

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 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 or substitutes for the Chairperson in the performance of Intergroup functions and 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, updates meeting lists ("Where & When's"), fosters face-to-face communication with groups in the Midshore area.

Finance Committee - Provides financial leadership to MSIG in applying A.A.'s 7th Tradition to business activities and budget preparation.

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

Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC)- This committee is currently inactive.

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

"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 to A.A.



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)

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The Role of the Intergroup Representative (“IGR”)

Every A.A. group is encouraged to elect a member to represent them at the monthly Intergroup meetings and vote on their behalf. 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.

Ways to Serve

As an IGR, there are many ways we can serve our groups. Even with limited time, we can make a difference.

Represent our Home Groups at the monthly Intergroup council meeting on the 2nd Wednesday. Hear current discussions, voice opinions and ideas and cast votes on behalf of our groups. Invite another group member to join you –all are welcome.

Be present at Home Group Business and Group Conscience Meetings. This is where we learn what matters most to the members of our groups and where we can share Intergroup news in detail.

Stay tuned to our group’s 12th Step Activity - Make sure the group’s 12th Step Call sheet is up to date and submitted every year. Look for service volunteers for office or other committee work and help them step up.

Update Home Group Meeting Information. Verify that meeting information is correct on the website, Meeting Guide App and the printed meeting list. Inform intergroup of any changes.

Remind our Home Groups that literature can be purchased from the Easton Intergroup office. This helps the NY General Service Office, which suggests that groups purchase literature through their local intergroup.

Understand MSIG Finances - Know how our home group contributions are being used. Share the Treasurer’s reports and explain how office activities and committee work is supported.

Make quick announcements at every meeting. Take a moment to remind the group about the website, or deliver news about an event or new meeting. Use your phone to see current announcements on the website..

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

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

Participate in local AA functions. Experience the fellowship in action at Traditions Workshop, picnics, holiday Alcahons, and other gatherings, and encourage others to enjoy it too.

Intergroup and the Traditions

MSIG is mindful of all 12 Traditions, especially these two.

TRADITION TWO - For our group purpose 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.

MSIG exists *only* to serve and support the A.A. groups in this area – to help groups carry the message to alcoholics. We welcome ideas, suggestions, questions or complaints so we can continue to take inventory. Please send an email to chair@midshoreintergroup.org.

TRADITION SEVEN - Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Midshore Intergroup is supported through the contributions of participating A.A. groups and individual 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 vital operations of the Intergroup office, website, phone and literature and committee work.

Intergroup maintains a 6-month prudent reserve, following the guidelines of Maryland General Service. This reserve would enable us to carry 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