

SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE MEETING

NOVEMBER (ELECTION)



Moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible.

Acknowledge guests – Please stand (Volunteers do not hand out paper /pens)

- Who is not a DCM, GSR, or ALT GSR

Welcome & Voting Procedures—Voting rights shall be as follows: all Officers (except the DCMC **), Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs, and GSRs shall have a vote. Alternate DCMs and GSRs will only have a vote if their principals are not present. (Liaisons' do not have a vote)

- Online– Rename *V.Position.Homegroup*
 - Alt GSR/DCM/Liaison – raise your hand- Is your primary here?
 - Yes– *TECH* – Change their name to *NV*
- Alt GSR/DCM/Liaison – please stand – Is your primary here?
 - Yes – you do not vote (Helpers do not accept votes from these people)
 - No – you have a vote

November Greeter– Who is available to greet?

Concept 10 and 11 will be done next month (to allow for the election process)

DCMC– Report on Third Legacy

Election

Time allowing:

- Previous Months Minutes – Review
- Officer Reports if they have one to present
- Committee Reports
- Anniversaries

7th Tradition

9:30 Declaration of Unity –This we owe to AA's future to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united; For on AA Unity depends on our lives; and the lives of those to come

Next SCGS Meeting: November 18th, 2024

Next Area Assembly Meeting: November 9th, 2024

*Motions to be brought to Suffolk – present to me 6 weeks before the meeting, will review to see if needs to be presented to Suffolk sooner (Rule 62)

The Link: <https://www.aaseny.org/the-link>

Grapevine: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/>

Area 49 Events: <https://www.aaseny.org/new-events-1?view=calendar&month=08-2024>

Alcoholics Anonymous <https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements>

<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/>

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SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE CHAIR REPORT



Good evening, Suffolk Family,

On October 7th, we had our Area elections and I owe an amends I had it confused with the November Area date. I want Suffolk to participate so our facilitator is giving sometime for members to submit answers to the inventory questions. If you are on our mailing list you should have received. If you have not you can email dcmc@aasuffolks-ny.org.

I wanted to share my experience with the Third legacy procedure and then I want you to look at page 110 and 111 in your service manual. For those in person I printed them up.
(I am not typing up experience, going to share from the heart)

Concerning elections, I want to bring your attention to some literature—Bill's article in the AA Grapevine, "LEADERSHIP IN A.A.: EVER VITAL NEED." It says we " must continuously find the right people for our service tasks." "Therefore, a leader in A.A. service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own — well, he really isn't a leader at all...."

You can find it in the service manual under Concept 9 (C27).

In July I referenced the Grapevine Traditions Checklist. Ask yourself if the trusted servants who are standing for positions in the area and county are living the traditions.

T1: Are they a healing mending person, or are they divisive?

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T2: Do they criticize others? Or do they trust the trusted servants?

T2: Do they complain about the decisions made?

T4: Do they insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?

T4: Do they judge or criticize other members' behavior when it differs from mine, or do I learn from it?

T8: Do they behave accurately mirror the Traditions?

T9: Do they learn to step out of an AA job gracefully...?"

T9: Do they try to boss things in AA?

T11: Do they promote?

Your Sober Sister,
Kimberly Jean

- The Chairperson of the meeting will take charge of the proceedings.
- Two scrutineers are appointed, preferably from among those not eligible to vote.
- The names of candidates are written on a black/whiteboard or similar.
- The vote will be written on the board against the names of candidates.
- The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected.
- All ballots are secret, so blank papers (and sometimes pencils) are distributed.
- Written ballots are cast in the traditional way (one choice to a ballot), collected and given to the scrutineers to count; the tallies are then posted on the Board.
- If no candidate receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote at the first ballot, a second ballot is held, duplicating the first.
- If no candidate receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote at the second ballot, any candidate having less than one-fifth of the total vote is withdrawn automatically except that the two top candidates must remain. In the case of a tie for first place, only the tied first-place candidates remain. In the case of a single first place but a tied second place, all first-place and second-place candidates remain.
- A third ballot is then held with the remaining candidates. If no candidate receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote at the third ballot, candidates with less than one-third of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically, except that the two top candidates must remain. In the case of a tie for first place, only the tied first-place candidates remain. In the case of a single first place but a tied second place, all first-place and second-place candidates remain.
- A fourth ballot is then conducted as for the second and third above.
- If no candidate receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote, the Chairperson establishes by formal motion (with seconder) on a majority show of hands, whether to hold a fifth ballot or go straight to the "hat" and be decided by lot. That is, candidates names are written on slips of paper and put into a receptacle. Whichever is drawn out by the Chairperson, is elected.
- If no candidate receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote in the fifth ballot, or if the meeting has decided to drop the fifth ballot, the choice will be made by lot (by the "hat").
- In the final round, the names of the remaining candidates will be placed in a hat, box or other suitable container, and a person nominated by the Chairperson will draw one candidate's name from the hat.
- That candidate is then elected.