

AREA 75 PROPOSAL FORM

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Sponsor's service position: **Area 75 CPC Chairperson**

Provide complete details of your proposal (attach any supporting documentation)

In an effort to promote maximum participation and foster unity among the districts and groups in Area 75, the Alternate Area Chairperson, in cooperation with the Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons, will be responsible for outreach to and communication with all districts throughout each two-year rotation.

It is recommended that:

- Initial attention should be directed to any districts not represented at the Winter Service Assembly, the first Area meeting of the year. If no DCM is available for contact, outreach should be made to the groups in the district to build support for general service.
- Specific contact should be made with districts in order to offer assistance with district elections in the appropriate year, to offer Area support for District activities, and to encourage attendance at Area Assemblies.
- If a DCM is absent from two or more assemblies, without alternate representation, the person should be contacted and assistance offered. (NOTE: The A.A. Service Manual addresses inactive service workers on page S37).
- Communication should be ongoing with all districts throughout the rotation, and help solicited from neighboring districts and groups for those districts in need.

Although it is the responsibility of the Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons, by virtue of their positions, to visit the Districts and support District activities, a more organized approach could prove effective. Therefore, if deemed necessary, the Alternate Area Chairperson is authorized to form a District Development subcommittee to facilitate this outreach and communication. It is expected that Area Officers and Chairpersons would serve on this subcommittee and/or be responsive to suggestions to them from the subcommittee.

List the primary benefits of your proposal

Increased communication will foster maximum participation and unity among the groups and districts in Area 75, which in turn advances our primary purpose to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who still suffer.

Area 75 currently has several districts, which are considered dark or struggling. Every effort should be made to ensure that all members in Area 75 feel welcome and connected to the Area and A.A. as a whole through general service. Increased communication and contact will advance that purpose. As Tradition 9 states, the Area committee is "directly responsible to those they serve" – the districts and the groups.

Background

The A.A. Service Manual states on page S36 that "...the area holds an important middle position in the Conference structure – through the elected delegate, it participates in A.A. worldwide, while through the D.C.M.s and G.S.R.s, it is close to the local scene.... The area assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." It is clear that this vital voice functions best with maximum participation.

In the past, Area 75 has directed attention toward helping the struggling and dark districts. For example, in 2003, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to address this issue. Districts considered inactive were contacted by committee members and suggestions made to the Area Assembly included: 1) Form an Area subcommittee to handle Group Relations, composed of GSRs, DCMs and at least one Area officer; 2) Rotate Area meeting locations; 3) Offer a GSR school at every Area Assembly; 4) Provide funds for DCMs to attend Area Assemblies if the individual or district cannot afford the expense. Although the GSR school is now offered at two Assemblies per year, no other direct action was taken by the Area regarding the 2003 Ad Hoc Committee suggestions.

Estimated Funding Required

Travel and miscellaneous expenses will be included in the Alternate Chairperson's annual budget or in the budgets of other Area Officers and Committee Chairs.