

<b>AA Service Manual</b>	First written in 1951 by Bill W. to outline basic service principles and procedures combined with the Twelve Concepts.
<b>A.A. World Service (AAWS)</b>	One of the operating corporations of the General Service Board; oversees the operations of the General Service Office and serves as the publishing company for Conference approved and service literature.
<b>AREA</b>	A geographical division within a state or province. Normally there is one area to a state or province except in heavily A.A. populated places, where there may be more areas. Some areas include portions of more than one state or province.
<b>Area 28 Service Workbook</b>	A workbook of Guidelines created by and for Area 28 members
<b>Assembly</b>	A meeting of G.S.R.'s and Area committee members to discuss area affairs and, every other year, to elect a delegate and committee officers.
<b>BTG</b>	Bridging the Gap- A.A. members volunteer to be temporary contacts and introduce those coming out of treatment and correctional facilities to Alcoholics Anonymous.
<b>Class A Trustee (non-alcoholic)</b>	There are 7 Class A trustees who are members of the General Service Board, men and women who are recognized professionals in their own fields.
<b>Class B Trustee (alcoholic)</b>	There are 14 Class B trustees who are members of the General Service Board. They are men and women A.A.s who are strong in one or more of the following areas: length of sobriety, business or professional background, leadership, and grasp of A.A. structure.
<b>CPC</b>	Cooperation with the Professional Community -builds relationships with professionals who come into contact with active alcoholics and may be able to refer them to A.A.
<b>CSO/Intergroup</b>	Central Service Office/Intergroup- Handle local services only for a specific geographical area and are not connected with A.A.'s worldwide affairs.
<b>DCM</b>	District Committee Member- An experienced G.S.R. elected by other G.S.R.'s to represent the groups of their district in area committee meetings and to coordinate service activities in the district
<b>DCMC</b>	District Committee Member Chairperson (often referred to as District Chair in Area 28)
<b>Delegate</b>	The person elected every two years by the Area Assembly to serve the U.S. and Canada as a whole at the annual General Service Conference.
<b>District</b>	A division within an area represented by committee member(s).
<b>General Service Area 28</b>	Area made up of Maine and some of Canada
<b>GSB</b>	General Service Board-The legal entity that oversees the operation of A.A.'s service corporations, A.A.W.S., Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., as well as the General Service and Grapevine Offices.

<b>General Service Conference</b>	The 93 delegates from the U.S. and Canada convene for a week each year for a closed business meeting to conduct the business of the U.S. and Canada. Members of the G.S.B., G.S.O. staff members, and non-trustee directors of A.A.W.S., Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. are also voting members of the Conference.
<b>Grapevine</b>	The international journal of A.A. and "our meeting in print" published monthly.
<b>GSO</b>	General Service Office- provides services to groups in the U.S. and Canada and publishes A.A. Literature.
<b>GSR</b>	General Service Representative. The group contact with the GSO; voting member of the area assembly.
<b>NECYPAA</b>	New England Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>NERAASA</b>	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
<b>NERD</b>	Northeast Regional Delegates Reunion
<b>NERF</b>	Northeast Regional Forum
<b>PI</b>	Public Information- P.I Committees help carry the message by working with the media and the general public.
<b>Quorum</b>	A quorum shall be the voting members of an Assembly present at the time of the vote
<b>Region</b>	A grouping of areas from which a Regional Trustee is elected to serve on the board of trustees.
<b>RU</b>	Round Up - Area 28 annual convention

### **Preamble of General Service Area 28 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous**

The Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous shall always be a service body and shall protect and respect the autonomy and the privilege of dissent of the Group Conscience of the Area. In the course of deliberations and discussions, the Assembly shall ever be mindful of the ideals expressed in the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and the A.A. Service Manual, and shall strive to be the true voice and Group Conscience of the Area. Unity and service shall ever be the Assembly's primary purpose, and it shall encourage all Area Groups to participate in the business of the Assembly and to support the Assembly in its efforts to cooperate with the A.A. General Service Office and A.A. World Services. The Assembly is specifically charged with the duty of electing a delegate to the General Service Conference and to provide the delegate financial support to assist him or her in the course of performing the duties of the office. The Assembly is further charged with electing an alternate delegate to the General Service Conference and to elect such Area Officers it deems necessary.