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Hello everyone, my name is Rio, I am an alcoholic currently serving as your Panel 73 Delegate. I'm very excited about our next presentation and hearing your questions on our Area 79 election process and little bit about the spirit of rotation.

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HOW DOES IT WORK?

I have the honour and privilege to facilitate our upcoming Panel 75 election.

We start with the 7 elected positions in order of delegate, alternate delegate, chair, alternate chair, treasurer, secretary and registrar.

2 min service resumes are read prior to the voting of each position

- Polls will be used for those attending virtually.
- Paper Ballots will be used for those attending in person.
- Final total is tabulated and applied to our Third Legacy Procedure.

The event is of course is hybrid so both the eligible voting members who attend online and in person will have hand in electing our future Panel 75 Area 79 Area Service Committee. Those eligible to vote are the serving DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, GSRs or Alternates acting for the GSRs and the Area Service Committee members.

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Concept 9 reminds us of the care and importance needed when voting in our elected positions.

- Some districts and groups will have their current GSRs and DCMs attending the assembly along with their incoming GSRs and DCMs. It is suggested that the current DCM and GSR have voting

privileges since they have the experience and have been serving with the candidates who are in the election.

- From Concept IX, on **page C27** in our service manual: “As the GSRs meet in the assemblies to name the delegate, an even greater degree of care and dedication will be required. “Who are the best qualified people that we can name? This should be the thought of all.”

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Another great resource during the election is to listen closely to the 2 min service resumes that are presented by each candidate.

- We encourage DCMs, ASC members and past trusted servants to consider letting your name stand. Research the position you are interested in and ask yourself...**Am I willing to serve? Am I willing to learn new skills? Do I have the time?** Then prepare your service resume.
- Be aware that the resumes are read at the start of each election position. There is a **2 min time limit**. If candidates put their names up for more than one position you will only hear their **resume once**.

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- Before the voting starts....A white board will be at the front of the room and candidates will place their name under the service positions they are willing to stand for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer, Secretary & Registrar. Ballots pads will be handed out to each in person voting member prior to the election starting. Each elected position has 5 ballots just like our 3rd Legacy Procedure outlines.

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We use our 3rd Legacy Procedure so be sure to review pages 110-111 in our service manual it is quite a spiritual procedure unique to AA and it really shows the care we take in electing our trusted servants.

Briefly how our process works is that...

Everyone's name is on the 1st Ballot; if any name receives 2/3 of the total votes they are elected to the position. If no 2/3 is reached; all names carry forward to the 2nd ballot.

On the 2nd ballot if 2/3 is again not received then names with less than 1/5 of total votes are withdrawn and the other names remain.

On the 3rd ballot if 2/3 is not reached by anyone then the names with less than 1/3 are withdrawn.

We then go to the 4th ballot and again if 2/3 is not reached the top two names remain and the Chairperson will ask for a motion to conduct a 5th and final ballot. If the motion is 2nd and carried by simple majority then the 5th and final ballot is used for the election. **If the motion does not carry then we go to the hat** with the last 2 remaining names and the name that comes out of the hat is the newly elected person. This is why each elected position has 5 ballots. It is very important that you clearly write the name of the one candidate you are voting for on each ballot.

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The best way to prepare for the voting in of our new Panel 75 elected officers is to get better informed about each of the 7 elected positions. It is suggested that we familiarize ourselves with the duties and qualifications.

- Start by reading **pages 26-31** "Area Officers: Qualifications & Duties" in our A.A. Service Manual and also read the "job descriptions" on our **Area 79 Website** and in our **GSR Handbook starting on page 13.**

- **Ask questions of those who are currently serving in these positions here this weekend or of others who have served at the area level in the past.**
- On learning what each service position entails and reviewing Concept IX, (Page C29) which includes Bill W.'s article, **Leadership In A.A.: Ever A Vital Need**, you can make a more informed decision on who are the best candidates for our area service committee positions.

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We can't really talk about elections without talking about rotation. I heard it said at the General Service Conference this year that rotation is the most important part of service. We rotate out to allow others to rotate in. The spirit of rotation is humility. This is a great reminder for all of us as many of your groups and districts positions may also be ready for elections and the spirit of rotation.

Our service manual tells us that THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION flows from Tradition 2.

and many of you might be ready or not ready to rotate from your current positions....

Our A.A. Group (pamphlet) tells us... rotation ensures that **group** tasks, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share.

That...To step out of an A.A. office you love can be hard...But it can be a real step forward in growth—a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

and...Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person.

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But I also want to remind you that 7 positions are appointed...these positions are titled “appointed” because those applying do not get to choose a committee. Again, I want to emphasize that the committee is assigned to the person. Our appointed positions are:

Archives Cooperation with the Professional Community Corrections
Public Information Remote Communities Treatment/Accessibilities
Website and the Grassroots Forum Newsletter

- The positions are appointed by the incoming Chair through a Selection Committee made up of the incoming Chair and 3 other elected ASC members. The selection committee through group conscience appoint one person to each of the 7 appointed positions.
- Please email your service resume directly to:
resume@bcyukonaa.org
- The deadline for appointed position resumes is October 31, 2024.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the area chair on the first Tuesday of November and those selected to an appointed position and will be required to attend a transition meeting held the first Wednesday of December at the BC Yukon Area office in Vancouver (travel expenses are covered by Area 79).

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Before we go to questions about the upcoming area motion process and the elections procedures. I want to ask you a few questions about the elections in your groups and districts. With a show of hands....

1) How many GSR's and DCM's in the room had to prepare and read their service resume when then got elected this last rotation?

2) How many of you were voted in using ballots and the 3rd legacy procedure?

3) How many GSR's in the room are considering putting their name forward to be DCM?

The reason I'm asking you these questions is because when I started my general service journey, I heard things like I was volun-told or that others got elected when they went to the bathroom. I read that trusted servant positions were the important link of communication between the groups and districts and AA as a whole. I think it is equally important that we elect our trusted servants in most informed, thoughtful process as possible. Trusted servants have to get our membership enthusiastic and informed about this amazing fellowship and our general service structure. Service at times means you have to be a creative communicator, calmly patient at times, loving and tolerant at others times and help lead your members to that important informed group conscience.

So let us all take some quality time to really consider the elections of our GSR's, DCM's and your Area Service Committee in the months ahead as we many of us approach this exciting time of rotation.

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Thanks for listening and now let's get to your questions about the upcoming motions and elections process here in Area 79.