

ATTENTION ALL BOULDER COUNTY AA GROUPS

Does Your Group Have an Intergroup Representative?

What is the Intergroup? The Boulder County intergroup encourages mutual support and cooperation between groups in and around Boulder County, it provides services for all groups that would be too much for individual groups to handle by themselves - services that are imperative in the carrying of our message - services which help alcoholics to find recovery. These services, which are provided through the Central Office, including the following:

- Maintaining a local supply of AA literature
- Providing up-to-date meeting lists and schedules
- Providing a central clearinghouse for exchange of AA information
- Answering the AA helpline

What is the Central Office? (excerpt from "A.A. Guidelines - Central or Intergroup Offices")

A central office (or Intergroup) is an A.A. Service office that involves partnership among groups in a community - just as A.A. Groups themselves are partnerships of individuals, a Central Office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups - functions which are best handled by a centralized office - and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. Message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Who runs the Intergroup? The Intergroup Committee is made up of Intergroup Representatives (IGRs) from all the groups that choose to participate. A chairperson, secretary, treasurer, president, and an advisory board act as officers of the Intergroup Committee. The chairperson, secretary and treasurer are elected by Intergroup Reps at an annual Intergroup Meeting. The advisory board consists of the rotating-out chairperson, secretary, treasurer, president, member-at-large, and the central Office manager. At present, an office manager and volunteers handle the normal day-to-day business. The groups, as represented by their IGRs, have the ultimate responsibility.

Who can become an IGR? Besides the General Service Representative (GSR) and other group positions, each group selects an IGR and an alternate. The IGR and the alternate should be active, committed members of that group. It is suggested they have at least one year of sobriety.

What does an IGR have to do? The responsibilities of an IGR are:

- Represent their home group at the Intergroup Committee meetings on the last Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30pm at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church located in Gunbarrel, Colorado. Report to their home group about the work of the Intergroup.
- Take issues back to their home group for discussion and return with their group's conscience at the next Intergroup Committee meeting.
- Approve yearly budgets and monthly treasurer's reports.
- Participate in the nomination and election of Intergroup officers.
- Help their replacement get used to the job as IGR when they rotate out of office.

Who needs the IGR? We all do - the still-suffering and the recovering alcoholic! The Intergroup uses money contributed by the AA groups in and around Boulder County. Your group's support is desperately needed to make sure the Intergroup gives us the services we need. Boulder County currently has approximately 20% participation at monthly Intergroup Meetings. Your group's involvement is encouraged! We want to improve participation in order to improve our local fellowship.

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

For more information, see the pamphlet The A.A. Group, talk with an Intergroup Board member, or call Boulder County Central Office at 303-447-8201.