

The Daily Brew

District 55 AA Newsletter

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District Elections are Coming up, Could it Be Your Time to Serve?

District elections are held every two years, and every trusted servant begins with the same first step—simply saying, **"I'm willing."** Whether you've chaired a meeting, made coffee, greeted newcomers, or are looking for a new way to give back, there is a place for you. Service strengthens our own sobriety while helping ensure that the hand of AA is always there for the next person who reaches out. Consider standing for a District position and become part of carrying the message into the future.

Why every two years? Two years is not a hard rule, but here in District 55, elections occur at the same time as Area 72 with elections falling on the even years and service commencing on January 1st of the odd numbered years^{***} The spirit of rotation allows for leadership to be shared, gives more opportunity to serve, brings fresh ideas and energy. Additionally, it will make your sponsor happy!!!!!!

Currently there are 16 different people that are needed to fill all of the district roles. These roles vary in responsibility and duties so check out the following pages to find a role that fits for you.

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Positions and descriptions

Position	Description	Incumbent	Requirements
District Committee Member (DCM)	The DCM's job is that of two-way communication between AA groups and the Area 72 Committee about Information regarding District 55	Danielle E.	4-5 years of Sobriety; have previously served as a GSR
Alternate DCM	The alternate DCM is the backup for the DCM if, for any reason, the DCM cannot serve.	Johnny L (Will not be running for DCM)	4-5 years of Sobriety; have previously served as a GSR

Some additional details on responsibilities and duties for DCM & Alt DCM

- Prepare and present an agenda for each district meeting.
- Conduct monthly district meetings.
- Attend pre-conference, pre-assembly, delegates report, quarterly meetings and Area assembly.
- Visit Groups to inform members about the responsibility of general service work
- Plan or organize workshops and other district area gatherings i.e. Delegates Reports, GSR Schools, Pre-Conference Meetings, Pre-assemblies and Quarterlies (when appropriate and with district members' help)
- Prepare and submit a report for submission in each edition of the Area newsletter and the District newsletter.
- Collect information from new GSRs and Committee Chairs and send it to Area Registrar
- Bring any Traditions problems to the attention of the Delegate
- Delegate responsibilities to other committee members as required

Position	Description	Incumbent
Accessibilities Chair	Help identify and remove accessibility barriers to get people to meetings and events	Susan W.
Newsletter Editor	To provide the district with regularly printed newsletters to include scheduled events, updates and articles on current AA topics of interest to the District and AA as a whole	Holly K.

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Position	Description	Incumbent
Treasurer	Duties include receiving and depositing contributions, paying approved expenses, maintaining accurate financial records, preparing monthly financial reports	Brenda C.
Alternate Treasurer	The alternate treasurer is the backup for the treasurer if, for any reason, the treasurer cannot serve.	Travis L.

Some additional details on responsibilities and duties for the Treasurer and Alt Treasurer

- Maintain a Prudent Reserve of \$5000.00 and a Working Budget up to \$1000.00
- Make monthly reports in writing on contributions and bills
- Uphold and carry out district financial decisions arrived at by group conscience
- Chair annual budget committee meeting and report findings at district meetings
- Provide printed reports of district income and expenses
- Be available to district groups and members for 7th Tradition information
- Understand basic budget software
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Position	Description	Incumbent
Secretary	Record District 55 business meetings	Michelle G.
Alternate Secretary	The alternate secretary is the backup for the secretary if, for any reason, the secretary cannot serve.	Deborah J.

Some additional details on responsibilities and duties for the Secretary and Alt Secretary

- Provide an agenda for all members in attendance
- Take notes of all district meetings
- Provide meeting notes to all district members
- Keep a notebook of all minutes for future reference
- Provide updated "confidential list" for all district committee members
- Report changes of personal information to DCM and other members when necessary
- Provide copies of any pertinent information about District 55 to Archivist for retention in Handbook
- E-mail minutes to Area 72 officers and Area Archives
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting
- Maintain a log of all historical Original Main Motions that have been presented to District 55, any final action taken, motion approved, failed or postponed.

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Position	Description	Incumbent
Activities Chair	Duties include providing the AA fellowship with informational and social activities throughout the year which may include picnics, banquets, alcathons along with workshops and service-related gatherings. receiving and depositing contributions, paying approved expenses, maintaining accurate financial records, preparing monthly financial reports	Bryan

Some additional details on responsibilities for the Activities Chair

- Obtain a large committee of volunteers including an alternate chair
- Secure locations for events in a timely manner including necessary paperwork from facility management
- Maintain and disperse funds from the Activities bank account being accountable to District Committee regarding income and expenditures that keep this committee self-supporting.
- Hold regular committee planning meetings as needed.
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting.

Position	Description	Incumbent
Corrections Chair	To facilitate and coordinate volunteers to approved regular AA meetings to the Correctional Facilities in Districts 22 and 55	Vass S.

