Thanks to the members of the District 25 Structure Committee (Charles W., Rick F., Celestine W., Chris B., Lenny T., John S., and Janet M.) for developing the 24 page DRAFT Structure Manual, which was distributed via email since November 2023. You are encouraged to email this to anyone interested. Thanks to the GSR's and District Officers who have reviewed the manual. Thanks to the home groups and individuals who have given feedback on the DRAFT. We appreciate the efforts of everyone as we near the final phase of this process. Our next District 25 Structure Committee meeting is Saturday March 2, 2024 from 1-2:30 PM.

The committee last met on January 27, 2024 to review the feedback provided. The original deadline for feedback was January 25, 2024; however, we decided to extend this to March 5, 2024. It is better to hear from as many home groups as possible then it is to finish without attempting to get a group conscious."

We are striving to have an "Informed group conscious" so every group in District 25 at least knows what we are doing and has the opportunity to provide their opinions and suggestions. As your group GSR your role is to communicate with your home group.

"Be Mindful. Be Informed. An informed group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and represents substantial unanimity of an issue. This is achieved through fully sharing all information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA's spiritual principles. "

At the request of the GSR's Lenny attended two home group business meetings (Day by Day and Wister) to discuss the structure manual process in general and the review the three specific questions, initially presented to the GSR's in November 2023. The GSR from A Spiritual Journey sent written responses to the questions listed below. Thanks for taking time to read the manual, to explain the questions to your home groups and to provide us with feedback. Please let us know if you need anything from us. Feel free to email the DRAFT manual to anyone who is interested. Please contact any of the committee members, listed above if you would like them to attend your home group business meeting to facilitate discussion and answer any questions.

Some questions GSR's can take to their home groups include but is not limited to:

- District 25 Officers eligibility, nomination and election past practice in District 25 has been that current GSR's and the Secretary, Treasurer, ADCM and Web Servant can stand for election as District Officers. One change we have discussed is to expand this to any GSR (current or past) and to AGR's in the event no one accepts nomination. (See page 11, section "Eligibility to Stand.)
- 2. Historically GSR's could be a District Officer at the same time. One idea we have discussed is to discourage or prohibit this. So, if a GSR is elected as a District Officer, they would need to discontinue their role as GSR and a new GSR would need to be chosen by the effected group. (See page 5, section "Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.)" last sentence, which states: "To avoid any conflicts, current District Officers should not be a current G.S.R. of a Home Group." See page 8, section "Alternate District Committee Member", which states: "Note: If ADCM-Elect currently holds another service position within the district, that position must

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be resigned" **See page 9, section "Secretary", which states:** The District Secretary serves a two-year term, should have a suggested minimum of three years continuous sobriety at the beginning of the term, have served as a GSR, and hold no other officer position at the District level. **See page 9, section "Treasurer", which states:** Note: If Treasurer-Elect currently holds another service position within the district, that position must be resigned.

3. Web Servant right now, District 25 sees the Web Servant as a District Officer who has voting rights, can be a group GSR and stand for District Office. One change we have discussed is to make this an appointed position without voting rights, to not serve as GSR nor be eligible to stand for District Office. (See page 11, section "Election Process", last paragraph and page 12, section "Web Servant".)

If you have not done so yet, please discuss the three items above with your home group members and let any member of the Structure Committee what your group conscious is on these matters and other items in the Structure Manual.

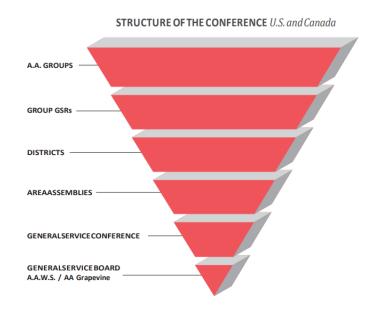
We received written feedback from a past DCM from District 25 and from the Area 59 Chair of the Structure Committee.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Your feedback and suggestions are welcomed.

Deadline for feedback has been extended from January 25, 2024 to March 5, 2024.

Written feedback can be sent to webservant@district25aa.org

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