

**Presidents Report**  
GSA Board Meeting

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Hi everyone,

We're approaching a new financial year, and I've been giving a lot of thought to new potential projects to help us carry the message and the fellows needed to lead them. This brought up the concept of rotation of service. After doing some research, there are some concepts that stood out.

The concept of "Service Sponsorship" was something I hadn't heard of. "A "service sponsor" in AA can be defined as an alcoholic who, having made progress in recovery as well as participated in service, shares this experience with another alcoholic starting their own journey in service. Service sponsors are usually knowledgeable in A.A. history and principles and have a background in the service structure."

I'd say our committee chairs do this with committee members in many instances. I was thinking though that service sponsorship would be especially helpful when chairs reach the end of their term and need to step down. Ideally, the outgoing committee chair would mentor the incoming chair. Once the practical handover is done, the outgoing member can step down in complete faith, knowing that the ultimate authority is a loving God as expressed within the informed group conscience.

It would be a service to the fellowship if outgoing committee members moved to different committees and service positions, bringing with them their rich experience and understanding of the fellowship.

There were several more concepts like collective responsibility, passing around service for all to share, serving where we're needed, and average lengths of term, which we can discuss in more detail at the meeting.

See you all there!

In service,  
Kathryn