Some additional details on responsibilities for the Corrections Chair

- Attend Area Corrections Quarterly meetings
- Attend joint District 22/55 monthly business meeting
- Provide literature to the correctional facilities served
- Cooperate with Bridging the Gap Coordinator in bridging inmates into AA
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Position	Description	Incumbent
Schedules Editor / Answering Service Coordinator	To provide groups with up-to-date meeting schedules through GSRs and District Committee Chairs. To maintain contact with the professional answering service of the District's choosing.	Jim W.

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Position	Description	Incumbent
Treatment Facilities Chair	To carry the message of AA recovery to in-patient and outpatient treatment centers	Anne F.

Some additional details on responsibilities for the Treatment Facilities Chair

- Attend Area Treatment Quarterly meetings
- Provide AA contacts for treatment patients upon discharge, if requested ("Bridge the GAP")
- Offer programs, panels, speakers, workshops for patients' families and staff at treatment facilities
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Position	Description	Incumbent
Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community, PI/CPC, Chair	To carry the message of recovery by informing the general public and professionals concerned with alcoholism about Alcoholics Anonymous	Alex F.

Some additional details on responsibilities for the PI/CPC Chair

- Attend Area PI/CPC Quarterly meeting
- Organize a PI/CPC committee of volunteers to determine methods of dispersing literature and other information to the public and professional communities.
- Be available to make presentations in conjunction with other Standing Committee Chairpersons.
- Maintain contact with and provide literature for schools, TV, Radio, Newspapers, and Health Fairs, hospitals, attorneys and predetermined literature holders locations like library, town hall, police stations, counseling centers Dept. of Social & Health Services, hotels and motels, etc.
- Use guidelines not in opposition of conference approved workbooks and AAWS Guidelines
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Position	Description	Incumbent
Web Servant Chair	To maintain the content and structure of the District 55 website. As directed by the Group conscience of the District committee.	Julie P.

Some additional details on responsibilities for the Website Chair

- Attend Area Web Quarterlies
- Update posted meeting information, as needed, on website.
- Follow guidelines of WWA72 regarding website policies.
- Review and comply with General Service Office Policies
- Review the 12 Traditions as applicable to public information and anonymity
- Be familiar with or willing to learn AAWS Guidelines for setting up and maintaining an AA website within the Traditions of AA, paying special attention to Tradition 12
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

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Position	Description	Incumbent
Literature Chair	To order, maintain and manage Conference Approved literature and make it available to Groups and their members	Tim H.

Some additional details on responsibilities for the Literature Chair

- Attend Area Literature/Grapevine quarterly meetings
- Keep a literature supply of books and pamphlets
- Manage the literature and give an financial account at the monthly district meeting
- Be available to take literature orders and Grapevine subscriptions
- Be available to set up literature displays and sell literature
- Visit home groups to provide an explanation of literature and how it can be obtained, periodically, in cooperation with the GSR
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Position	Description	Incumbent
Archivist	To collect and maintain district archives	Bill W.

Some additional details on responsibilities for the Archivist

- Attend Area Archives Quarterly meetings
- Provide or obtain safe housing/storage for district archives collection
- Arrange archives displays at AA functions as requested
- Obtain and follow Archives Guidelines from the General Service Office
- Include in the collection: books, pamphlets, meeting directories, district minutes, newsletters, Conference and Assembly reports, letters, tapes, photographs, CDs, etc.
- Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Feel free to reach out to any of the incumbents for more details on what each position entails, or see me and I can lead you in the right direction.

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Gratitude Banquets
Dist. 55 - Sat, Nov 7th
Dist. 56 - Sat, Nov 14th
Dist. 22 - Sat, Nov 21st

District 55 Elections
Tue, Oct 20th

Duck In Pot Luck
Sep 25th / Oct 30th

Back to Basics Starts
Sep 2nd / Sep 30th

Halloween Party
Sat, Oct 31st American Legion

Steps & Traditions



Step 9: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition 9: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept 9: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees

Words to find:

- AMENDS
- HONESTY
- COURAGE
- HUMILITY
- FORGIVENESS
- GROWTH
- RESPONSIBILITY
- FREEDOM
- RESTITUTION
- HEALING
- WILLINGNESS
- ACTION
- RELATIONSHIPS
- PEACE

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Steps & Traditions



Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Step 10 is about daily spiritual maintenance. After making amends in Step 9, this step helps us stay emotionally and spiritually healthy by examining both our THOUGHTS and ACTIONS. There are many tools out there to help guide you through this step - one I recommend is the nightly review in the Everything AA app.

Tradition 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy

Concept 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Note from the Newsletter Chair

Welcome to the District 55 Newsletter. If you would like to provide any article ideas, personal stories, poems or some hint of what you would like to see in future editions to the following email address: newsletter.district55@gmail.com - or scan the QR code.

Thanks - Your News Letter Chair - Holly K.

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