

**District 36, Structure Manual Subcommittee**

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Bruce F	Page 3	Table of Contents, Line 17	Indicate by asterisk(*)the positions which will be "appointed" (e.g.,"District Archivist*)		Rejected. Method of electing/appointing officers does not need to be addressed in the Table of Contents. That method is addressed in the body of the manual.
Bruce F	Page 3	Table of Contents, Line 13	Indicate by asterisk(*)the positions which will be "appointed" (e.g.,"District Archivist*)		Rejected. The DCM is a District Officer position not an appointed position.
Bruce F	Page 3	Table of Contents, Line 18	Indicate by asterisk(*)the positions which will be "appointed" (e.g.,"District Archivist*)		Rejected. Method of electing/appointing officers does not need to be addressed in the Table of Contents. That method is addressed in the body of the manual.
Bruce F	Page 3	Table of Contents, Line 19	Indicate by asterisk(*)the positions which will be "appointed" (e.g.,"District Archivist*)		Rejected. Method of electing/appointing officers does not need to be addressed in the Table of Contents. That method is addressed in the body of the manual.

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Bruce F	Page 4	Line 8	Revise the last sentence as follows (or something similar) to clarify <i>the general "purpose" of General Service in District 36, Area 59</i> *: "District 36 serves the Greater Harrisburg and Carlisle, Pennsylvania areas to (1) Communicate the informed group conscience of local Alcoholics Anonymous groups to our Area 59 Eastern Pennsylvania Area Delegate regarding matters that affect AA as a whole that are subject to review and action at our annual AA General Service Conference; (2) to facilitate communication between local AA groups and the larger AA Fellowship within our Area, Region and World Wide Service; and (3) to support carrying the message of recovery through the principles, steps and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout the region to all in need and to future generations"	When I served as a GSR a few years ago, I always felt there was a lack of focus of what the purpose of the District really was - ultimately, per the AA Service Manual, is it not to carry the group conscience of the district to the delegate so he/she can serve to carry it to the General Service Conference?	Accepted with changes. New last sentence reads: "District 36 serves the Greater Harrisburg and Carlisle PA areas. Functions of the District include but are not limited to (1) to support carrying the message of recovery through the principles, steps and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout the District to all in need and to future generations; (2) to facilitate communication between local AA groups and the larger AA Fellowship within our Area, Region and World Wide Service; and (3) Communicate the informed group conscience of local Alcoholics Anonymous groups to our Area 59 Eastern Pennsylvania Area Delegate regarding matters that affect AA as a whole that are subject to review and action at our annual AA General Service Conference." The paragraph will be reformatted to show those three items as bulleted items instead of the recommended numbered items.
Bruce F	Page 4	lines 26 - 29	Delete	Seems to be redundant & unnecessary - covered above in lines 22-24.	Rejected. Lines 26 -29 further define how to make changes to the Structure Manual.

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Bruce F	Page 4 (after line 26?)	Line 26 or after?	Suggest adding a Subheading, "Service Panels"	A service panel consists of the current group of GSRs and District Officers. Typically, a full-term panel serves for two years; District Officers are elected in accordance with Section IV.	Accepted with changes. Moved "This manual will remain in effect until a future panel votes to remove it or amend it." to the end of the previous paragraph (end of Line 24). Added a new subheading " Service Panels". Underneath this new subheading reworded Lines 26 - 29 to: "A District Service Panel consists of a group of GSRs and District Officers. A new panel starts with the biannual election of new officers in December of even years, following the District 36's election meeting. Typically, a full-term panel serves for two years. District officers are elected in accordance with Section IV of this manual.
Bruce F	Page 5	Line 15	Add: "consistent with the purposes of the District"	I KNOW no one in a future panel would spend our monies to cover a wild party or a trip to the tropics, but still...	Rejected. Additional wording almost matches existing wording and adds nothing additional.
Bruce F	Page 6	Line 12	Change "your" to "his/her"	Grammatical consistency	Accepted.
Bruce F	Page 6	Line 25	Add "Shares group concerns regarding District, Area and General Service Conference issues at District meetings and/or with DCM."		Accepted with changes. Modified lines 12 & 13 to: "Provides information to the District panel regarding any special events his/her home group may be hosting or doing and shares homegroup concerns regarding District, Area, and General Service Conference issues at District Meetings."

