



The Communicator

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The District Committee Member (DCM)
Our essential link in the communications chain



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The DCM is an essential link between the group GSR and the Area Delegate to the General Service Conference.

As leader of the district committee, made up of all GSRs in the district, the DCM is exposed to the group conscience of that district. As a member of the Area Committee, he or she is able to pass on the district's thinking to the delegate and the committee.

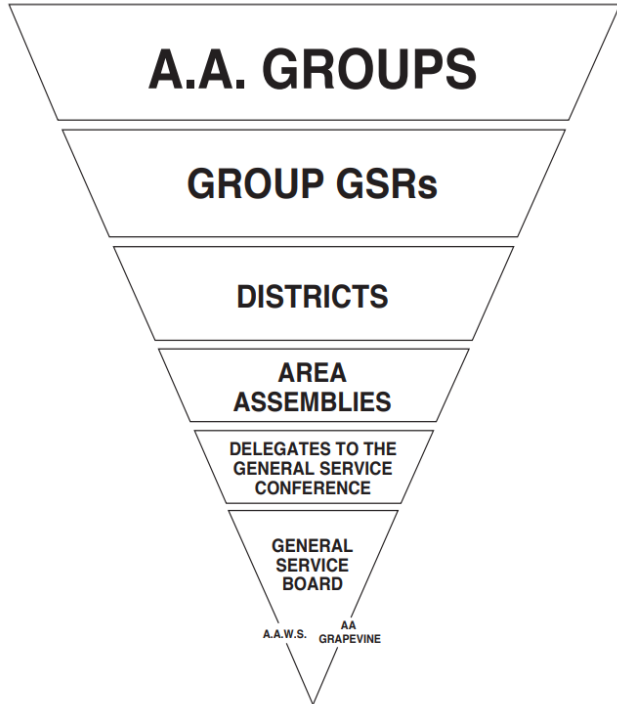
The DCM's job is primarily that of two-way communication.

* from pages S31-S34 of The A.A. Service Manual - www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf

We Are Here to Help



STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)

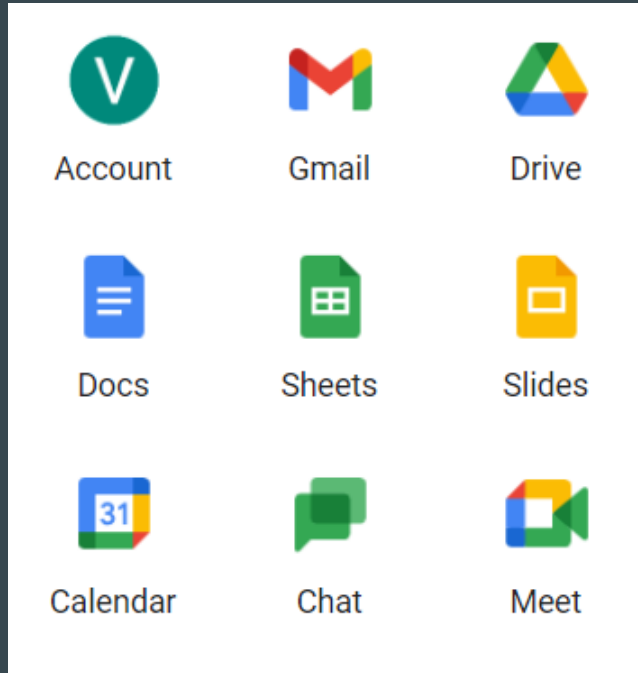


- As DCMs, you are faced with a fundamental challenge of what, how and when to communicate.
- Strong communication up and down the triangle depends on a DCM with full access to all digital resources. That is where your district's @aavirginia.org account comes in.
- The 2019 Fall Assembly voted unanimously to approve Google's G Suite (recently renamed **Google Workspace**) as the VAC's digital collaboration platform.
- We're using Workspace to store and share documents and confidential material such as minutes and General Service Conference Concerns. In addition, VAC motions and highlights can now be researched by VAC trusted servants.

We Are Never Organized ...

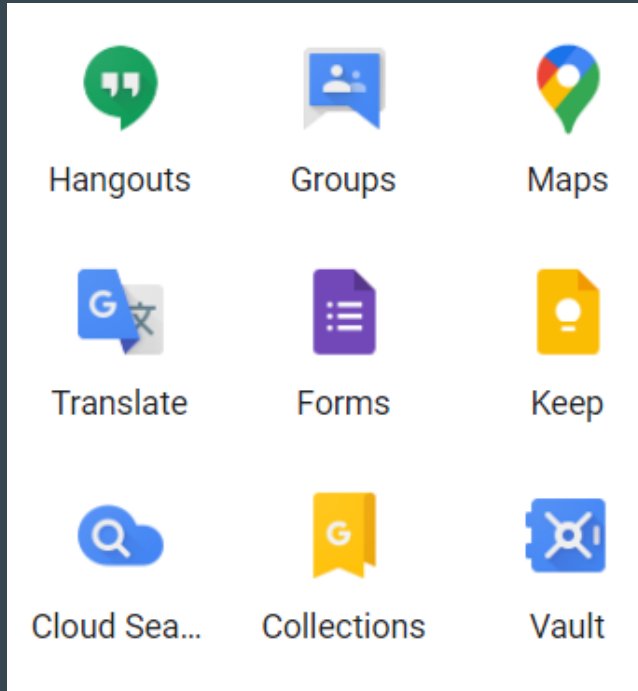


... But we can certainly be less disorganized.



- The VAC Workspace is free of charge and gives DCMs fully integrated access to Area 71 communications and documentation through Drive's **Shared with me** function.
- Each DCM gets 5 GB of storage space for documents and files, and access to Google's collaboration tools, precluding any need for Districts to pay for Microsoft Office or Zoom.
- Workspace can be leveraged for District communication by providing GSRs, Committee Chairs, etc. with secure links to documents and files within your own Google Drive.
- And while we can't leave anyone behind if they don't have a PC, tablet or internet access, the vast majority of A.A. members in Virginia can be reached via email and mobile device..

Passing it On - Continuity and Access



Other Benefits of using the VAC DCM account include:

- Ensuring continuity of email addresses and access to information for your successors as DCM and your district.
- Making your part of the dcms@aavirginia.org email distribution group. Why does this matter? You will have:
 - Secure, confidential access in February to the General Service Conference Agenda and Concerns
 - The ability to share viewing rights to the GSC Agenda & Concerns with your GSRs and committee chairs.
- Full access to all these capabilities on your mobile device or tablet, in addition to a PC or Mac.
- Mobile access to all of these capabilities, including Chat which offers direct and group messaging and real-time collaboration with fellow VAC trusted servants.

Embrace technology but don't leave anyone behind.

Reach out to our Secretary if you need
printed and snail-mailed highlights,
minutes, and correspondence.

Let us know how we can help you
better serve your GSRs and groups.



Our IT Coordinator (itcoord@aavirginia.org) is ready
to help you overcome technology challenges.