group's Conscience to the DCM and the Delegate
- Bringing the Area and District suggestions, as well as the Conference Advisory Actions, back to their Group



In this sense, the Conference can feel it is acting for A.A. as a whole only to the extent that the GSR keeps the Group informed and can thereby gather and communicate the Group Conscience.

Also, as a GSR:

- You will serve as the mail contact with your district, area and General Service Office (GSO).
- You will take care to protect the rights of individual A.A. members to have their opinions acknowledged and heard no matter how much in the minority those opinions may be.
- You will have the opportunity to give back to A.A. a little of what you have been freely given by A.A.; not only your daily sobriety but also the new way of living and the new circle of friends you have.
- By your active presence in General Service, you will be helping to ensure that A.A. will still be here for future generations.

**SERVICE SPONSORSHIP**

Some A.A. members involved in service choose to have service sponsors. It is recommended that you choose someone who is familiar with our 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, the A.A. Service Manual and service in Area 79.

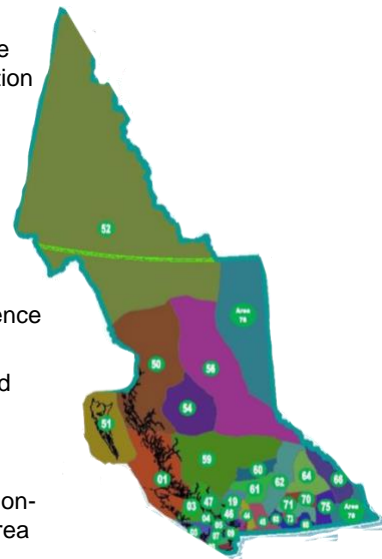
AREA 79 — WHAT IS IT?

Area 79 includes B.C. and the Yukon as well as a small portion of the USA (Point Roberts).

HOW DOES AREA 79 FIT INTO THE US/CANADA GENERAL SERVICE STRUCTURE?

The area holds an important middle position in the conference structure.

The area is directly connected to the A.A. groups and their members through DCMs and GSRs. At the same time, the area participates in the decision-making of A.A. through the area delegate.

**WHAT IS THE AREA COMMITTEE?**

The Area Committee is made up of all Area 79 District Committee Members (DCMs) or their alternates, plus the elected and appointed members of the Area Service Committee (ASC). All members of the committee are eligible to vote at quarterlies and assemblies.

AREA 79 ASC (AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE)ELECTED POSITIONSAPPOINTED POSITIONS

delegate@bcyukonaa.org	archives@bcyukonaa.org
altdelegate@bcyukonaa.org	corrections@bcyukonaa.org
chair@bcyukonaa.org	cpc@bcyukonaa.org
altchair@bcyukonaa.org	publicinformation@bcyukonaa.org
treasurer@bcyukonaa.org	remotecomunities@bcyukonaa.org
secretary@bcyukonaa.org	treatment@bcyukonaa.org
registrar@bcyukonaa.org	website@bcyukonaa.org
literature@bcyukonaa.org - alt. delegate	
grapevine@bcyukonaa.org - alt. chair	
grassroots@bcyukonaa.org - has been delegated to our remote communities chair during Panel 73	

Chairs of the standing committees are appointed by the selection committee at the beginning of each panel rotation and ratified by the Area Committee at the January Quarterly. These members serve a two-year term. Please see the Alcoholics Anonymous Committee Guidelines (www.aa.org) and the BC/Yukon Area 79 website (www.bcyukonaa.org) for details on their responsibilities.

The following are non-voting service positions that may be appointed:

- Web Team volunteers
- Archivist
- Tech Team and Hybrid Helpers

Each of these appointments is ratified by the ASC.

AREA MEETINGS AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW

BC/Yukon Area 79 facilitates 8 area events during the 2-year Panel

1st year of Panel

January Quarterly	April Pre-Conference Assembly	June Quarterly	September Voting Assembly
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2nd year of Panel

January Quarterly	April Pre-Conference Assembly	June Quarterly	September Election/Voting Assembly
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Event dates can be found here:

<https://bcyukonaa.org/events/category/events/quarterlies-assemblies/>

The first Area event in the panel, held in January, is a **Quarterly** where the ratification of the appointed positions on the Area Committee happens.

The second, in April, is the **Pre-Conference Assembly**. At this meeting the Delegate can receive an "informed conscience" based on discussion with those present regarding the agenda items for the General Service Conference. It is at this assembly that districts bid to host upcoming Area events.

The third Area meeting, held in June, is another **Quarterly** and is when the Delegate gives their report.

The fourth, in September, is a **Voting Assembly**, at which motions are presented and voted on. The last assembly in the second year of the term is a **Voting and Election Assembly**. This is when elections take place for the seven elected positions on the Area Committee: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar.

At the assemblies, the GSRs are voting members and collectively form a majority. They should make every effort to attend the assemblies and quarterlies on behalf of their groups and it is the responsibility of the group to pay the GSR's expenses to attend.

WHY BE ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE?

General Service Representatives (GSRs) are assigned to committees at each quarterly and assembly by rotation method. This keeps the committees relatively even as to number of participants and allows GSRs to experience several different committees during the 2-year rotation.

QUARTERLIES & ASSEMBLIES

These resources are available to you:

- Complete agenda packages are available prior to each Area event
- Devices to aid the hearing-impaired at all events
- Opportunity to meet guests from our General Service Office at the assemblies
- Current and Past Trusted Servants from our area as well as other areas often attend the events
- Committee display tables are set up for you to get a look at all the resources available
- AAWS and Area Literature is displayed and available for sale
- Grapevine products are also displayed and available for sale
- Resources and guidelines to help your district host Area events

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

YOUR AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

Your 14-member Area Service Committee (ASC) is available to support you in your service position. Any questions you have can be directed to your Area Service Committee for answers. We are here to help you.



AREA 79 GSR HANDBOOK

Is produced by your Area to help you in your GSR service position. It is filled with detailed information that you will find useful. *The Handbook also has a suggested reading list.

THE AREA 79 WEBSITE www.bcyukonaa.org

Our website is designed to serve members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 79. It is maintained by the Area Service Committee.



The public side of the website includes information about the ASC positions plus email contacts; upcoming events, including quarterlies and assemblies; meeting lists; archives information; etc.

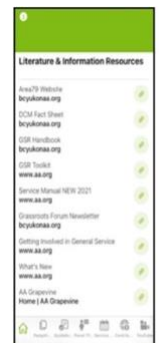
There is a login side of the website where you will need your login details to access area information such as service documents and Pre-Conference background materials. DCMs will provide the GSRs with their login information.

AREA 79 DIGITAL LITERATURE TOOL

Scan this QR code to have a library of digital literature at your fingertips, including an area events calendar, all the Area Service Committee email contact info and much more.



Instructions are available on our website.



Check out the GSR TOOL KIT here:

<https://www.aa.org/contents-general-service-representative-gsr-kit-list>

GRASSROOTS FORUM

is the Area 79 newsletter published four times per year. Quarterly and assembly minutes are published in these four issues and distributed to all registered GSRs and DCMs to share with their groups.



Subscribers receive all four issues as well. Grassroots is available for download on the website. For anonymity purposes, the password "aagrassroots" is required.

A four-page "Highlights" version of Grassroots is available on the same web page. This can be useful to share with your home group.

Always be prepared to have fun and grow in service!

"The strength of our whole A.A. Service Structure starts with the Group and with the General Service Representative (GSR) the Group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the GSR's importance..." – Bill W.

(pg. 6, GSR pamphlet)