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Bruce F	Page 8	Following Line 15	ADD additional item as follows: "Serves as the primary contact to carry the informed group conscience of District 36 to the Area 59 Delegate, to enable our Area 59 Delegate to carry a full and complete Area 59 group conscience to the annual General Service Conference."		Accepted with changes. New item reads: "Serves as the primary contact to carry the informed group conscience of District 36 to Area 59."
Bruce F	Page 8	Line 29	Add "Obtains from the Area 59 Delegate the 'preliminary' and 'final' annual <u>General Service Conference Agenda Topics</u> and disseminates them as soon as practicable to all District GSRs, to enable the groups and 'AA as a whole' to form an informed group conscience regarding same, and enable them to convey any concerns to their GSRs and the DCM <i>prior to</i> the annual Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing Session."	Currently NONE of the listed responsibilities for the DCM has ANYTHING to do with assuring the groups have ANY opportunity to have their voices heard regarding actions contemplated by the annual General Service Conference. It's all well and good to "trust our trusted servants" and I do, however it is a groups' RESPONSIBILITY to participate in this living fellowship of AA, and they can't if they never get access to relevant information in a timely manner. And if the Delegate never hears that voice, the Fellowship is at risk of poor decision-making ... and there is always that pesky Tradition Two to consider!	Rejected. These duties are already included in lines 22 - 23.

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Bruce F	Page 9	following line 27	Add the following or similar text: "Assures current donation addresses for group contributions to District 36 and Area 59 are provided on the Harrisburg Area Intergroup website."		Accepted with changes. Changed wording to: "Provides current donation addresses for group contributions to support District 36, Harrisburg Area Intergroup, Cumberland Valley Intergroup and Area 59 to the Distict 36 Technology Coordinator." Added: "Assures current donation addresses for group contributions to support District 36, Harrisburg Area Intergroup, Cumberland Valley Intergroup and Area 59,are listed on the District 36 webpage of the Harrisburg Area Intergroup and the Cumberland Valley Intergroup websites." to Page 11 below line 25, Technology Coordinator duties. [The Structure Sub-committee feels that the Technology Coordinatior should be the primary contact with the Intergroups' website managers.]
Bruce F	"end of manual" review?	"end of manual" review?	Review past history and ADD A LIST of all the Conferences, Conventions, Assemblies, and Mini-Assemblies that are typically held during a two-year panel, and roughly(month?) when they occur. It would be helpful in so many ways to be able to plan long-range for expected events, and it's kind of unfair to become a new GSR and then be "surprised" by all the events that seem to be thrown at you.		Rejected, but recommend adopting in the next Structure Manual update. There is insufficient time to collect and compile the required data within the approved timeline for adding these data to this edition of the Structure Manual.

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Mike M	Page 11	Line 3	Add more verbiage about Appointed Representatives including method or appointment, length of appointment, etc. Something like: "Appointed Representatives are elected using the Third Legacy Procedure by the District voting body to fill specific duties. The appontments will last until the end of the current District Panel, however, Appointed Representatives may be re-elected for the same positions in succeeding panels."	Clarity. Existing guidelines do not currently identify anything other than appointed Representatives do not need to be a GSR.	Accepted with changes: ADD the following to the beginning of line 3: "Appointed Representatives are elected using the Third Legacy Procedure by the current panel to fill specific duties. Appointed Representatives will serve until the end of the current District Panel. Appointed Representatives may be re-elected for the same positions in succeeding panels."
Mike M	Page 15	Line 38	Add a new Sub-committee category titled "Ad-Hoc Sub-committees and describe what these sub-committees are, how they are instantiated, term of service, etc. Something like: "Ad-hoc Sub-committees are created by the DCM to address unique issues that are not well served by the existing sub-committees, e.g.: District Split Ad-hoc Sub-committee. There are no requirments to be part of an Ad-hoc Sub-committee other than to be a current member of AA in good standing. In all cases, the Ad-hoc Subcommittee will be terminated when the DCM determines the issue has been resolved, by 2/3 majority vote of the District Panel or when the current District Panel ends, whichever comes first. Succeeding DCMs may restart the same Ad-hoc Sub-committees at his/her own discretion.	Clarity and completeness. Page 8, Line 19 gives the DCM the authority to create Ad-hoc Sub-committees, but there is nothing else in the Draft Structure Manual that defines what they are, what they do, what the term of service is, etc.	Accepted with changes. Move Ad-hoc Sub-Committee verbiage to end of the Sub-Committee section. Change the words to: "Ad-hoc Sub-committees are created by the DCM to address unique issues that are not well served by the existing sub-committees, e.g.: District Split Ad-hoc Sub-committee. There are no requirments to be part of an Ad-hoc Sub-committee other than to be a current member of AA in good standing. In all cases, the Ad-hoc Subcommittee will be terminated when 1) The DCM determines the issue has been resolved, 2) By 2/3 majority vote of the District Panel or 3) When the current District Panel ends, whichever comes first. Succeeding DCMs may restart the same Ad-hoc Sub-committees at his/her own discretion.