



## Area B Delegate - Job Description

The Area Delegate serves as the vital communication link between the **General Service Board (GSB)**, the **General Service Office (GSO)**, and the **GSRs**, representing the combined voice of Area Groups at the **General Service Conference (GSC)**.

While the Delegate carries the viewpoints of their Area on national AA matters or local issues that affect AA as a whole, they are **not** political representatives. Instead, they serve AA Australia and the worldwide fellowship, ensuring that AA continues to function as a unified whole.

The GSC is the **collective conscience of AA Australia**. Delegates attend not to seek special advantages for their Area, but to contribute to decisions that safeguard and strengthen AA as a whole.

Delegates are **servants, never senators**, and are guided by the “Right of Decision” (Concept III), which allows them to vote according to their informed conscience after hearing the full discussion at Conference.

To serve effectively, the Delegate should be well-versed in:

- *Australian AA Service Manual*
- *AA Comes of Age*
- The Twelve Steps
- The Twelve Traditions
- The Twelve Concepts for World Service

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### Term of Service

- **Three-year term** as a voting officer.
  - An Alternate Delegate who fills one year of a Delegate’s term may be elected to serve their own full term.
  - Maximum attendance at Conference: **four Conferences**.
  - Delegates are **not eligible for re-election**, even if their initial term is incomplete.
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## Sobriety Requirements

The *Australian AA Service Manual* recommends that an Area Delegate have a **minimum of five years continuous sobriety**.

To ensure a thorough understanding of the Area's function and familiarity with the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts, the Area B Committee has determined that the **Area Delegate should also have:**

- Actively served a full term in a General Service role at the Area level (e.g. GSR, DCM, or Area Committee member).
  - A demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within the AA General Service structure.
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## Key Responsibilities

### Leadership & Guidance

- Provide leadership in resolving local problems related to AA Traditions.
- Visit members or Groups directly when such issues arise.

### Communication & Reporting

- Notify the GSO immediately upon election to be added to the national mailing list and receive Conference materials.
- Share all GSO/GSB communications with GSRs and DCMs on matters affecting AA as a whole.
- Report back to the Area Assembly on Conference outcomes and advisory actions in a clear, inclusive manner.

### Participation in Events

- Attend all Area and Regional Forums, Assemblies, and significant events (e.g., conventions) to connect with members and share information on General Service.
- Work closely with other Committee members throughout the term.



## Conference Preparation & Representation

- Prepare thoroughly for Conference to vote knowledgeably on behalf of Area Groups.
- Distribute “Topics for Conference” to all GSRs at least **two months before** the Pre-Conference Assembly in October.
- After the Assembly, gather the collective views of GSRs/DCMs to take to Conference.
- Attend the National Conference in November, bringing relevant Area concerns that affect AA as a whole.
- Consider all matters and vote with the best interests of **AA as a whole**, not just Area B.

## Additional Duties

- Step in as Area Chairperson if the Chairperson is unable to serve.
- If the Area Committee is not functioning effectively, take responsibility to help restore its operation.