



SERVICE ALPHABET SOUP

BTG - Bridging the Gap

The purpose of BTG is to help bridge the gap between the facility and AA, for the newcomer being released from a jails, prisons or treatment programs, etc. BTG provides a temporary contact for these newcomers. The contact member introduces the newcomer to AA and helps the alcoholic make the transition from the facility to AA.

DCM - District Committee Member

An experienced GSR elected to represent the Groups in their subdistrict in the area meetings and to coordinate the services in the District. Serves a two-year term concurrent with the District and Area Panels.

DCMC - District Committee Member Chairperson

The Chair of the monthly District Meeting. Serves a two year term concurrent with the District and Area Panels.

GSO - General Service Office

General Service Office in New York.

GSR - General Service Representative

An AA member selected by a Group to voice the Group's conscience at Subdistrict, District and Area Assembly level. The GSR also participates in the election of district officers and area officers at the various election meetings or assemblies.

GVR - Grapevine Representative

The Group's GVR's job is to make sure that members are aware of the Fellowship's international journal and the enhancements to sobriety it offers. Also the Group's contact with the Grapevine Office.

H&I - Hospitals & Institutions

"The only purpose of the Hospital and Institution Committee of Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined. The activities of the committee are based on, and governed by, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous."

NCCAA - Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

Organized in the 1940's to provide the linkage between Groups in Northern California. Helped organize the Northern California Hospital and Institutions Committee. In March 1951, our first Delegate to the General Service Conference was elected at the NCCAA conference in San Francisco. Bill W. attended this meeting along with representatives from 52 of the 92 Groups in the western half of Northern California (then called Panel One-now called CNCA).

PI/CPC - Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community

1. A local service committee funded by and responsible to local AA Groups through the District Committee. The mandate of both is to provide information about AA to the general public and to cooperate with professionals who deal with alcoholics and alcoholism by informing them about what AA is and is not.
2. An Area Committee made up of PI/CPC Chairs from each District and headed by the current Area Alternate Delegate.
3. General Service Committees and General Service Office staff for each function.

PRAASA - Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

A regional service meeting held every March and hosted by one of the thirteen (13) areas in the Pacific Region.