

In NA, your attendance **cannot**, of course, be required. However, your participation is needed!
(We especially need the experience, strength & hope of our GSRs, subcommittee chairs
as well as our “old-timers” and newcomers.)

ORIENTATION & PLANNING

1 PM, SUNDAY, 8 AUGUST

AT 1770 CEDAR, ROCKLEDGE (CIRCLES...)



*“We keep what we have only with vigilance,
and just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps,
so freedom for the group springs from our Traditions.”*

Chapter 6, our Basic Text.

Thus, every NA Group needs extra effort doing service.



*“The more responsibility we assume,
the more freedom we gain.”*

Just for Today — March 22 .

1pm Refreshments & introductions.

1:10-1:30 pm Review **Group needs** and resources.

1:30-1:50 pm Consider possible Area plans.

1:50-2:00 pm Prepare for Area Service.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Area Chair &
Vice Chair

Area Secretary &
Alternate Secretary

Convention, Literature
and Helpline Chairs

Specific Service: Helpline shift workers, H&I panel members & leaders
as well as a variety of Activity and Convention workers.

**From page 60 of the Guide to Local Services,
“PARTICIPATION**

Participation is a critical factor in delivering services at any level. Lagging subcommittee participation and poor attendance at area committee meetings are problems all area committees must address from time to time, particularly during the annual inventory session. Sometimes the solutions to these problems are simple and quick; more often, they require deliberate, extended attention.

An area that has few GSRs attending committee meetings or lacks support for the work of its subcommittees probably has one or more of the following problems:

- ☼ The area is new,
- ☼ The territory served by the ASC is sparsely populated,
- ☼ Committee meetings are run poorly,
- ☼ The committee, as it is run presently, is too large to allow for GSR participation,
- ☼ Groups and members in the area are not sufficiently informed concerning the role of the area committee and the kind of work being done by its subcommittees,
- ☼ The services provided by the ASC are not meeting the needs of area members or groups, or
- ☼ Members and groups are simply not interested in supporting area services.

Of these, the first two are generally the easiest to address. If a new area is lacking in members available for service, the passage of time alone may well provide a solution; the section later in this chapter, “Creating New Area

Committees,” discusses this further. And if an area committee serves a sparsely populated territory, there are ways in which it can structure its services to match its circumstances. More on this can be found later in this chapter under the heading, “Area Committees in Rural Communities.” You can also write to the World Service Office and ask for any relevant materials they may have on hand.

If one of the remaining problems is the case, an area committee can determine which one it is by ... “ simply asking members what they think.

Poll

Please poll your Group and subcommittee members about the lack of participation. Multiple answers are fine:

1. The distance is too great. (According to the Guide to Local Service, travel problems begin at 50 kilometers—about 31 miles.) _____
2. Committee meetings are unattractive. _____
3. Things are too complicated. _____
4. We lack good communications. _____
5. We lack training. _____.
6. We don’t see a need for the services that we are asked to do. _____
7. We are just not interested. _____