

# **BYLAWS of the Greater Atlanta OA INTERGROUP (#09114)**

**DATE ADOPTED 3/09/2013**

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Greater Atlanta OA Intergroup, also known as GAOAIG.

## **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of this Intergroup is to carry the Overeaters Anonymous message of recovery through service to member groups and to foster the practice of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts as stated in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, II and III.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

### **Section 1 – Membership**

Intergroup meetings are open meetings. Visitors may have a voice (but not a vote) at the discretion of the leader of the Intergroup meeting. Membership of the Intergroup (IG) with voice and vote includes the following (but in no case shall any member have more than one vote):

- A) The Intergroup Board Members or officers,
- B) Intergroup representatives (IRs), which consist of one (1) member from each group,
- C) World Service Business Conference Delegates and Region Representatives,
- D) Intergroup Committee Chairs and or Co-Chairs, and
- E) Office Steering Committee.

### **Section 2 – Qualifications**

Qualifications for membership in the Intergroup:

A) Groups registered with the World Service Office (WSO) and wishing to belong to the Intergroup may be members. An OA group is defined as the following:

- 1) As a group, they meet together to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
- 2) All that have a desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
- 3) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
- 4) As a group, they have no affiliation other than OA.
- 5) It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office.

B) Virtual groups (groups which replicate face-to-face meetings through electronic media) may be an Overeaters Anonymous group if they:

- 1) otherwise meet the definition of Overeaters Anonymous groups;
- 2) are fully interactive; and
- 3) meet in real time.

## **ARTICLE IV – THE INTERGROUP BOARD**

### **Section 1 – The Intergroup Board**

A) The Board consists of the following officers: Two co-chairs, a secretary, and a financial secretary/treasurer.

B) The Intergroup Board may also include other positions such as the World Service Business Conference Delegates, Committee chairs or Regional representatives.

C) Board Meetings will be chaired by either of the two co-chairs. In the event that neither of the co-chairs is able to chair any Board Meeting, another Board member will lead the meeting.

D) Intergroup Meetings shall be chaired by either of the co-chairs. In the event that neither of the co-chairs is able to chair any meeting, the secretary will open and lead the meeting.

### **Section 2 – Nominations to the Intergroup Board**

Nominations to the Board may be made from the floor at the time of election. A nominating committee may also be formed, at the discretion of the Intergroup. Page 3

### **Section 3 – Qualifications for the Intergroup Board**

To qualify for election to the Intergroup Board, an individual must:

A) Be working the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA Service to the best of their ability.

B) Have not less than one (1) year in the fellowship; at least three (3) months experience giving service at the Intergroup level; and have three (3) months of current abstinence, except as follows (each person shall be the sole judge of his or her abstinence).

- 1) World Service Business Conference Delegates must comply with the abstinence and length of service requirements in the World Service Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, and Section 3c. (Current requirements are one year current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level.
- 2) Region representatives must comply with the abstinence and length of service specified in Region 8 (SOAR) Bylaws, Article III, and Section 3B.

C) Be a regular member of an affiliated group.

#### **Section 4 – Election of Board Members**

- A) Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of election.
- B) Nominees must be present at the election meeting. The candidate must receive a majority vote for election.
- C) Voting will be by ballot if multiple candidates exist.

#### **Section 5 – Term of Office**

- A) The term of office for a Board Member is two (2) years.
- B) Board members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position. A member may serve again after a leave of one (1) term in the position.
- C) It is recommended that once elected, a Board Member not serve as a group representative to the Intergroup. If no one else is available to serve as Intergroup Rep, a Board Member may serve temporarily until someone can be found.

#### **Section 6 – Responsibilities of the Intergroup Board Members**

- A) Serve as guardians of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts with respect to the functions of the Intergroup.
- B) Perform the duties of their offices in accordance with Intergroup policies and procedures.
- C) Serve as guardian of Intergroup funds; participate in an annual financial audit.
- D) Provide a forum for the interchange of ideas and information between member groups.

#### **Section 7 – Vacancies and Resignations**

- A) If a Board Member shall fail to attend two (2) consecutive Board or Intergroup meetings without prior notification to the secretary, or fail to respond to communication attempts by the Board, he/she may be removed from the position by a majority vote of the Intergroup members.
- B) Any Board Member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the chairman of the Intergroup written notice.
- C) Any Board Member of this Intergroup may be removed from office for due cause by a 2/3 vote of the voting members at a regular or special meeting.

## **Section 8 – Filling of Vacancies**

A) Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at the next meeting or special meeting of the Intergroup after the vacancy occurs. Such persons chosen to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

B) A person chosen to fill any vacancy on the board shall meet the qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3.

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

### **Section 1 – Regular Meetings**

The Intergroup will meet monthly at a time and place designated by a majority of the voting members.

### **Section 2–Special Meetings**

A special meeting may be called at any time by a majority of the Intergroup Board, or by petition of 2/3 of the Intergroup members, by giving notice as prescribed in Article V, Section 3.

### **Section 3- Method of Notification**

The Intergroup will provide at least 9 days (1week and 2 days) notice to each member group.

### **Section 4- Quorum**

Those voting members present at any meeting of this Intergroup constitute a quorum.

### **Section 5- Meeting Procedure**

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts shall be read at the beginning of each meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

The Board may establish committees as are needed for the welfare and operation of the Intergroup. Each committee is responsible to the IG Board.

## **ARTICLE VII – PRUDENT RESERVE**

The IG treasurer will maintain a prudent reserve of approximately two months expenses to cover expected operational needs. Excess funds will be donated to OA service bodies as determined by the IG.

## **ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

The Intergroup meetings are conducted using Robert’s Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Intergroup. The proposed amendment must be communicated in writing to each member group at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting meeting. Amendments to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA may only be made as per OA, Inc. Subpart B Bylaws, Article XIV, Section 1e.

**ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION**

When this Intergroup ceases operation, and all debts have been paid, all remaining funds shall be distributed to other Overeaters Anonymous service bodies or the WSO as in accord with Tradition Six.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3/09/2013 \_\_\_\_\_

Approved- Date

\_\_\_\_\_ (Mike P.) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Chair

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