**Peninsula Intergroup Renewal Process**

**Summary of Inventory Results**

In September 2020, Peninsula Intergroup Members and several group members met via Zoom with Region 1 Trustee, Margie G., to complete the first step in the Intergroup Renewal process, the Inventory.

The purpose of the inventory was to help us to determine our strengths and weaknesses in moving toward being primarily focused on working Tradition 5: *“Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.”*

In response to the question about whether or not we are satisfied with the functioning of our Intergroup, the general consensus was that we were not satisfied. The most common reason given for this was that many of our general group members do not know or understand the purpose of the Intergroup, which is to provide opportunities for OA members to strengthen their personal program of recovery and to carry the OA message to the still-suffering compulsive eater.

Our Intergroup is made up of four (4) Board members and Group Representatives from the active groups meeting in our defined geographical area. Intergroup members themselves described their role is to:

* Reach out to compulsive eaters and support the meetings in our area.
* Serve as a conduit of news, events, continued fellowship, growth, and recovery to be passed on to our individual groups.
* Coordinate local public information activities, maintain websites, publish newsletters, and plan special events.

The administrative review questions inform all OA members that the Peninsula Intergroup:

* just recently updated our Bylaws;
* The Twelve Traditions take precedence over “Robert’s Rules” in our intergroup bylaws;
* bylaws define the tenure of certain “trusted servants.”
* sets realistic short-term goals but have not set any long-term (over 1 year) goals.

We do not have 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. We do have an EIN #; our Non-profit status with the WA Secretary of State is renewed annually.

At this time, our Intergroup Board does not have a need for regular board member only meetings but there are frequent steering committee meetings for discussions and decisions beyond the purview of the entire group conscience. Members are always welcome to the intergroup meetings and are sent special invitations for events hosted by the Intergroup.

When asked if all our Intergroup Board’s activities were open to the scrutiny of each member of the Fellowship, the responses indicated that it is the responsibility of the Group Rep to keep the members of their groups informed of Intergroup business, discussions (notes from meetings) and our events, and that the Intergroup members are open to questions and/or suggestions from any OA member.

The Peninsula Intergroup tries to keep the WSO group registrations up to date by making sure every group has registered with WSO. We can help groups make changes with the WSO, maintain and make available updated lists of meetings via a newsletter and/or website.

Responses to other questions inform us that our committees’ recommendations are presented to the entire intergroup for consideration and deliberation and that we choose our service people with care and consideration, placing principles before personalities. Anonymity is honored within our intergroup especially by discouraging members of participating in a Zoom meeting with other non-OA people nearby.

We do not have a budget, but we do have a prudent reserve and make regular contributions to Region 1 and WSO. We are committed to participating in the region and world service structure and make every effort to fund our representatives to regional assemblies and the World Service Business Conference.

*The Twelfth Step Within* section of the inventory asks about the Intergroup’s relationship with our member groups: Not all the groups in our geographic area know about our Intergroup and the services we provide; there are two Saturday Port Orchard groups that do not have representatives at the Intergroup level. We have been unable to communicate with groups who do not send representatives or contributions to intergroup because we don’t have contacts from these groups

Tradition 7: all of our groups know how to support the intergroup through service and financial contributions and we encourage the use of the Seventh Tradition’s 60/30/10 contribution formula.

The Intergroup does sponsor OA workshops (3-4 per year) for OA’s in our area. We make every effort to keep our group meeting listing current and easily available. From this Inventory the membership saw and responded to the need for a newsletter and our own website. The first of quarterly newsletter was recently distributed and a website is up and running at <https://oapeninsula.org/>

We depend on the individual groups to maintain their own supply of OA-approved literature for sale and to help new members find sponsors. We also depend on the groups to obtain their own abstinent OA speakers

Currently the Peninsula Intergroup does not have a way to help floundering groups or assist unaffiliated groups in nearby areas to form their own intergroup/service boards.

We address the special needs of our members, e.g., young people or the physically challenged, and try to find ways to meet their needs without isolating them. We schedule our face-to-face meetings in buildings that have disability access. In Zoom meetings we help those members who need assistance with Mute and button on Zoom and those with sight disabilities.

The Intergroup is not reaching compulsive eaters in our communities through media (newspapers, Yellow Pages, professionals, etc.) currently.

Finally, there was no response to the question: Are there other alternatives to the present Intergroup structure that might be more useful in meeting the area’s needs? Therefore, it appears that the Peninsula Intergroup can continue to work on meeting the needs of the OA members in our area. This Inventory and a future Member Survey will provide the Intergroup with the information necessary to better meet the needs of our members.