

GreySheeters Anonymous World Services

World Service Conference Delegates

(Revised December 2021)

Rescinds 2013.3 Transition Plan for World Service Conference Delegates by permanently including GSRs as eligible to serve as delegates to the meeting of the World Service Conference.

Amends 2014.1 World Service Conference Delegate Terms of Office by establishing two-year terms for GSRs and ISRs regardless of the date of the World Service Conference meeting.

Amends 2014.7 GSR Terms of Office by incorporating the two-year term for GSRs and eliminating the two-year term of office for GSR-Elects.

Amends 2014.8 World Service Conference Delegate Rotation Panels by eliminating rotation panels for delegates since ISRs and Trustees already have established rotation plans and GSRs rotate naturally.

Amends 2014.1 Rotating Panels of Delegates by eliminating rotation panels for delegates since ISRs and Trustees already have established rotation plans and GSRs rotate naturally.

Terminology

World Service Conference

The World Service Conference (WSC) consists of the elected representatives of all registered groups and intergroups as well as the Board of Trustees who collectively function as the group conscience of GSA as a whole. They work together throughout the year in committees and boards to develop and implement the direction of the fellowship.

The inclusion of Group Service Representatives (GSRs) as delegates as well as Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs) and Trustees rescinds 2013.3 Transition Plan for World Service Conference Delegates which envisioned GSRs no longer serving as delegates.

WSC Meeting

At regular intervals, groups, intergroups, and the board register their elected representatives to assemble at a meeting of the World Service Conference to discuss and vote on proposals drafted by the committees and boards.

Delegate

Once registered for the WSC meeting, elected group and intergroup representatives and trustees of the board become conference delegates.

Alternate Delegate

If the current GSR or ISR may not attend the WSC meeting, the group or intergroup may elect an alternate delegate. The alternate delegate meets the same abstinence, election, and registration requirements and performs the same delegate duties as the GSR-delegate or ISR-delegate.

Abstinence Requirements

There are different abstinence requirements for Group Service Representatives (GSRs), Intergroup Service Representatives (ISRs), and the Board of Trustees. At the time of

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registration, delegates shall have at least one year of back-to-back GS abstinence. At the commencement of the WSC meeting, delegates shall have the following amount of back-to-back GreySheet abstinence:

- GSRs – one year
- ISRs – three years
- Trustees – five years

Rotation

Although there is a limit of two consecutive terms for ISRs and Trustees, because GSA members may rotate into a different position (for example, an ISR may become a GSR; a GSR may become a Trustee, etc.), there is no maximum number of consecutive terms a representative may serve as a conference delegate. We encourage conference delegates to consider the Twelve Step Fellowship principle of rotation in their service (A.A. Service Manual 2018 pS24).

Ensuring Continuity of the World Service Conference

Rather than establishing rotating panels of delegates to ensure that only a certain proportion of delegates rotate out of World Service Conference each year, GSA relies on the existing rotation panels for the Board of Trustees and the ISRs and the naturally occurring rotation of GSRs.

The Board of Trustees has three rotating panels of approximately four trustees who each serve a three-year term. There are two rotating panels of five ISRs who each serve a two-year term. GSRs of the approximately 150 groups regularly rotate after their two-year term.

Duties of a Delegate

1. Serve on at least one conference committee.
2. Attend two Delegate Trainings.
The first training occurs shortly after registration and the second occurs shortly before the WSC meeting. Because WSC meetings differ, the training is important for all delegates even if they previously attended a WSC meeting or previous Delegate Training.
3. Attend the monthly Committees Connecting meetings throughout the year.
In the six months prior to each WSC meeting, the Committees Connecting meetings inform delegates about the resolutions on which they will vote at the WSC meeting. Committees Connecting is an opportunity to ask questions and to provide input on these resolutions. In the six months following each WSC meeting, the committees inform delegates how they are implementing the decisions made by the delegates at the WSC meeting.
4. Be familiar with the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
Delegates meet monthly with other delegates to discuss the application of the relevant chapters of the A.A. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and the A.A. *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

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5. Serve as liaisons between their group or intergroup and the conference throughout the year. In the six months prior to the WSC meeting, GSRs and ISRs explain the proposed resolutions to their groups and intergroups for their input. After the WSC meeting, the GSRs and ISRs report the decisions made at the WSC meeting to their groups and intergroups.

Characteristics of a Delegate

Delegates have personal qualities that prepare them for the often-challenging work at the WSC meeting – the ability to work in harmony with others, even amid controversy; the stamina to stay focused for long hours during the busiest days of the WSC meeting; and the willingness to follow the spiritual principles by which the conference operates.

Changes to this Document

The originating committee and the Board of Trustees may make spelling, grammar, or formatting corrections to this document. The originating committee may make minor content changes to this document for clarity and to ensure it aligns with other GreySheeters Anonymous World Services decisions. The originating committee will follow the World Service Conference approval process for any substantive changes to the content.

Approval Dates

Structure Committee	1/30/2021
Revision to follow A.A. Service Manual model	2/14/2021
Revision to include alternate delegates and rotation plan	5/23/2021
Revision to increase abstinence requirement for GSR delegates to one year	12/05/2021
Committee Chairs & Intergroup Service Representatives	3/13/2021
Revision to increase abstinence requirement for GSR delegates to one year	2/12/2022
Board of Trustees	2/21/2021
Revision to increase abstinence requirement for GSR delegates to one year	2/20/2022
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More information

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