

## **Welcome to Intergroup!**

Hello and welcome to your first meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Intergroup (GPI) of Overeaters Anonymous. We're glad that you've chosen to give service here. We want to help you become familiar with what GPI and its members do, and how the meetings function.

GPI is a clearinghouse through which groups and members can communicate quickly and efficiently for the purpose of OA business. Each group affiliated with GPI may elect a member (and alternate) to represent the group at the monthly intergroup meeting. GPI maintains a website and social media presence (GPI's social media accounts are kept free of comments that would reveal the identity of OA members), maintains a local meeting list, keeps the World Service Office (WSO) informed of meeting changes, disseminates information to the public, arranges events and retreats, and publishes a quarterly recovery newsletter.

The monthly GPI meetings are run by Robert's Rules of Order (see GPI Standing Rules on back of this page).

GPI is made up of all Executive Board members, Standing Committee chairs, Region 7 Representatives and Alternates, World Service Delegates and Alternates, and Intergroup Representatives. Here's a quick summary of what the various members do. If you have any further questions, please ask any member of GPI.

### **Executive Board:**

Chairperson	chairs meetings of GPI, prepares/distributes GPI agendas, orients new GPI members, coordinates the responsibilities of GPI
Vice-Chairperson	maintains official bylaws of GPI, policy manual, and equipment list, assists Chairperson as needed
Treasurer	handles/balances the books & provides financial reporting, serves on Finance Committee
Secretary	handles administrative matters for GPI
Ex-Officio	immediate past chairperson

### **Standing Committee Chairs:**

12 <sup>th</sup> Step Within	coordinates outreach to still suffering compulsive eaters within OA
Outreach	informs professionals who refer people to OA, and the general public, about OA
Speakers Bureau	maintains speakers list(s)
VOR Editor	compiles and distributes quarterly recovery newsletter
Special Events	coordinates special events (marathons) and annual retreat

### **Other Trusted Servants:**

Region 7 Representatives/Alternates	Region 7 representatives and alternates represent GPI at the biannual Region 7 Assembly
World Service Delegates/Alternates	World Service delegates and alternates represent GPI at the annual World Service Business Conference
Intergroup Representatives/Alternates	represent their groups at the monthly meeting of GPI; each group is entitled to one vote at GPI

### **Contract Employee:**

GPI Special Worker	in accordance with tradition 8, maintains our website, meeting list, maintains online archive of all GPI files, and performs GPI administrative work as needed
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Please see <https://oa.org/service-bodies/affiliation-and-participation-flow-chart/> for information on how GPI fits into the larger service structure of OA as a whole

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**GPI Standing Rules**

1. All proceedings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, except when in conflict with Greater Pittsburgh Intergroup Bylaws, policies/procedures, and standing rules.
2. Meetings are open to all OA members. Anyone present may speak when acknowledged by the Chairperson. However, only group representatives, intergroup members, or other delegates may vote on measures brought to the floor.
3. The Chairperson will report to the body all absences of Board members and the nature thereof.
4. All motions regarding Bylaws must be submitted in writing 30 days prior to the Intergroup meeting in order for the motions to be considered.
5.
  - a. For each motion there will be no more than three (3) pro and three (3) con speakers. The first pro is the maker of the motion.
  - b. No one may speak on two (2) consecutive motions unless no one else wishes to speak on the second motion.
6. An individual may speak only once on a particular item until everyone wishing to speak has done so within the allotted time.
7. A member of the Intergroup may speak for two (2) minutes to a question/motion when recognized by the chair.
8. No more than fifteen (15) minutes discussion will be allowed on an item. There will be a five (5) minute warning. If the matter is not disposed of at the end of the fifteen (15) minutes, it will be considered unfinished business to be brought back during the next Intergroup meeting.