

A Guide for the Intergroup Delegate

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

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To the Intergroup Delegate

Welcome to Intergroup and our Delegate's meetings. When you arrive, please sign in at the registration desk. On your first visit, we suggest that you listen carefully. Some of the business being covered will have been brought up first in a prior meeting. Experience shows that we can save time if the new delegate will read and listen.



The Delegate's Role

Serving as an Intergroup Delegate offers you an opportunity to share in Alcoholics Anonymous' third legacy and that is SERVICE.

Each group may elect two Intergroup Delegates. Each delegate has a vote in our proceedings. The delegates attend meetings held bi-monthly (6 times each year) typically on the third Thursday of the even numbered months. The office typically sends out email reminders to all registered delegates prior to the meeting.

In October of each year, the Delegates perform one of their most important tasks. At that meeting, they elect new members of the Intergroup Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees oversees the operation of your Intergroup office.

This allows our office to follow the 9th Tradition: "A.A. out never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

The Intergroup Delegate can be compared to a link in a chain connecting the individual member of an A.A. group to the central office. The two way communication between your group and Intergroup are essential to maintaining our services and supporting A.A.'s primary purpose.



Here are some things you can do to act as a trusted servant for your group and A.A. as a whole

- Attend Intergroup Delegates' Meetings. The meetings are open to any member of A.A. You can better serve your group (and Intergroup) by attending all meetings and communicating the needs and desires from your group.
- Inform your group members. Carry the message about Intergroup's activities back to your group. Promote signing up for our electronic newsletter, *The Link*. Keep the group up to date about our Open Houses, workshops,

literature and stories about carrying the message.

- Typically, we try to keep the Bookstore open on the evenings of Delegates' Meetings. That is a good time to stock up on literature, chips, and other items for your group. By your ready bookstore access, you can serve as an informed person when it comes to existing and new literature for your group.
- Know the By-Laws to keep our work healthy and active. You should be given a copy of the By-Laws on your first visit. If you've misplaced it, please just ask for another copy. By your understanding of our By-Laws we can mutually keep our operations healthy. Some procedures may need changing. "The good is often the enemy of the best."
- Intergroup sponsors or holds several activities throughout the year. The office staff alone cannot perform all of the necessary functions. We need help from the delegates and from the group members to help out with our many service projects. Please consider well when we ask for volunteers.

Sign Up Volunteers

Your service as an Intergroup Delegate will make you aware of the primary purpose of central office. You assume the task of telling your group members of the rewards of our work. There is a continuing need at Intergroup for people to answer the phones, serve on committees, and support our many functions.

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. to be there. And for that: I am responsible

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Help keep AA Solvent

One of the services that an Intergroup Delegate can perform is to remind their group about 7th Tradition donations to the Intergroup Office, General Service Office, S.E.T.A., and the district. It is difficult for the Intergroup office to run smoothly without your support. Remind all levels that A.A. is self-supporting through our own contributions.

Keep your group up to date

Insure that your group's meeting schedule is up to date and current on our website. Utilize our website to publicize your events, and encourage the members to sign up for the Link newsletter sent out electronically.

Ask Questions

Intergroup Association operates openly and transparently. Our programs and financial status is always available to members of the Fellowship. We review all this information in a basic way at the Delegates' Meetings. If you have other questions, please ask!

Intergroup's purpose is to support A.A.'s Primary Purpose by being available 24 hours a day to carry the message and connect those seeking help with local A.A. resources. We do things that would be cost prohibitive or difficult for groups to accomplish individually.