

Area Service Workshop

Answered any questions regarding WWW.

What is the CAR? The car is the Conference Agenda Report. This document contains the agenda for the World Service Conference. It includes motions presented by the World Board and Regional Motions. All groups can and should vote for all motions in the CAR. The CAR is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, and Swedish.

The question was asked, "What is Apathy?" Many members gave their definitions.

What is Area Service? (Large Group Discussion)

Area service is a number of groups that have come together to perform services for the groups that make up the area.

The area committee is the primary means by which the services of a local NA community are administered. The area committee is composed of group service representatives, administrative officers (chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer), subcommittee chairpersons, and the areas regional committee members. The area committee elects its own officers, subcommittee chairpersons, and RCMs.

Why is Area Service important? (Large Group Discussion)

It allows the groups to concern itself with the primary purpose, to carry the message of recovery.

If groups were to concern its self with NA business it would take away from their ability to carry the message of recovery. Instead the groups have elected representatives to do these tasks for them.

Referred members to the NA Group paper by Jimmy K.

We have identified why area service is important, now lets identify what is not working in area service so that we may move forward to find solutions.

What is not working in Area service? (Small group discussion, each table selected a recorder, and a facilitator and answer the above question.)

Each table selected their top 3 answers

- Communications- timely
- Lack of commitment
- Lack of working knowledge
- Area not support the groups
- Old-timer Apathy
- 1 person with multiple positions
- Internal controversy
- Controlling members
- NA recovery thieves (self-centered)

Had everyone put sticker next to what he or she feel is the biggest problem to him or her.

Wrote the top 2 answers on poster boards. Lack of commitment and Old-timer Apathy were the top two. As a large group asked the question, what are some solutions to this problem? 10

Now that we know what the two biggest problems with area service, as identified by this group, lets look for solutions to these problems.

Lack of commitment

Don't say you will do it if you won't
Better information of what the position requires
Better training
Staggering elections
Rotation
Fewer Responsibilities
Learn from being a subcommittee member first
Have fun
Encouragement

Old-timer Apathy

Was suggested to change it to Long-timer Apathy

Inspiration and hope
Pace yourself
Engage Long-timer
Ask the long-timers for help
Chaos
Active participation
Continue to love them
Find balance
Encouragement
Make it fun

We have all come to the conclusion that area service is important, and that we must at time identify what is not working with area service, so the we may begin to seek solutions to these problems. We have only just begun with finding solutions to what's not working. We only looked at two of the many problems that we identified. I ask of you to look at the ones that we have not look at and seek solutions to these problems.