

## AA Preamble

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Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

## The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.
2. For our group purposes there is but one ultimate authority a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Memphis Area Intergroup  
Association

## A Brief Guideline for the Intergroup Representative

### Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to AA's future  
To place our common welfare first.  
To keep our fellowship united.  
On A.A. unity our lives depend.*

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## To the Intergroup Representative

Welcome to the Memphis Area Intergroup Association. If this is your first Intergroup meeting you are encourage to listen carefully. Some of the business being discussed will have been covered previous meetings and our experience shows that a great deal of time can be saved if the new member will try to become informed in order to avoid redundancy. The previous meetings are posted on our website, please call 901 454-1414 for further information.

### What is an Intergroup Representative?

*Serving as a Intergroup Representative offers you a rewarding opportunity to share in Alcoholics Anonymous' third legacy—service.*

The Intergroup Rep is a person who is elected by your home group to serve as a liaison between the home group and AA in locally and surrounding areas as established and maintained by the action taken at the monthly meeting of Intergroup Reps. Every group in locally and surrounding areas is entitled to be represented at the Memphis Area Intergroup Association. Each group is encouraged to elect a Rep and Alternate Representative.

(Each individual group has their own suggested amount of sobriety.) One year is usually recommended.

The whole purpose of the Intergroup Rep is likened to a link in a chain connecting the individual member of an AA group to those who are elected to maintain the operation of The Intergroup Office. Ultimately this allows Intergroup Office to better serve its members.

## Duties & Responsibilities

A IG representatives inform their home group about your Intergroup Office and the local service opportunities available. The IG reps attend monthly Intergroup Rep meetings. The Intergroup Rep assures that the grass roots members of AA are informed about what is going on locally and the surrounding areas. And as well, IG rep assures that the group's voice is heard on issues when they come up for discussion at the monthly Rep meeting. A rep is responsible in getting the 12-step call sheet filled out and returned to the Intergroup Office.

### What is the Steering Committee? What Does it Do?

The Steering Committee is composed of the Chairman, Past Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and five at-large members.

The Steering Committee is responsible for the administration and conduct of the business affairs of Memphis Area Intergroup Association according to the wishes of the By-laws. Members of the Steering Committee have a voice at the Rep's meeting

### Know the By-Laws

Through the Intergroup Office, members of AA in the Memphis area are involved in keeping the AA program healthy and active. Operations continue under a set of guidelines. By your study of these by-laws, you can help to keep all methods up to-date.

## HELP KEEP M.A.I.A. SOLVENT

One of the most important purposes an Intergroup Representative can serve is to work constantly toward consistency in his own group's contributions to the operations of your Intergroup Office. It is difficult for the Intergroup Office to run smoothly when money comes in sporadically. Peaks and valleys in totals mitigate against efficiency in carrying the message. Keep members aware, that on every level. AA is self-supporting through our own contributions.

### ASK QUESTIONS:

If you don't know, get answers to things your group members want to know about. It is your privilege to make yourself heard.

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