

Greater Chicago S.L.A.A. Intergroup

Statement of Purpose, Preamble, and Bylaws

Statement of Purpose: The Greater Chicago S.L.A.A. Intergroup (GCSLAAI) exists to support Chicago area S.L.A.A. groups in carrying out the fifth tradition of S.L.A.A. - to carry the S.L.A.A. message to the sex and love addict who still suffers. Intergroup accomplishes this by:

1. Providing a regular forum for communication among S.L.A.A groups
2. Facilitating the exchange of information between local groups and fellowship-wide services.
3. Coordinating outreach activities provided to the public by managing the S.L.A.A. voice mail system, maintaining the post office box, and forwarding media and other public information requests to F.W.S..
4. Planning and facilitating local S.L.A.A. sponsored events.
5. Selecting local delegates and underwriting their participation at the annual business meetings.

Preamble: Intergroup meetings are S.L.A.A. meetings. Therefore, they will be conducted as meetings and guided by the twelve steps, twelve traditions, and twelve recommended guidelines of S.L.A.A. A spirit of unity and service ought to pervade Intergroup meetings. For our group unity there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as this power may be defined through our group conscience.

Bylaws

I. Membership and Voting

A. Any S.L.A.A. group duly registered with Fellowship Wide Services and meeting within 40 miles of Chicago ("Intergroup area") is considered a member.

B. Each member is entitled to one voting representative in Intergroup meetings. In addition, each Intergroup officer is entitled to one vote. Intergroup officers who also serve as meeting representatives are only entitled to one vote. Representatives of unregistered S.L.A.A. groups within the Intergroup area are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings, but may not vote.

C. It is recommended but not required that Intergroup officers and representatives meet the following criteria:

1. One year in membership in S.L.A.A.

2. Three months of sobriety from their personal bottom-line behaviors.

D. Regular attendance at Intergroup meetings is important for continuity.

1. Officers and member representatives must attend at least 50% of scheduled meetings in one calendar year to remain in good standing.

2. Absences in excess of 50% without reasonable cause may result in termination of an individual's position as officer or member representative.

II. Meetings

A. Meetings shall be held monthly or as designated by the Intergroup.

B. A quorum of two officers and two representatives is required for any vote. C. Meetings shall be open to any S.L.A.A. member with the following limits:

1. Any S.L.A.A. member may bring issues to the meeting for consideration and may participate in discussions.

2. Voting rights are reserved for officers and member representatives.

3. Representative of unregistered meetings and other S.L.A.A. members who are not officers or representatives are not considered when determining a quorum.

III. Officers

A. Chairperson

1. Presides at Intergroup meetings.

2. Coordinates with the communications officer in responding to public information requests.

B. Communications Officer

1. Assists the Chairperson in responding to public information requests.

2. Updates meeting lists

3. Coordinates coverage of the answering service, and updates the answering machine message.

4. Maintains contact information for Intergroup officers, member and non-member representatives and contact persons for all meetings within the Intergroup area.

C. Secretary

1. Takes minutes of all Intergroup meetings.
2. Distributes the agenda and draft minutes to Intergroup officers, representatives, and meeting contacts prior to the next Intergroup meeting
3. Reminds the member representatives and officer of meetings by telephone or e-mail.

D. Treasurer

1. Deposits all donations from the S.L.A.A. groups and maintains the Intergroup checking account
2. Retrieves mail from the Intergroup P.O. Box.
3. Pays bills accrued by the Intergroup or by individual members on behalf of the Intergroup.
4. Prepares monthly financial reports for the Intergroup.

IV. Nomination and Election of Officers

- A. Elections shall be held in March of each year.
- B. A one-month notice of elections shall be made to all groups through the Intergroup newsletter, web site, and e-mail from the Communications Officer to all representatives and contact persons.
- C. A simple majority of all voting members present shall constitute a candidate's election.
- D. Terms for all officers shall be for one year. Officers are limited to three consecutive terms in any one position.
- E. A special election following the above procedures shall be held to fill unexpected vacancies.

V. Selection of Delegates to the S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

- A. The Intergroup is entitled to one delegate for every five groups. The number of delegates to be sent will be decided upon by the Intergroup, based in part on available funds.
- B. Nomination and election shall follow the same procedure as for officers.

C. The term shall be as required by the World-Wide Fellowship Office

D. Alternates shall be the "runner ups" in the election. They will attend if the delegates are unable to do so.

E. Membership and sobriety requirements are as listed in the S.L.A.A. International Bylaws.

VI. Amendments

A. Any suggested amendment to the bylaws must be presented to all groups through e-mail to the representatives or contact persons three months prior to any discussion or vote on that amendment at an Intergroup meeting.