

Date: February 21, 2021  
To: Region 5 – 2021 Spring Assembly  
From: Diane Adams, Greater Ann Arbor Area Intergroup Representative  
Intergroup-to-Intergroup Subcommittee Chairperson  
Subject: Intergroup-to-Intergroup Committee Report

Since the November 2020 Fall Region Assembly, the Intergroup-to-Intergroup subcommittee has met on Zoom in December, January and February.

In order to support Intergroups in the Region to grow by encouraging member participation, this subcommittee has been developing a piece of literature to welcome new meeting representatives to the service of Intergroup. The committee has been taking time to thoughtfully respect each Intergroup's autonomy by compiling suggestions and information that can be used to encourage, educate and welcome members to Intergroup. The goal of this project is to make this piece of literature available on the Region 5 website for Intergroups, as a pdf downloadable document, once it is approved by the Region 5 Board.

At this time, the subcommittee is reviewing the - "Guidelines for Locally Produced Literature/Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Rev 10/2020" and "*Procedure for Granting Reprint Permission*" - the process by which WSO reviews all requests from registered OA groups, service bodies and other interested parties, for accuracy in quoted materials, adherence to Traditions and accurate reflection of OA's mission and is in OA's best interest. Additionally, the committee is reviewing the current "OA Handbook for Members, Groups and Service Bodies: *Recovery Opportunities*" pgs 32-36 – which encompasses information about Intergroups.

The subcommittee will ensure that the proposed piece of literature will be within all OA guidelines. Presently the draft is in a Tri-fold pamphlet format, which will continue to undergo necessary revisions and editing, until the committee as a whole is satisfied to submit to the Region Board for review.

At the February meeting, the subcommittee developed a Mission Statement:

*Intergroup-to-Intergroup is a subcommittee designed to support the Intergroups within Region 5 by providing resources and ideas to further reach the still suffering compulsive eater.*

The Mission Statement will be included in all Agendas and Meeting Minutes of this committee so as to keep the focus on the purpose of this committee's service and guide this committee's goals and activities each time we meet.

In keeping with the Mission Statement, the following activities are taking place:

- Barbara Keyes, Region Trustee, will provide Diane with a list of meetings that are unaffiliated with an Intergroup in the Region, along with the names of Intergroups that these meetings may wish to affiliate. Committee members volunteered to receive the names of meetings needing to be contacted.
- Barbara Keyes, Region Trustee, will provide Diane with a list of Intergroups that have not had representation at recent Region Assemblies. Committee members volunteered to contact Intergroups, inviting them to send a Representative to the March Region Assembly.
- Barb reviewed the purpose of the Intergroup Report survey-monkey was to collect information from Intergroups within the Region so as to identify both individually and collectively, the status of Intergroups with regards to service bodies structures, participating members, committees, activities,

service to member groups. This information will be helpful for Region to know how Intergroups are functioning as a service body and to address their needs going into a Renewal Workshop, as well as this committee developing goals that may be able to assist and support Intergroups. Several Intergroups had completed and submitted the survey as of committees's last meeting date – February 13, 2021.

The Intergroup-to-Intergroup Subcommittee has planned to meet again on April 17, 2021 – to be scheduled with Joel Isenstadt, Region 5 Secretary.

Respectfully submitted in service,  
Diane Adams