

BYLAWS of the _____ INTERGROUP OF OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**DATE ADOPTED or REVISED _____****ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the _____ Intergroup, also known as Intergroup (or the initials you have chosen).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this Intergroup is to carry the Overeaters Anonymous message of recovery through the service to member groups and to foster the practice of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts as slated in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article I, II and III.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**Section 1 – Membership**

Membership of the Intergroup (IG) with voice and vote includes the following:

- A) The Intergroup Board Members or officers.
- B) Intergroup representatives (IRs), which consist of _____ member(s) from each group.
- C) World Service Business Conference Delegates and Region Representatives.

Section 2 – Qualifications

Qualifications for membership in the Intergroup:

- A) Groups registered with the World Service Office (WSO) and wishing to belong to the Intergroup may be members. An OA group is defined as the following:
 - 1) As a group (including virtual groups, which are fully interactive and meet in real time), they meet together to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.
 - 2) All who have a desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
 - 3) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at a meeting).
 - 4) As a group, they have no affiliation other than OA.
- B) No group may be registered with another Intergroup.

Section 3 – Intergroup Representatives

- A) An Intergroup representative (IR) will be selected by the group conscience of the group they represent.
- B) The duty of the IR is to represent the group at IG meetings and serve as a contact to carry communications between the IG and the home meeting.

ARTICLE IV – THE INTERGROUP BOARD

Section 1 – The Intergroup Board

- A) The board consists of the following officers: [insert position titles]. (e.g.: a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, etc.)
- B) The Intergroup Board may also include other positions such as the World Service Business Conference Delegates, committee chairs or Regional representatives.
- C) Meetings be chaired by the [insert board title in blanks]. In the event the _____ is unable to chair any meeting, another Board Member will lead the meeting.
- D) Meetings shall be chaired by the chairman of the board. In the event the chairman is unable to chair any meeting, the vice chair will lead the meeting. In the event the vice chair is not available, the secretary will open the meeting and hold an election for a temporary chairman.

Section 2 – Nominations to the Intergroup Board

Nominations to the board may be made from the floor at the time of election. A nominating committee may also be formed, at the discretion of the Intergroup.

Section 3 – Qualifications for the Intergroup Board

To qualify for election to the Intergroup Board, an individual must:

- A) Be working the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of OA Service to the best of their ability.
- B) Have [specify length of time] of current abstinence except as follows (each person shall be the sole judge of his or her abstinence):
 - 1) World Service Business Conference Delegates must comply with the abstinence and length of service requirements in the World Service Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c 1). Current requirements are one year current abstinence and at least two years of service above the group level.
 - 2) Region representatives must comply with the abstinence and length of service specified in the Region's Bylaws [include specific Region Bylaw requirements].
- C) Be a regular member of an affiliated group.

Section 4 – Election of Board Members

- A) Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of election.
- B) Nominees must be present at the election meeting. The candidate must receive a majority vote for election.
- C) Voting will be by ballot.

Section 5 – Term of Office

- A) The term of office for a Board Member is _____.
- B) Board members may serve no more than [specify amount] consecutive terms in the same position. A member may serve again after a leave of _____ in the position.
- C) Once elected, a Board Member may not serve as a group representative to the Intergroup.

Section 6 – Responsibilities of the Intergroup Board Members

- A) Serve as guardians of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts with respect to the functions of the Intergroup.
- B) Perform the duties of their offices in accordance with Intergroup policies and procedures.
- C) Serve as guardian of Intergroup funds; participate in annual financial audit.
- D) Provide a forum for the interchange of ideas and information between member groups.

Section 7 – Vacancies and Resignations

- A) If a Board Member is absent from an IG meeting more than _____ times in [specify the amount of times], he/she may be removed from the position by a majority vote of the members.
- B) Any Board Member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the chairman of the Intergroup written notice.
- C) Any Board Member of this Intergroup may be removed from office for due cause by a [specify amount] (e.g. more than a majority, 2/3, 3/4) vote of the IRs at a special meeting announced for that purpose.

Section 8 – Filling of Vacancies

- A) Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at the next meeting or special meeting of the Intergroup after the vacancy occurs. Such persons chosen to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- B) A person chosen to fill any vacancy on the board shall meet the qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**Section 1 – Regular Meetings**

The Intergroup will meet [specify frequency] at a time and place designated by a majority of the voting members.

Section 2 – Annual Meetings

An annual meeting shall be held in the month of [specify month] for the election of officers.

NOTE: [Select a month and day that is at least 120 days prior to the World Service Business Conference (WSBC) allowing adequate time for election of the WSBC Delegate(s).]

Section 3 – Special Meetings

A special meeting may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Intergroup Board, or by petition of [insert specific percentage] Intergroup members, by giving notice as prescribed in Article V, Section 4.

Section 4 – Method of Notification

The Intergroup will provide at least [recommended 7] days notice to each member group.

Section 5 – Quorum

Those voting members present at any meeting of this Intergroup constitute a quorum.

Section 6 – Meeting Procedure

The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts shall be read at the beginning of each meeting.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The board may establish committees as are needed for the welfare and operation of the Intergroup. Each committee is responsible to the IG Board.

ARTICLE VII – PRUDENT RESERVE

The IG treasurer will maintain a prudent reserve of [amount or months expenses] to cover expected operational needs. Excess funds will be donated to OA service bodies as determined by the IG.

ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

NOTE: Intergroups may conduct the business of their groups by any method they choose. Once chosen, however, the method should be adopted in the Bylaws so that members may be confident that the rules will not be changed as circumstances change to advantage some at the expense of others. The parliamentary authority common in use throughout Overeaters Anonymous is the most current available edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the IRs and Board Members present at any regular or special meeting of the Intergroup. The proposed amendment must be communicated in writing to each member group at least [*recommended 30*] days prior to the voting meeting.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

When this Intergroup ceases operation, and all debts have been paid, all remaining funds shall be distributed to other Overeaters Anonymous service bodies or the WSO as in accord with Tradition Six.