

## The Home Group - One Group, One Vote

Although A.A. members attend the meetings of many groups, and feel comfortable in these meetings, the **Home Group** remains the strongest bond between the individual A.A. member and the Fellowship.

With membership comes the right to vote upon issues that might affect the Group and might also affect A.A. as a whole - a process that forms the very cornerstone of A.A.'s service structure. **As with all Group conscience matters, each A.A. member has one vote; and this, ideally, is voiced through the Home Group.**

## The Spirit of Rotation

Traditionally, rotation of service positions keeps A.A. members from becoming frozen in office. It also ensures that group tasks, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share.

Rotation insures that fresh ideas are brought to the task, and helps to bring us spiritual rewards more enduring than fame. **And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us "to place principles before personalities."** Terms are *usually* two years, but can be any length the Group designates. Before you rotate out of any A.A. office, be sure to help train your replacement and get them registered.

### What is an informed group conscience?

The group conscience is the collective conscience of the Group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken.

This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a **willingness to listen** to minority points of view with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works *slowly* - discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges.

Placing principles before personalities, the membership is **wary of dominant opinions**. Its voice is heard when a well informed group arrives at a decision.

The results rest on more than a *yes* or *no* count—precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience.

The term **informed group conscience** implies that pertinent information has been studied and views are heard before the group votes.

### TOP 12 THINGS A G.S.R. CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT

01. A home group
02. Past GSR (to railroad you in to the position)
03. GSR School Handout Folder
04. Service Manual
05. Notebook for minutes
06. Pens - lots of them and in many different colors!
07. Hecklers (to justify your own service nerdiness)
08. Calendar
09. Ride for Assemblies
10. Fellow service nerds
11. District DCM
12. Area Delegate



## AA Group Inventory

Many groups periodically hold a *group inventory meeting* to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Some groups take an inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles. Some helpful questions may be found in the A.A.W.S. publication *The A.A. Group* pamphlet. Groups will probably wish to pose questions of their own as well.