

February Committee Meeting Service Orientation

Why are we here today?

Attending Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings helps us to become familiar with things happening in the larger world of A.A. through the reports given by Area Officers and various Districts. It is quite likely that we will hear some ideas that can be used to better our own Group or District. Remember each Group or District is autonomous, except in matters affecting AA as a whole, and the group conscious may not vote for changes.

What should I take away?

It is a good idea to always take a note pad or notebook to these meetings (Group, District and Area) and use it. Memory becomes more selective but less vivid than our imaginations so we need to work from a more reliable source. The discipline involved in taking notes makes us pay more attention to what is going on. This is a skill that takes some practice to develop.

What will I do with all this stuff?

Things to keep in mind when making a report to your group is: Make your report on things you think your Group can relate to, is interested in or involved in. Whenever there is an issue coming up which will require your vote, try to explain it as simply, fully and fairly as possible so that the Group can arrive at an informed Group conscience. With practice, you can probably work in a piece of information that will provoke a question & get the discussion started.

From the Area 69 Guidelines

2.4 Area Committee Meetings - Elected Area Officers, DCMC's, DCM's, and Chairpersons of Area Standing Committees are voting participants at Area Committee meetings. Non-voting participants may include GSR's, Utah Area Past Delegates, and Central Office/Intergroup Liaisons. The purpose of the Area Committee Meeting is to allow the Delegate to share current information from G.S.O., to discuss agenda items prior to Area Assemblies so that Districts can be better informed, and to discuss solutions to ongoing problems and concerns in order to better carry the message. Two regularly scheduled Area Committee Meetings will be held each year organized by the Area Committee Officers and rotated among various Districts chosen a year in advance. Area Committee Meetings are one day events beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. These Area Committee Meetings are:

- b. December Area Committee Meeting held the 1st Saturday in December. On even numbered years this meeting is called the "Pass the Gavel". On odd numbered years this meeting will conduct an "Area Inventory". Time permitting; an Area Inventory may be conducted on even numbered years.*