

Understand MSIG Finances - Your group will be interested in knowing how contributions are used. You can share the Treasurer's reports and explain how the money supports various activities of the office and the Committees.

Raise your hand for quick announcements.

Take a moment at every meeting to deliver news about A.A. and Intergroup. Use your phone to see website announcements.

Visit the Intergroup Office to check out the literature and pamphlets and meet the volunteer on duty. Check the schedule on the website and always call ahead.

Get to know the AA literature. Carry the message by referring your group members to different books, pamphlets, and recordings written by and for alcoholics from all walks of life, especially Grapevine. Check out aagrapevine.org and see if your group has a subscription.

Participate in local AA functions Whether a Traditions Workshop, picnic or holiday Alcathon, this is a chance to experience the fellowship in action and encourage other to enjoy it too.

Intergroup and the 7th Tradition. Midshore Intergroup is self-supporting through the contributions of the Groups and their members. It is important to note that Intergroup provides services to every A.A. group in the five counties, *whether or not they make a financial contribution.*

Group contributions support the Intergroup office, website, phone and literature operations and committee work. Intergroup maintains a prudent reserve of 6 months, following the guidelines of Maryland General Service, which may allow us to continue carrying the message to alcoholics if there is a pandemic or other disruptive circumstances.

The IGR can encourage their Group to make regular contributions to Intergroup using the 60-30-10 plan, which can be obtained online at midshoreintergroup.org/intergroup

*"Just as the aim of each A.A. member is personal sobriety, the aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it."
~ from A.A. Tradition Nine*

Thank you for your service.



Midshore Intergroup (MSIG)

Serving A.A. members in Talbot, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester, and Kent counties of Maryland.

What is Intergroup?

"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/intergroup is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups — functions that are best handled by a centralized office — and it is usually maintained, supervised and supported by these groups in their general interest.

It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

(-A.A. Guidelines and AA.org)

The Role Of Intergroup Representative (“IGR”)

Every A.A. group elects one member to represent them at the monthly Intergroup council meetings. Groups decide the qualifications, how long their IGR’s should serve, and whether an alternate IGR should also be elected.

IGR’s serve as liaison between their Group and the Intergroup council, keeping each apprised of needs and issues through regular announcements and participation.

IGR’s attend the monthly Intergroup meetings and report back to their Group. They may be required to obtain the group conscience on relevant issues.

IGR’s are the “go-to” people in their groups for local AA service opportunities, information about office activities, literature, the 12 Step List, and all ways the Group and its members can help to carry the message in the Midshore area.

The Midshore Intergroup (MSIG) council is comprised of the Intergroup Representatives, (IGR’s) elected officers, and appointed committee chairs. The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month to report and discuss the financial and committee business and plans. The work of the council is guided by a set of adopted By-Laws as well as the 12 Concepts and 12 Traditions of A.A. Following is a general summary of duties. A full description can be found in the By-Laws at midshoreintergroup.org/resources.

MSIG OFFICERS

Chairperson - presides over monthly meetings; provides general guidance and oversight of Intergroup operations and committees, serves as ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice Chairperson - assists and/or substitutes for the Chairperson in the performance of Intergroup functions and council projects; serves as ex-officio member of all committees.

Treasurer - Receives, accounts for and disburses MSIG funds; presents monthly transaction reports to the council, acknowledges receipt of funds to groups and individuals.

Secretary - Records the MSIG meeting minutes, updates the Summary of Motions, By-Laws and Operating Guidelines; communicates with IGRs and maintains files.

MSIG STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities - Organizes, promotes and conducts all functions run by and for MSIG.

Corrections and Treatment Facilities - Coordinates work of A.A. members and groups who carry the message in treatment centers and jails, including the Bridging the Gap program.

Digital Communication & Outreach (DCO) - manages the website, fosters face-to-face communication with groups in the Midshore area.

Finance Committee - Assists and guides MSIG in applying A.A.’s 7th Tradition to council business activities; budget preparation; provides financial leadership.

Office & Literature - manages the Easton office, volunteer schedule, answering service as well as literature inventory and sales.

Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community - Currently inactive, this committee would distribute AA information within the community through health fairs, literature distribution and other similar means.

AD-HOC Committees - Temporary committees established by the council to achieve specific goals, such as a Nominating Committee or By-Laws Update Committee.

Ways to Serve

As an IGR, you have many service options to choose from.

Represent your Home Group at the monthly Intergroup council meeting. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday. Hear current discussions, voice your opinion, offer ideas and cast your vote on behalf of your group. Bring along another group member - all are welcome.

Go to your Home Group Business Meetings. This is where you will learn what is most important to the members of your Group and where you can report Intergroup details.

12th Step Activity & Volunteers - Make sure your group’s 12th Step Call sheet is updated every year. Sign up volunteers for office or other committee work.

Update Your Home Group Meeting Information. Verify correct meeting information on the website, Meeting Guide App and the printed meeting list. Send changes to Intergroup.

Remind your Home Group to purchase literature from the Intergroup office in Easton. This supports the General Service Office. They ask that groups purchase literature through their local intergroup..