

About being a part of the Intergroup

What is Intergroup?

Intergroup is an A.A. service entity that involves a partnership among groups in a community – just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. Our Intergroup, the Intercounty Fellowship of A.A. has been a resource for Twelfth Step work and A.A. information in San Francisco and Marin, and at one time most of Northern California, since early 1947. Our intergroup exists to support the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic by providing and coordinating services that are difficult for the individual groups to execute.

What is an Intergroup Representative?

The Intergroup Representative (IGR) is your home group's voice for making sure that Intergroup and our Central Office continue to function and to carry out our primary purpose. An IGR serves as a liaison between the groups and group members and our Central Office and Intergroup service committees.

How does Intergroup fulfill this purpose?

Services coordinated by Intergroup include:

- Maintaining and operating a centrally located office and bookstore to facilitate Twelfth Step work and service opportunities;
- Answering phones 24 hours a day to connect new members with the help and hope of Alcoholics Anonymous;
- Responding to inquiries from members, groups, professionals and the general public;
- Publishing and providing printed meeting schedules;
- Stocking an ample supply of A.A.

Conference-approved literature for the A.A. community;

- Responding to inquiries and providing information for the media and outside agencies about the fellowship of A.A.;
- Participating in local A.A. events;
- Maintaining an informative and up-to-date website which includes an online meeting directory and many other resources for groups and individuals;
- Acting as an information exchange for A.A. announcements, events and service opportunities;
- Cooperating with other A.A. service entities including the General Service Office, our Area and local General Service districts, Hospitals & Institutions and Bridging the Gap committees.

How do we get an Intergroup Representative?

All A.A. groups holding regularly scheduled meetings in SF or Marin and listed in the meeting schedule are eligible to elect an Intergroup Representative. Most groups elect an Intergroup Rep and an Alternate Rep who usually serve a two-year term. We suggest that all representatives have a year or more of continuous sobriety. No person may represent more than one group.

Intergroup Reps register with an Intergroup Rep registration form at orientation. It is the responsibility of each group and its Intergroup Rep to provide this contact information as it insures that the group has the opportunity to participate in Intergroup services.

All names and contact information of A.A. members submitted to or on file at the Central Office are kept confidential in accordance with our Bylaws and the principle of anonymity.

What happens at Intergroup Meetings?

Monthly Intergroup meetings serve as a communication link between Intergroup, its committees and Central Office, the A.A. groups in San Francisco and Marin and various other A.A. service entities (e.g. General Service and H&I).

Intergroup Reps may suggest an item or topic for the agenda by contacting the Central Office Manager or the Board Chairperson up to one week prior to the meeting.

Much of the work of the Intergroup is done by service committees. These include the Access Committee, Archives Committee, Fellowship/Events Committee, *The Point* Committee, Twelfth Step Committee/Sunshine Club, Trusted Servants Workshop Committee and Website Committee. Other committees are formed as the need arises and it is hoped that as many IGRs as possible participate. We also have a Board of Directors that is responsible for the Intergroup and Central Office's business and administrative affairs.

The Annual Meeting is held in June. The Intergroup Committees and officers present annual reports at this meeting and elect new members to our Board of Directors. Elections are held according to the Third Legacy procedure outlined in The A.A. Service Manual.

Informed Group Conscience

"For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

Tradition Two

Voting on an issue need not be hurried; we are working toward substantial unanimity in our decisions. When an issue is ready to be decided, we follow the usual format of making a motion, calling for a second to that motion,

discussion, and then a vote. In addition, we add the more unusual A.A. custom of asking if the minority (that is, the side that lost the vote) would like to state a minority opinion. The majority voters then have an opportunity to change their votes, if so persuaded by the minority opinion.

A.A. Guidelines

A.A. World Services publishes a series of Guidelines. It is suggested that each IGR become familiar with the Guidelines entitled "Central or Intergroup Offices." Ask the Orientation Committee Chair or the Central Office Manager for your copy or visit www.aa.org.

When are Intergroup Rep Meetings?

Intergroup meetings are held twelve (12) times per year at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month, unless it falls on a holiday. Notice of each meeting, as well as notice of any meeting changes, is published each month in *The Point* newsletter. In addition, there is a calendar available on our website: www.aasf.org.

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