

AA AKRON INTERGROUP OFFICE NEW GROUP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Akron Intergroup Office welcomes you and provides information and services to the Akron AA Intergroup community. The Meeting Directory is one of the primary resources for AA members, listing all the meetings within the Akron Intergroup area. One may also obtain meeting information by logging onto the Akron Intergroup website <http://akronaa.org>. The meeting listings are not intended as advertisements or endorsements for any particular meeting. They are provided as a service to the Akron AA community. **The Akron Intergroup is not a policing organization.** It relies on the information provided by the members of each AA group. Each AA group is expected to ensure that meetings conform to the AA Twelve Traditions and singleness of purpose in all of their group conscience decisions.

There are over 400 AA meetings listed by the Akron Intergroup Meeting Directory. While it is true that any two alcoholics may constitute an AA meeting, it is also important that an AA group must be able to carry out the primary purpose of our fellowship which is **"to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."** Therefore, the Akron Intergroup Office will do its part to ensure that any new AA group follows the AA Traditions as part of the application process and that a meeting is stable (i.e. has been meeting for 60 days or more) before it is listed in the Meeting Directory as well as at <http://akronaa.org>. One indicator that a group is strong and solid is that it has elected representatives regularly attend the Intergroup Council meetings as well as other AA service functions.

When an application is made to form a new AA group, the following questions should be considered and answered:

1. What is/was the date of the first meeting of the new group?
2. Is there another AA group in the area that is the same day, time & type of meeting? (If so, you may be asked to meet with the Akron Intergroup's Group Services Committee to explain why another AA group meeting is necessary).
3. What are the reasons for starting this new group?
4. How many home group members does the AA group have?
5. Is AA the most appropriate fellowship to best address the issues & substances that affect current attendees? (You may be asked to meet with the Akron Intergroup's Group Services Committee to explain your group's reasoning).
6. It is highly suggested that the Group Secretary or a designated home group representative read the booklet **"The AA Group, where it all beg ins"** which will be provided at the time an application is made.

REMEMBER:

- * An AA group listed in the Meeting Directory should be available to all alcoholics, although it may be restricted to men or women only.
- * An AA group should never be named after a person, institution or facility.
- * Each AA group should have a name that is unique enough so that it will not be confused with other AA groups.
- * Consider the advantages of making the new meeting CLOSED so that it is easier to maintain AA's singleness of purpose statement and AA's Twelve Traditions.
- * Please understand that the Akron Intergroup Office may ask your group to choose a new name or meeting time if there is a conflict.
- * A member or representative of the Group Services Committee of the Akron Intergroup may attend the new meeting prior to being listed in the Meeting Directory or the Intergroup's website.

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS:

1. What was/is the date of the first meeting of the new group?(*) _____
2. Is there another AA group in the area that is the same day, time & type of meeting? ____YES ____NO ____DON'T KNOW
3. What are the reasons for starting this new group?

4. How many home group members does the AA group have? _____
5. Is AA the most appropriate fellowship to best address the issues & substances that affect current attendees? ____YES ____NO
6. Will the Group Secretary or designated home group member read the booklet "**The AA Group, where it all begins**" prior to being listed in the Meeting Directory and on the Intergroup's website? ____YES ____NO
Name of Individual _____ Phone _____
email _____

(*) Note: A new group must be meeting regularly for at least 60 days and it is highly suggested that a representative read the booklet "**The AA Group, where it all begins**" prior to being entered into the Akron Meeting Directory's next printing and put on the Intergroup's website.

When the above questions are answered and the "**Akron Intergroup Office Directory Listing, Group Registration & Update Form (attached)**" is completed, bring or provide it to: Akron Area Intergroup Council Office, 775 N. Main St., Akron, Ohio 44310-3044. The Intergroup Office will review & process the application. Thank You.



Akron Intergroup Office

Directory Listing, Group Registration & Update Form

Group Information

☐ New Meeting

Group Name _____ Today's Date _____ Number of Members _____

Meeting location _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Address _____

Meeting Day(s) _____ Meeting Time _____ Election Month _____

Location Description _____

Address Description _____

Open¹ ☐ Closed² ☐ Discussion ☐ Men ☐ Women ☐ Big Book ☐ Mini Lead ☐ Panel ☐ Step ☐
Floating Format ☐ Non-Smoking-Property ☐ LGBT ☐ Tape Study ☐ Closed Legal Holidays ☐
ASL Interpreter ☐ No Court Papers ☐ Child Care Available ☐ No Children ☐ Seasonal ☐ Audio ☐
Institutional ☐ Wheelchair Accessible (Meeting & Restroom) ☐ Wheelchair Accessible (Meeting Only) ☐

Secretary Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____

Treasurer Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____

InterGroup Rep Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____

Alternate IGR Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____

¹THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here – especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.” We ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol.

²THIS IS A CLOSED MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. In support of A.A.'s singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that when discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism.

