

TIPS FOR GETTING MORE REPS TO IG AND DOING SERVICE

1. **Adopt a group:** intergroup reps can visit meetings which are not represented at that intergroup. Share about how the intergroup works and how it helps personal recovery; invite members from the group to come to intergroup; offer them a ride to the meeting.
2. **Provide orientation packages for new representatives:** Orientation packets may help answer some new representatives' questions. Packets might include: welcome letter, Intergroup Bylaws, intergroup ground rules, "OA Handbook," "The Twelve Traditions" pamphlet, "Through Our Own Contributions" Seventh Tradition pamphlet, a simplified explanation of parliamentary procedure.
3. **Adopt a newcomer at intergroup:** "Old-timer" representatives at intergroup can help make newcomers feel at home and comfortable with the procedures and the topics being discussed.
4. **Carry back the message:** that we do not come to intergroup to "get" recovery, but to "practice" recovery.
5. **Invite a speaker from your Region 2 Board** to speak about service at all four levels (WSBC, region, intergroup and group).
6. **Publish attendance at meetings;** send emails to each group reminding them of the next meeting.
7. **Observe punctuality:** Make sure meetings start and end on time.
8. **Keep the focus on the issues:** Hold a meeting of officers and interested delegates to deal with business procedures and to prepare for intergroup meetings. Meetings will be more efficient and cover a wider variety of issues.
9. **Use a timer.** This prevents members from talking too long and being repetitious. Meetings will be shorter and more will be accomplished.
10. **Designate someone to call new reps** after the meeting to see if they have questions and to welcome them to the intergroup.
11. **Emphasize Twelve Traditions,** always remembering to place principles before personalities.
12. **The Chair is directive** and keeps members on track.