

Alphabet Soup: A Glossary of Commonly Used Acronyms and Terms

AA Grapevine (Inc.), The— A corporation of the General Service Board overseeing the publishing operations of the *Grapevine* and *La Viña*

AAWS— Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (Inc.)— A corporation of the General Service Board overseeing the operations of the General Service Office and serving as the publishing company for Conference-approved and service literature

Area— A geographical division entitled to elect a delegate to represent it at the General Service Conference, also assuming some responsibility for AA service activity in its geographical division

CF— Correctional Facilities— A service committee concerned with carrying the AA message to incarcerated alcoholics and/or with working cooperatively with correctional professionals toward that end

Class A Trustee— Non-alcoholic trustee elected by the General Service Board to serve on AA's General Service Board and standing trustee committees, usually drawn from the ranks of professionals who believe in the AA recovery program

Class B Trustee— AA member trustee elected either regionally (Regional Trustee), nationally (Trustee at Large for the United States or Canada) or from among current or past non-trustee directors at AAWS or The AA Grapevine (General Service Trustee)

CNY— Central New York— Area 47 of the General Service Conference of the United States and Canada, one of the four areas in New York State

CPC— Cooperation with the Professional Community— A service committee concerned with carrying the AA message through working with professionals who may work with alcoholics

DCM— District Committee Member— The chairperson of local district committee, the district's voice in area committee and assembly meetings

DCMC— District Committee Member Chair— The chairperson of the local county committee/assembly, the county's voice in area committee and assembly meetings

District— Several groups in a local community meet together to form a district committee as the next service level between the home groups and the county and area

General Service Board— The service entity with responsibility for custodial oversight for all AA service activities through AAWS, Inc., the AA Grapevine, Inc. and the trustees' committees

GSC— General Service Conference— The service body representative of the membership which is "the guardian of world services and of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of AA," (from, *The AA Service Manual*, p. S95), the guiding conscience of the fellowship, also the annual meeting in New York City of that service body

GSO— General Service Office— The business office of AA in the US and Canada located in New York City

GSR— General Service Representative— An AA group's representative and link with the rest of AA, the voice of its group conscience

GV— Grapevine— The periodic journal of AA, "Our Meeting in Print," also a service committee concerned with carrying the AA message through the publication of the two periodicals, the *Grapevine* and *La Viña*

GvR— Grapevine Representative— Local link with the Grapevine Office offering access to information and materials about/from the *Grapevine/LaViña*

H&I— Hospitals and Institutions— A service committee concerned with carrying the AA message to alcoholics in hospitals and other institutions

HMB— Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire— Area 48 of the General Service Conference of the United States and Canada, one of the four areas in New York State

LV— La Viña— The Spanish language edition of AA's periodic journal

NERAASA— Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly— The Northeast Region's annual weekend gathering to discuss General Service Conference-related and other topics touching AA's Three Legacies

NERC— Northeast Regional Convention— The Northeast Region's annual convention

NERD— Northeast Regional Delegate(s)— Any past or present delegate from the Northeast Region, also the annual meeting of that group of members

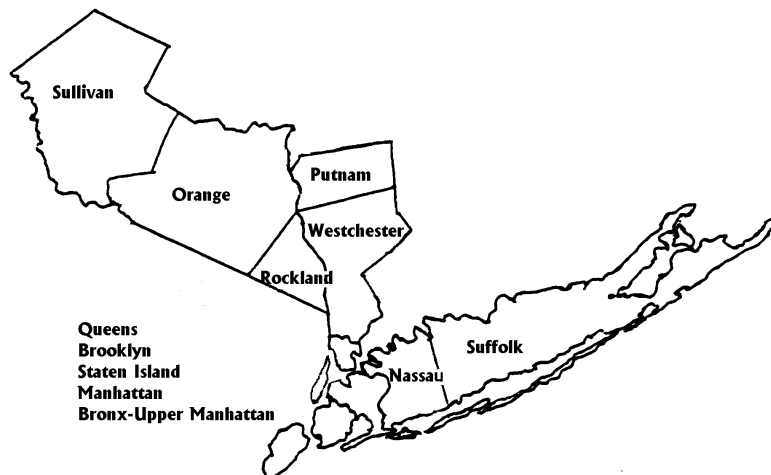
NERF— Northeast Regional Forum— A biennial regional weekend sharing and informational session designed to help the General Service Board, AAWS, the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with members in the region

Northeast Region— Our region in the General Service Conference of the United States and Canada, one of eight regions (six in the US and two in Canada), including the 18 areas in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts (2), New Hampshire, New Jersey (2), New York (4), Pennsylvania (2), Rhode Island and Vermont

NYSIW— New York State Informational Workshop— An annual service weekend sponsored by the four areas in NY State supporting discussion and the sharing of experience of the fellowship's main service committees

PI— Public Information— A service committee concerned with carrying the AA message to the public often working with the media

SENY— South Eastern New York (Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous)— Area 49 of the General Service Conference of the United States and Canada, one of the four areas in New York State, our area



TF— Treatment Facilities— A service committee concerned with carrying the AA message to alcoholics in institutions and/or working cooperatively with treatment professionals toward that end

WNY— Western New York— Area 50 of the General Service Conference of the United States and Canada, one of the four areas in New York State