



HARBOR AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

(Sobriety requirement: 12 months)

The Harbor Area Service Committee Public Information Committee Chairman is elected to select and chair a committee whose responsibility entails informing the “non-Alcoholics Anonymous community” in regard to A.A.’s purpose on behalf of the Harbor Area Service Committee.

Public Information receives requests from corporations, hospitals and/or hospice outreach programs, schools, churches, and synagogues. P. I. speaks to the six-year-old as well as the sixty-year-old individual.

The usual format of a Public Information presentation consists of a one to two hour session, given by two or three Alcoholics Anonymous members. These presentations may include, but are not limited to:

1. A VERY short history of what it was like (or “drunkalogue”).
2. A short history of A.A.
3. An explanation of the Steps.
4. An explanation of the Traditions, especially as they may pertain to every individual; i.e., the 7th, 11th, and 12th Traditions in particular.
5. An explanation of A.A. as a worldwide Fellowship, self-supporting through its’ own contributions.

The usual P.I. presentation also includes precisely what A.A. can do for the community as a whole and the individual and, in addition, what A.A. cannot and does not do; e.g., “Engage in any controversy”; ally or support any “causes”; nor ally itself with any sect, denomination, politics, organization nor institution. It includes explaining the primary purpose of A.A., the need for the individual member to stay sober and for each member of the group to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

The Public Information committee operates strictly in accordance with and usually well below the funds allocated to the committee for any literature (\$60.00/month).