

The Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Britain)

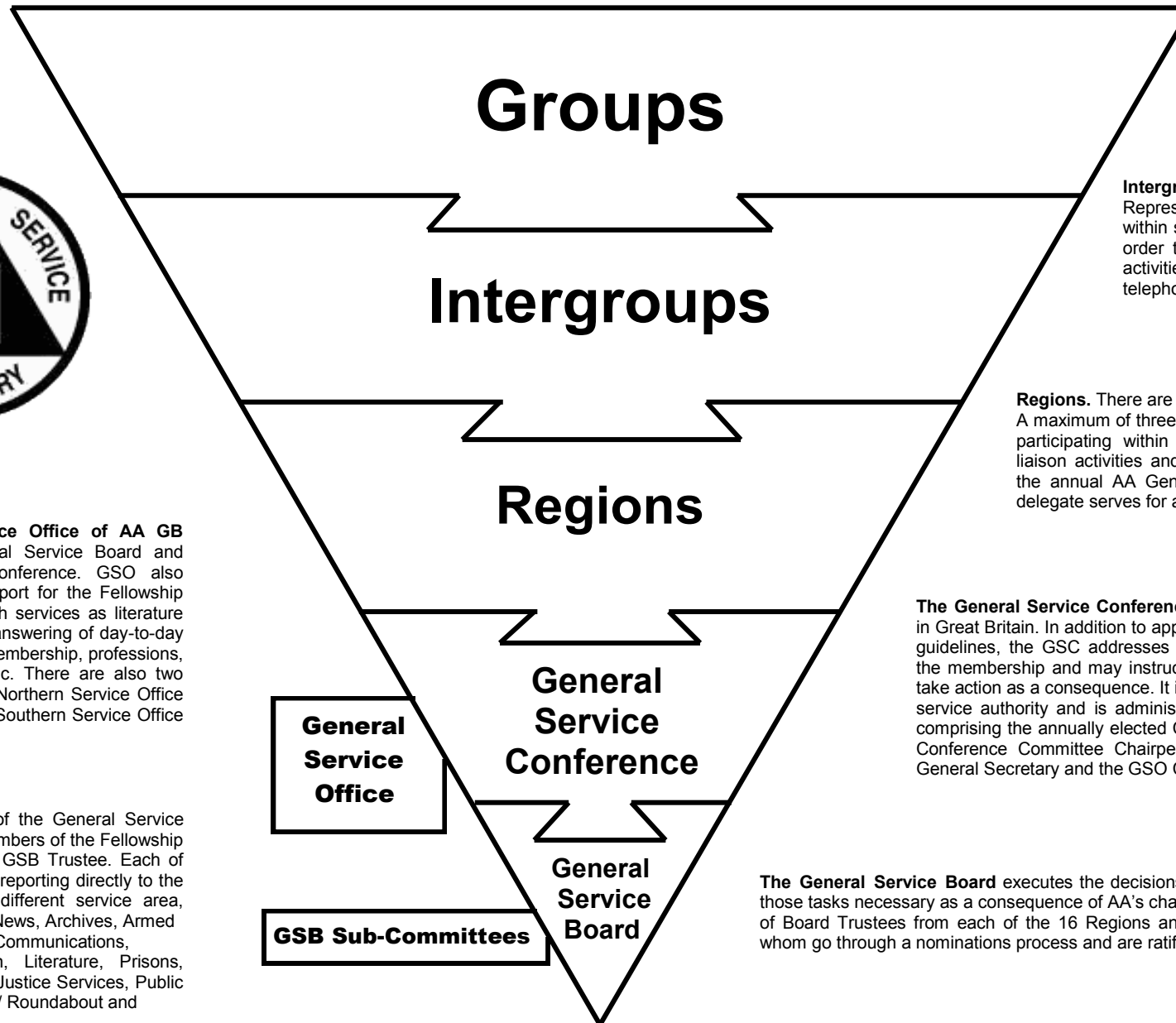
'Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern' - Tradition 2

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The **General Service Office of AA GB** supports the General Service Board and General Service Conference. GSO also provides central support for the Fellowship as a whole with such services as literature distribution and the answering of day-to-day enquiries from the membership, professions, media and the public. There are also two satellite offices; the Northern Service Office in Glasgow and the Southern Service Office in London.

A **Sub-committee** of the General Service Board comprises members of the Fellowship and is chaired by a GSB Trustee. Each of the sub-committees, reporting directly to the GSB, addresses a different service area, such as AA Service News, Archives, Armed Services, Electronic Communications, Employment, Health, Literature, Prisons, Probation / Criminal Justice Services, Public Information, SHARE / Roundabout and Telephone Service.



All Groups are autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Intergroups. GSRs - General Service Representatives - from all AA groups within specific areas meet together in order that they may co-ordinate local activities such as public information, telephone and prison services.

Regions. There are sixteen AA GB Regions. A maximum of three delegates from each Intergroup participating within a region meet to co-ordinate liaison activities and select six delegates to attend the annual AA General Service Conference: each delegate serves for a period of three years.

The **General Service Conference** acts as the conscience of AA in Great Britain. In addition to approving changes to literature and guidelines, the GSC addresses issues and concerns raised by the membership and may instruct the General Service Board to take action as a consequence. It is the Fellowship's ultimate service authority and is administered by a Steering Committee comprising the annually elected Conference Chairperson and six Conference Committee Chairpersons, two GSB Trustees, the General Secretary and the GSO Conference Co-ordinator.

The **General Service Board** executes the decisions of Conference and carries out those tasks necessary as a consequence of AA's charitable status. The GSB consists of Board Trustees from each of the 16 Regions and non-alcoholic Trustees, all of whom go through a nominations process and are ratified by Conference.

'This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives and the lives of those to come'.