

**FINAL REPORT**  
**2012 DISTRICT 4 GENERAL SERVICE INVENTORY**

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**Question #1:** This was the qualifier question on the questionnaire asking members:

Are you currently involved in General Service? YES = 22 NO = 20 Total Questionnaires completed = 42

**Question #2:** What is the basic purpose of the District?

- Most responders have a good concept of the District's purpose.
- To keep the groups connected to AA as a whole.
- The District provides the mechanism for multiple groups to participate cohesively in carrying & sustaining the message of AA.

**Question #3:** Are we doing all we can to fulfill our basic purpose? Approximately YES = 50% NO = 50%

- It is generally agreed; currently the DCM/GSR link is weak, and the primary problem in fulfilling our basic purpose.

**Question #4:** Considering the number of alcoholics in our District, are we reaching enough people from different backgrounds? Approximately YES = 40% NO = 60%

- Responders indicated a need to reach out to; a) more diverse ethnic backgrounds, particularly our Afro-American community; b) the elderly and handicapped communities.

**Question #5:** Are our District GSR workshops informative and enthusiastic? What topics would you like discussed? Majority respond yes with much positive feedback.

Suggested topics: Service sponsorship, Roles of the GSR & DCM, any topics related to structure and workings of A.A.

**Question #6:** Are our District business meetings informative and enthusiastic?

Approximately YES = 50% NO = 50%

- Comments: individuals longwinded and grandstand; lack of spirit of rotation; enthusiastic but too long; often preaching to the choir.

**Question #7:** Has enough effort been made to explain to all, the value and purpose of the GSR and the DCM?

Approximately YES = 40% NO = 60%

- The NO's focused on the lack of a strong DCM/GSR link
- The YES's focused on a newly elected trusted servant taking responsibility to learn and execute the job, with available resources.

**Question #8:** Are we doing our best to attract and hold on to GSR's, DCM's and their alternates?

Approximately YES = 35% NO = 65%

- The NO's indicated the ongoing, essential need for basic district structure education.
- The YES's focused on a wide variety of readily available resources being utilized.

**Question #9:** Are we as a District doing enough to promote good service sponsorship?

A slight majority says NO.

**Question# 10:** Has enough effort been made to explain the need and value of unity through the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts? Approximately YES = 65% NO = 35%

- The NO's reflected a lack of knowledge of the Concepts only.
- The YES's focused on available resources at the home group, district, and area levels.

**Question #11:** Do we make clear what the District Officers' responsibilities will be?

Approximately YES = 60% NO = 40%

Note: With the addition of job descriptions to the website, the NO responses should decrease significantly.

**Question #12:** Are the District Officers fulfilling their purpose?

The NO responses expressed dissatisfaction with particular officers, otherwise responded YES they are

**Question #13:** Are the issues brought to the District made clear so all know what they are voting for or against? Approximately YES = 60% NO = 40%

The NO's say:

- Too many decisions are made without input or disclosure to the District body.
- Minority opinion is not given adequate time or tolerance.
- When an issue has already been discussed in another committee or service entity, discussion in the District body is not given adequate time or tolerance.

**Question #14:** Are important decisions reached by a discussion & vote and whenever possible, substantial unanimity? Majority YES, with 9 responders not knowing what substantial unanimity is.

**Question #15:** Do we have sufficient operating funds?

Majority say YES.

**Question #16:** Do we operate on a prudent financial principle?

Majority say YES, with one expression of disapproval for the District not supporting Area 15 in a manner consistent with the Service Manual.

**Question #17:** What more can the District do to carry the message?

- Continue encouraging participation.
- Continue education through the workshops.
- Continue the quality of the workshops.
- Put the heat on the DCM.
- Improve the spirit of rotation, to make way for younger and newer participation.
- Allow more time for discussion of issues.

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*Summary compiled from the Inventory Questionnaire & the District Discussion.  
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