

Welcome to Intergroup!

Hello and welcome to your first meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Intergroup (GPI) of Overeaters Anonymous. We're glad that you've chosen to give service at this level. We want to help you become familiar with what GPI and its members do, and how the meetings function.

GPI is a clearinghouse through which groups and members can communicate quickly and efficiently for the purpose of OA business. Each group affiliated with GPI may elect a member (and alternate) to represent the group at the monthly intergroup meeting. GPI operates a 24 hour answering service, maintains a website, maintains and distributes a local meeting list, keeps the World Service Office (WSO) informed of meeting changes, disseminates information to the public, arranges events and retreats, and publishes a quarterly recovery magazine.

The monthly GPI meetings are run by Robert's Rules of Order (see GPI Standing Rules on back of this page).

GPI is made up of all executive board members, standing committee chairs, Region 7 representatives and alternates, World Service Delegates and alternates, and intergroup representatives. Here's a quick summary of what the various members do. If you have any further questions, please ask any member of GPI.

Executive Board:

- Chairperson.....chairs meetings of GPI, prepares/distributes GPI agendas, orients new GPI members, coordinates the responsibilities of GPI
- Vice-Chairperson/Bylaws.....maintains official bylaws of GPI, policy manual, and equipment list (including tape lending library), assists Chairperson as needed
- Treasurer.....handles/balances the books & provides financial reporting, serves on Finance Committee
- Recording Secretary.....takes notes at GPI meetings and provides copies of past minutes
- Ex-Officio.....immediate past chairperson

Standing Committee Chairs:

- Corresponding Secretary.....picks up and distributes mail from post office box, returns calls from answering service, sends out welcome packets and meeting information as requested
- 12th Step Within.....coordinates outreach to still suffering compulsive eaters within OA
- Professional Outreach (PO)....the PO chair acts as liaison between GPI & professionals who refer people to OA
- Public Information (PI).....the PI chair brings awareness of OA to the general public
- Speakers Bureau.....maintains speakers list(s)
- VOR Editor.....compiles and distributes quarterly recovery magazine
- Marathon.....coordinates special events (marathons) and annual retreat
- Archives.....organizes materials of historical value to GPI

Other Trusted Servants:

- Region 7 Representatives/Alternates.....Region 7 representatives and alternates represent GPI at the biannual Region 7 Assembly
- World Service Delegates/Alternates.....World service delegates and alternates represent GPI at the annual World Service Business Conference
- Intergroup Representatives/Alternates.....represent their groups at the monthly meeting of GPI; each group is entitled to one vote at GPI

Contract Employee:

- GPI Special Worker.....in accordance with tradition 8, maintains our website, meeting list, database, and email list, as well as prepares the quarterly GPI mailings

Along with this sheet, we're giving you 3 OA pamphlets: "Through Our Own Contributions...", "The 12 Traditions of OA," and "The 12 Concepts of OA Service." These pamphlets include information to help you understand the service structure of OA, and how our 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts are an important part of giving service and our fellowship.

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GPI Standing Rules

- 1) All proceedings shall be governed by the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, except when in conflict with Greater Pittsburgh Intergroup Bylaws, policies/procedures, and standing rules
- 2) Meetings are open to all OA members. Anyone present may speak when acknowledged by the chair. However, only group representatives, intergroup members, or other delegates may vote on measures brought to the floor.
- 3) The Chairperson will report to the body all absences of Board members and the nature thereof.
- 4) All motions regarding Bylaws must be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the Intergroup meeting in order for the motions to be considered.
- 5)
 - a. For each motion there will be no more than three (3) pro and three (3) con speakers. The first pro is the maker of the motion.
 - b. No one may speak on two (2) consecutive motions unless no one else wishes to speak on the second motion.
- 6) An individual may speak only once on a particular item until everyone wishing to speak has done so within the allotted time.
- 7) A member of the Intergroup may speak for two (2) minutes to a question/motion when recognized by the chair.
- 8) No more than fifteen (15) minutes discussion will be allowed on an item. There will be a five (5) minute warning. If the matter is not disposed of at the end of the fifteen (15) minutes, it will be considered unfinished business to be brought back during the next Intergroup meeting.