

THE ROLE OF INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE

The Intergroup Representative (IR) is a group member who is chosen to represent the group at intergroup meetings which convene once a month (second Saturday, 10: 00 am). As a New Freedom Intergroup Representative (IR) , you are an important part of the OA Organization! YOU are the only link between your meeting and Intergroup!

In addition to keeping your group informed about things going on at the intergroup or in other groups that attend the intergroup gathering, the representative is expected to fully participate in service activities undertaken by the intergroup/service board; for example, marathons or workshops that serve OA meetings in the area or OA as a whole. In addition, many group problems can be resolved by sharing experiences at intergroup meetings with representatives from other groups.

How can you be prepared for each Intergroup meeting and best represent your group?

1. Make sure the local intergroup, Region 8, and World Service Office know about any changes of address, the meeting place, new officers, and other group information. Meeting information updates may be submitted via the OA website at www.oa.org.
2. Before the Intergroup meeting, download/print a copy (or take one from the table) of the agenda, minutes, treasurer's report and any other reports that you have may have been sent via email.
3. Answer to the Roll Call made by the secretary. Put your initials by your name; or add your name, your meeting name ,and your contact information if it is omitted.
4. Be sure to take notes during the Intergroup Meeting. Report items back to your meeting the following week. Some IRs wait until the group's monthly business meeting to report.
5. Collect at least one copy of every flyer passed around. Keep flyers with your meeting format in the group's "We Care" Book so you or others can pass them out every week. These events may encourage other members' growth in recovery.
6. **Inner Voice** newsletter: Take five or fewer print copies of the newsletters for your meeting. At each meeting, announce that it is available to download online at www.oanfig.org; people may be emailed a personal copy by requesting it from innervoicenfi@gmail.com.
7. Bring your meeting's monthly 7th Tradition donation to the Intergroup Meeting and give to the Treasurer before the meeting begins. Please be sure to put your group # on the envelope or check. (Find your meeting # [on www. oa.org](http://www.oa.org) "find a meeting" OR in the monthly newsletter donation report).
8. Join a committee that interests you or that needs volunteers. (Think, "How can I be of service?")
9. Join the New Freedom Intergroup "We Care" List, as a speaker and/or sponsor. Contact the committee: wecarenfi@gmail.com to be added to the list. This list is NOT sent by email to anyone.
10. Encourage sponsees and other group members to attend the Intergroup Meeting with you. Each group is allowed to have TWO voting representatives, and as many attendees as they want.