

**THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP
SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
~~SYDNEY AUSTRALIAN~~ INTERGROUP
CONSTITUTION**

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1. Purpose

1.1 ~~Sydney Australian~~ Intergroup ("Intergroup") acts as a communications and service center for all ~~registered~~ SLAA ~~in -person groups in the Sydney Australia metropolitan and surrounding areas and all virtual (phone or web) groups based in Australia.~~

1.2 Its purpose in providing these services is to assist those groups to carry out Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers.

1.3 These services include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Building unity among ~~registered local Australian~~ SLAA groups;
- (b) Creating a spirit of fellowship among sex and love addicts as a vehicle for recovery;
- (c) Serving as a medium for ordering and distributing SLAA ~~copyright-Conference~~ approved literature;
- (d) Facilitating the planning and promotion of SLAA-related events including conventions, workshops, socials, dinners, fund raisers, retreats and special events;
- (e) Facilitating the exchange of information between ~~local Australian~~ SLAA groups and Fellowship Wide Services.

~~1.4 Intergroup may provide these services to any SLAA groups in Australia that are not~~

Commented [PH1]: "Registered" means registered with FWS. The vast majority of groups are not registered with FWS. Requiring registration places a burden on new and small groups with little benefit, and would discourage group participation in Intergroup. This requirement appears to have been overlooked

2.2(d) defines group membership of Intergroup as those groups listed on slaa.org.au.

~~affiliated with a local intergroup. Where it is more practical or efficient to provide a service on a national basis, it may provide that service to all SLAA groups in Australia.~~

Commented [PH2]: This clause becomes irrelevant with a shift to an Australian Intergroup

2. Membership

2.1 Intergroup comprises officers appointed under clause 3 and one representative ("GR") of each group

2.2 Groups entitled to appoint GRs must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) As a group, it meets to practice the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous.
- (b) As a group, it has no affiliation other than SLAA.
- (c) Its usual physical meeting place is within ~~the Sydney metropolitan and surrounding areas~~ Australia or is a virtual meeting based in Australia.
- (d) Its usual meeting ~~place details is are~~ listed in the meetings list maintained by Intergroup on the slaa.org.au website.

3. Officers

3.1 The permanent officers of Intergroup are its Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Literature Person, ~~Meetings List Person, Phonenumber Enquiries Person, Webmaster and Meeting Database Manager Site Coordinator~~ and Chair of the Public Information Committee.

Commented [PH3]: Meeting List Person position is redundant with there now being a functioning meeting database on slaa.org.au.

Enquiries Person covers both phone and email enquiries.

Webmaster is contemporary term.

Commented [PH4]: Grammar correction

3.2 On a vacancy in a permanent office, Intergroup may by majority vote, appoint any qualified person as a permanent officer. The requisite qualifications are:

- (a) The person identifies as a sex and love addict ~~who and~~ regularly attends a group qualified to appoint a GR to Intergroup under clause 2.2.
- (b) The person has three months self-defined sobriety free from sex and love addiction.

3.3 Permanent officers shall hold office for a period of one year from their election. On the expiry of an officer's term, the position shall be declared vacant. Retiring officers are eligible for re-election.

3.4 Intergroup may by majority vote declare the position of any permanent office to be vacant.

3.5 If a permanent officer has a slip, ~~he or she~~ they need not vacate ~~his or her~~ their position. However, ~~if the person has a second slip~~ within three months, ~~his or her~~ their position is automatically deemed vacant.

Commented [PH5]: Gender neutral inclusive term

3.6 Permanent officers may not simultaneously hold a position of GR to Intergroup. If Intergroup appoints a GR as a permanent officer, ~~his or her~~ their GR position is automatically deemed vacant.

3.7 The duties of permanent officers shall be as specified by Intergroup from time to time.

3.8 Intergroup may by majority vote appoint any person as a temporary officer to carry out such duties as may be specified by Intergroup for such term as may be specified by Intergroup.

4. Meetings

4.1 The Secretary shall convene normal meetings to be held on the normal meeting date as decided by Intergroup.

4.2 The Secretary shall convene a special meeting at any time on the request of:

(a) The Chair, in which case the meeting shall be convened on a date determined by the Chair; or

(b) On the written request of any four voting members of Intergroup, in which case the meeting must be convened within 14 days of receipt of that request.

4.3 The written request referred to in the preceding clause may be made by e-mail to the Secretary from each of the voting members requesting the meeting.

4.4 Meetings may be held in person or by any ~~electronic virtual means~~ (such as Teleconference or web) which enables all participating persons to hear each other participating person.

4.5 The quorum for an Intergroup meeting is four voting members.

4.6 Meetings of Intergroup shall be chaired by the Chair. In ~~his or her~~ their absence, a voting member of Intergroup appointed by the meeting shall chair the meeting.

4.7 Each permanent officer and each GR shall have one vote. No person may have more than one vote. In the event of a tie, the chair shall declare a motion lost.]

4.8 Decisions of Intergroup shall be by simple majority, except for amendments of this Constitution as specified in clause 7.2.

4.9 In addition to officers and GRs, any person identifying as a sex and love addict who regularly attends any group qualified to appoint a GR to Intergroup may attend and speak at Intergroup meetings. However, only permanent officers and GRs are entitled to vote.

4.10 Other persons may attend and speak at Intergroup meetings at the invitation of Intergroup.

5. Committees

5.1 Intergroup may appoint such committees as required in order to carry out its purpose of the Intergroup, comprising such individuals as Intergroup shall ~~decide~~.

5.2 The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of the Intergroup shall be ex-officio members of all standing and ad-hoc committees.

6. Assets

6.1 No part of the assets of Intergroup shall ever be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons.

6.2 Intergroup may pay compensation for services rendered and reimburse individuals for expense incurred.

Commented [PH6]: Virtual is contemporary term.

Commented [PH7]: This constitution defines operations of Intergroup not groups. The autonomy of each group means any group or collection of groups can decide to form committees to organise things like events, Hospitals & Institutions or Public Information.

This does not require explicit statement in this constitution as Intergroups do not govern groups.(Tradition 4)

E.g. In recent years groups in both Canberra and Northern Rivers organised conventions without having local Intergroups.

6.3 Intergroup may from time to time make donations to The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. ("FWS").

6.4 Upon dissolution of Intergroup, after paying or adequately providing for any debts or obligations, the remaining assets shall be donated to FWS.

7. Adoption and Amendment

7.1 This Constitution was adopted unanimously by Intergroup at its meeting on 10 September 2011.

7.2 This Constitution may only be amended by two-thirds majority vote after one month's notice of the amendment has been given to all voting members of Intergroup.

Andrew S

Chair of meeting held on 10 September 2011

Date