

Call for Service: D.A. General Service Board Trustees

Step 12 of Debtors Anonymous

*Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps,
we tried to carry this message to compulsive debtors,
and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

10 Reasons to Become a D.A. Trustee:

1. To give back what I've been given
2. To help D.A. live, prosper and grow
3. To maintain my own recovery
4. To demonstrate the power of service to transform lives
5. To understand how our organization operates
6. To learn how to apply the Steps, Traditions and Concepts to our service work
7. To gain humility
8. To practice leadership skills in a spiritual context
9. To work with trusted servants who are working a rigorous program
10. To remember always that I am a part of D.A. and D.A. is a part of me

The D.A. General Service Board seeks qualified candidates for the position of GSB Trustee, either now or to begin in August 2025 (following completion of current WSC service if applicable). Strong candidates will have a demonstrated record of success in various service positions over a number of years, and should meet additional qualifications* described in the Debtors Anonymous Manual for Service (DAMS).

The GSB bylaws establish a maximum of 15 Trustees, including a maximum of 13 Class A compulsive debtor Trustees and a maximum of 5 non-debtor Trustees. Class A Trustees are those who have arrested their compulsive debting, have not incurred new unsecured debt for a period of at least three years and who are living so far as possible within the concepts of the Debtors Anonymous Twelve Steps. Class B Trustees are those who are not now and have not been afflicted by the disease of compulsive debting and who express a profound faith in the D.A. program. Trustees elect their own successors from among all interested parties, subject to approval at the next annual Conference.

We now have the following openings for GSB Trustees:

- Class A Trustees: up to 5
- Class B Trustees: up to 4

Please note In August of 2026, 4 Trustees will rotate off the GSB, leaving D.A. with just 5 Trustees at our present number - 10 Trustees short of a full board.

The Three Standards of Conduct

Under well-established principles of nonprofit corporation law, a board member must meet certain standards of conduct and attention in carrying out their responsibilities to the organization. These standards are usually described as:

1. the Duty of Care,
2. the Duty of Loyalty and
3. the Duty of Obedience.

(See Chapter 9, page 105 of the 2024 DAMS for more info)

*Some Qualifications Include:

- Be a member of D.A. who regularly attends meetings, has a sponsor and is a sponsor, receives and participates on pressure relief groups, and has at least three years of not incurring any new unsecured debt (Class A Trustee);
- Be committed to working the Twelve Steps of D.A. (Class A Trustees), or have a working knowledge and understanding of the Twelve Step process (Class B Trustees);

- Be committed to service as a principle of recovery; have a willingness and desire to grow through service with the knowledge that it will have its challenges, requires a definite commitment of time, and that world service takes priority over other service;
- Have the ability to follow through with commitments and show willingness to complete the commitment in accordance with D.A. principles, D.A. Tools, the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts.

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