

WHO . . .

- *manages G.S.O.'s share of your group contributions?*
The General Service Board's Finance Committee meets quarterly to review and approve G.S.O.'s budget and the audited financial accounts.
The A.A. World Services Board meets monthly and maintains direct control of income and expenditures.
The annual General Service Conference reviews A.A.'s finances through its own Finance Committee.
A.A.'s financial affairs are an "open" book. A summary is published in each Quarterly Report and a full accounting is in the *Conference Report*. The account books themselves are available at the General Service Office for scrutiny at any time.
- *manages the other portions of your group contributions?*
Intergroup or central office funds are generally administered by steering committees composed of representatives of the groups they serve.
Areas and districts generally have volunteer treasurers who administer funds contributed by groups.
How you as an individual member can contribute to G.S.O.:
On your A.A. birthday: Contribute \$1.00 for each year of sobriety - or as much as you wish to give (up to \$1,000). You may request that your group be credited. Limit is \$1,000 a year.
Other kinds of contributions:
Bequests in wills: acceptable only from A.A. members on a one-time basis, and not in perpetuity. The limit is \$1,000.
Special contributions: funds realized from conventions, conferences, dinners, area get-togethers, etc. (no limitations on these contributions)

Contributions

For contributions to G.S.O.:

Make checks payable to General Fund and send to:
General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

For contributions to others:

Contact your intergroup/central office, area committee, district committee for specific details.

Intergroup/Central Office

Area Committee

District Committee

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Self-Supporting Through our own Contributions

Gratitude = Participation

Suggested Plans for Group Contributions
Toward All A.A. Services

WHY . . .

In accordance with the Seventh Tradition, every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

In A.A., each group is really part of a wider "group" effort which seeks to carry the A.A. message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic who cannot be reached by the individual A.A. group.

All "groups," however, at every level of the service structure, are composed, and express the collective conscience, of *individual* members. To be "fully self-supporting," then, requires a *commitment* on the part of each member to support, through his or her home group, the services provided by the local intergroup or central office, by the area and district and by G.S.O., so that these entities might continue to carry out their invaluable Twelfth Step work beyond the group level.

Ultimately, it is your individual commitment to sustain these essential efforts through your contributions that ensures that:

- Newcomers get literature
- Phones get answered
- Professionals get answers about A.A.
- Loner A.A.'s get letters
- Alcoholics around the world find hope

HOW . . .

To support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference suggests individual groups adopt a specific contribution plan suitable to their particular situation.

Such a commitment might work like this:

First, take care of basic group expenses (rent, refreshments, A.A. literature and a prudent reserve "emergency" fund).

Divide the remaining funds according to whatever division suits your local needs.

A Regular Contribution Plan (contributing on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis) can be especially convenient for both your group and G.S.O.

For example:



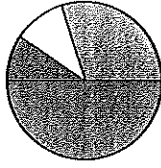
. . . . to your intergroup or central office

To support phone service for Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries; coordination of group activities; A.A. literature sales; institutions work; public information and cooperation with the professional community activities.

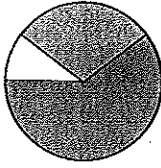


. . . . to your General Service Office

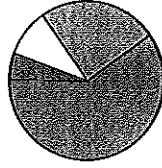
To support group services throughout the U.S./Canada and the General Service Conference; help Lone Members and groups in institutions; and carry the A.A. message worldwide.



50% to intergroup or central office
30% to G.S.O.
10% to area committee
10% to district

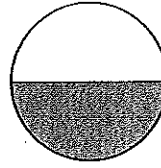


Or
60% to intergroup or central office
30% to G.S.O.
10% to area committee

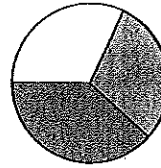


Or
60% to intergroup or central office
25% to G.S.O.
10% to area committee
5% to district

If you have no intergroup/central office, suggested contributions might be:



50% to G.S.O.
50% to area committee



Or
30% to G.S.O.
30% to area committee
40% to district

Or

whatever percentages are in accordance with your group conscience.