

What Is Intergroup?

Intergroup is a monthly business meeting. Its primary purpose is to “provid[e] a forum for communication and unified action by the various Southern California groups in matters of publicity, outreach, fellowship, regional and national service, and such other matters as may require cooperative effort” (SCASAI Bylaws 1).

What Is a Group Service Representative?

A GSR is an individual elected by their local meeting to act as a liaison between the meeting and Intergroup. The service performed by a GSR includes sharing news from Intergroup with local meetings, representing the voice of the local meetings to the Intergroup, accepting service positions at Intergroup, voting on matters that affect the business of the Intergroup, etc. An individual may represent a meeting so long as they meet their group’s sobriety requirement, if any, but must have 90 days of sexual sobriety to be eligible to vote on behalf of a meeting.

Who Can Attend Intergroup Meetings?

Any SA member can attend Intergroup, regardless of sobriety length. Attendees are comprised of (a) **Officers** who hold elected positions (e.g., Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary); (b) **GSRs** (as described above); and (c) **Observers**, who can be any SA member.

Why Attend Intergroup Meetings?

Recovery benefits

By attending Intergroup in person, we are (a) not secretly acting out; (b) being of service to our local meetings, and (c) living in the Solution to our Problem.

For the newcomer, attending Intergroup provides a means to feel a part of, instead of apart from. Here newcomers can connect with members beyond their local meetings and with those who may have longer sobriety. In short, attending Intergroup provides additional support for a newcomer’s recovery.

For the long timer, Intergroup is helpful in that “[e]xperience has shown us that the recovering sexaholic needs to be willing to give back in order to sustain long-term sobriety” (*SA Service Manual* Ch. 3, p. 2). Attending Intergroup provides ample opportunity to work Step 12 by carrying the message to the

still-suffering sexaholics and generally being of service to the Southern California SA fellowship.

For all members, attending Intergroup is an excellent way to learn about, practice, and apply the principles of the Twelve Traditions. Here, members can see the Group Conscience working on a larger scale, ever reminding us that we all have something to share, that no single member governs, and that a minority voice can change the minds of a majority. These lessons can be brought back to local groups, allowing for more effective and efficient business meetings.

Awareness of the greater SA fellowship

Intergroup listens to concerns, provides feedback and guidance on various issues for local Southern California groups, and informs SA members of events (such as workshops, retreats, and conferences) that help spread the message of recovery.

Intergroup also hosts and funds the annual SA/S-Anon Regional Unity Conference. This conference allows members to experience recovery for an entire weekend, as well as meet SA members from all over California and our neighboring states.

What’s more, Intergroup opens members’ eyes to other levels of active

SA service that support the worldwide fellowship such as the Regional Assembly, the General Delegate Assembly, the Trustees, etc.

For example, members can learn about International Subcommittees such as Supporting Institutions and Professionals (SIP), which carries the message to professionals and rehab centers who might have clients and patients not yet aware of SA, and the Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC), which carries the message to members in prison.

Rotation of service

Intergroup attendance and participation are important in maintaining a healthy SA fellowship. Per Tradition 2, it is essential to maintain regular rotation of leadership and service positions, ensuring that no one member governs. The more members who attend and rotate in service, the more unified our fellowship becomes. Intergroup benefits from having newly appointed Officers and GSRs with new ideas in that it allows for new perspectives and proposed solutions to concerns and builds stronger face-to-face connection with others.

All-Groups' Speakers Meeting

After the Intergroup meeting, the All-Groups' Speakers Meeting takes place. Here, members can hear the stories of 2-3 other SA members offering their experience, strength, and hope.

After the Speakers' Meeting, a fellowship dinner takes place, further promoting connection with others.

When Is Intergroup?*

Last Saturday of the month - 5:30-6:45pm.
All-Groups' Speakers Meeting - 7-8:30pm.
Fellowship dinner - 8:30-9:30pm.

Where Is Intergroup?*

The business meeting and the All-Groups' Speakers Meeting both take place at Intercity Fellowship Hall, 5881 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA. Fellowship dinner usually takes place at a nearby restaurant.

****Our website, sasocal.org, always contains the most up-to-date information about when and where Intergroup meets.***

Southern California Area Sexaholics Anonymous Intergroup

This pamphlet is designed to help members of SA better understand the Southern California Area Sexaholics Anonymous Intergroup (SCASAI), which is generally referred to as "Intergroup," and how service as a Group Service Representative (GSR) on behalf of your local meeting can be beneficial – not only for local meetings, but also for individual recovery.