

## District 4

### GSR Reimbursement Policy

District 4 encourages all GSRs to attend District, Area, Statewide, National and International AA events. Participation in AA not only enhances our own sobriety but also assists your home group in carrying out our 5<sup>th</sup> tradition primary purpose: To carry its the message to the alcoholic who is still suffering.

Our purpose as a District is to provide a forum where groups in our community can meet to generally discuss matters pertaining to AA and particularly to keep the channels of communication open between and among the groups in our district so that we can grow membership in AA and bring hope and relief to the suffering Alcoholics in our district.

During a two-year panel, there are many service-related events that a GSR can and should attend. The following nine events are some, but not all the events held during most panels:

- a. District Committee Meetings: held monthly, currently the Meetings are virtual. **There is no direct cost involved in attending the meetings.**
- b. Area Assemblies – 5 per year in Area 50. Currently, Assemblies are Hybrid events. The Assemblies are held at various venues throughout Area 50. **There is little or no cost to attend an assembly.**
- c. NYSIW – New York State Information Workshop is held annually generally the last weekend in July. Hosting of the workshop rotates among the four Areas (47,48,49 & 50) that are located in NY. The NYSIW is an opportunity for the four areas service committees to share thoughts, ideas and actions that they are taking to carry the message in New York. **Cost ranges from \$45.00 for registration up to \$250.00 for registration, room and board plus travel expenses.**
- d. NERAASA – Northeast Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assemblies. Held annually (usually the last weekend in February). All GSRs are encouraged to attend NERAASA. **Cost ranges from \$50.00 for registration up to \$350.00 for registration, room and board plus travel expenses.**
- e. NERF - Northeast Regional Forum – held every other year usually the first weekend in June in odd years, a meeting of the Trustees and AA

- Staff with AA members in the Northeast Region (18 Areas from Washington D.C. to Maine. **There is no registration fee. Room, Board and Travel are arranged directly by each attendee. Generally, there are no package deals available.**
- f. **Founders Day** – usually held the second weekend in June at Akron, OH. **There is no reimbursement for attendance at this event.**
  - g. **AA International** – a 4 day event attended by AA’s from all of the world, held once every 5 years in years ending with 5 and zero. **There is a registration fee, published in advance by AAWS. Room, Board and Travel are arranged directly by each attendee. AAWS reserves thousands of rooms and assists in the booking of hotels. There are no prearranged meal packages.**
  - h. **Buffalo Fall Convention** – held in Erie County, usually in October. **There is no reimbursement for this event.**
  - i. **Cataract City Convention** – held in Niagara Falls in March. **There is no reimbursement for this event.**

### **Reimbursement policy**

Attendance at the above events by GSRs is a highly recommended. In order to encourage and support GSR attendance, District 4 will assist in reimbursement for attendance at NYSIW, NERAASA and NERF on the following basis:

Registration -	100%
Room -	50% of cost of room (room should be shared with another GSR)
Meals -	100% of meal plan at NYSIW and NERAASA Up to \$100.00 for NERF
Mileage -	If GSR owns vehicle - \$0.65 per mile divided by number of passengers in vehicle.

**Above is subject to availability of funds.**

Reimbursement should be requested as follows:

First source of funds: Home group – home group can budget expenses as part of prudent reserve.

Second source of funds: District – if funds are available

Third source of funds: Area – if funds are available

If the Home Group, District and Area do not have funds, GSRs will be personally responsible for payment of expenses.