

**C) Intergroup Representative
(if this office is vacant, the Secretary
assumes these responsibilities).**

The Intergroup Representative:

1. Attends and participates at Intergroup and/or World Service Organization (teleconference) meeting each month.
2. Communicates information and activity announcements from the Intergroup and WSO to his or her meeting. This information is usually reported weekly.
3. Makes concerns and questions of meetings known to Intergroup and World Service Organization. Also conveys experience, strength and hope from Intergroup and WSO.
4. Gets involved with the Intergroup and WSO Committees: WSO Office, Literature development, *ComLine* Newsletter, Treasurer, Website support, and Special Events.

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The Suggested Commitment to Service

I perform service so that my program will be available for myself, and through those efforts, others may benefit. I will perform service and practice my recovery by:

1. Affirming that the true power of our program rests in the membership of the meetings and is expressed through our Higher Power and through group conscience.

2. Confirming that our process is one of inclusion and not exclusion; showing special sensitivity to the viewpoint of the minority in the process of formulating the group conscience so that any decision is reflective of the spirit of the group and not merely the vote of the majority.
3. Placing principles before personalities.
4. Keeping myself fit for service by working my recovery as a member of the program.
5. Striving to facilitate the sharing of experience, strength, and hope at all levels: meetings, Intergroups, Regional committees, service boards, and World Services.
6. Accepting the different forms and levels of service and allowing those around me to each function according to their own abilities.
7. Remaining willing to forgive myself and others for not performing perfectly.
8. Being willing to surrender the position in which I serve in the interest of unity and to provide the opportunity for others to serve; to avoid problems of money, property, and prestige; and to avoid losing my own recovery through the use of service to act out my old behavior, especially in taking care of others, controlling, rescuing, being a victim, etc.
9. Remembering I am a trusted servant; I do not govern.

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Fortunately, our Second Tradition reminds us that our real authority in ACA meetings and service work is “a loving God as expressed in our group conscience.” ...note that our leaders – chairpersons secretaries, group representatives, and the like – are not in charge. No one is in charge of ACA. We do elect trusted servants directly responsible to those they serve. They have no power. They serve the fellowship from the motives of compassion, love, and humility

For those who might flirt with the notion of being in charge, ACA gives them a chance to learn the meaning of ACA service. By watching other trusted servants in ACA, these members soon learn the value of serving rather than taking. Hold-over notions of being in charge evaporate. Only God as expressed in the group conscience is in charge.

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Other forms of service work such as group secretary, group representative, Intergroup representative, or WSO trustee are volunteer positions without pay. Members elected to these positions accept them in an attitude of giving service rather than receiving anything of monetary value. These trusted servants often pay their own way to meetings and conferences held on behalf of ACA.

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The Twelve Traditions of ACA are listed here. It is suggested that all members, especially those in service positions, read Chapter 19 of the BRB, *The Twelve Traditions of ACA*, in its entirety. This chapter provides further reading and additional insight into each of our Traditions, particularly regarding service work, including exercises for writing and/or sharing, and meditations on service and support of the Twelve Traditions.

Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on ACA unity.

Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Tradition Three

The only requirement for membership in ACA is a desire to recover from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.

Tradition Four

Each group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or ACA as a whole. We cooperate with all other Twelve Step programs.

Tradition Five

Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the adult child who still suffers.

Tradition Six

An ACA group ought never to endorse, finance, or lend the ACA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Tradition Seven

Every ACA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Tradition Eight

Adult Children of Alcoholics should remain forever unprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Tradition Nine

ACA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Tradition Ten

Adult Children of Alcoholics has no opinion on outside issues; hence the ACA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Tradition Eleven

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, films, and other public media.

Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Suggested Reading for the

Intergroup Representative



In Service We Find Our Program

This trifold contains suggested readings for IG representatives, compiled by the PA-ACA Intergroup, IG599.

It is not an ACA WSO Conference-approved piece of literature, but its contents are drawn directly from the BRB.