

**THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP
SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
SYDNEY INTERGROUP**

1. PURPOSE OF INTERGROUP

- 1.1 Sydney Intergroup ("Intergroup") acts as a communications and service center for all registered SLAA groups in the Sydney metropolitan and surrounding areas. Intergroup's activities are governed by its constitution, which is posted on the SLAA Australian web site, slaa.org.au.
- 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 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 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 SLAA groups and Fellowship Wide Services.
- 1.4 Particular services currently provided by Intergroup include:
 - (a) providing literature to meetings;
 - (b) providing public liability insurance for meetings Australia-wide;
 - (c) maintaining SLAA's Australian web site (slaa.org.au), which includes meeting lists, news and other resources for members, and provides an introduction to SLAA for Australians who fear they may suffer from sex and love addiction and for professionals;
 - (d) printed meeting lists;
 - (e) Sydney phonenumber;
 - (f) acting as a liaison with the public and responds to media inquiries; and
 - (g) appointing and funding the organising committees for conventions and retreats.
- 1.5 In providing these services, Intergroup makes payments of approximately \$5,500 per annum, including:
 - (a) \$2,500 annual premium for public liability insurance;
 - (b) phonenumber costs;
 - (c) Internet hosting costs;
 - (d) repayable loans for meeting start-ups;
 - (e) capital for convention; and
 - (f) annual donation to Fellowship-Wide Services ("FWS").

FWS produces literature; hosts SLAA's international website; supports office positions and hosts a worldwide convention. In accordance with its Prudent Reserve Policy, Intergroup donates its surplus cash to FWS. In 2011, Intergroup donated \$1,500 to FWS and in 2012, \$2,000.

2. **DUTIES OF INTERGROUP OFFICERS**

2.1 **Chair**

- (a) Chair all meetings of Intergroup.
- (b) Request the Secretary to convene special meetings when required.
- (c) Advise the Secretary of any special agenda items.
- (d) Represent Intergroup to meetings.
- (e) Encourage meetings to appoint intergroup representatives.
- (f) Act as bank account signatory.

2.2 **Secretary**

- (a) Convene normal and special meetings of Intergroup in accordance with the Constitution.
- (b) In consultation with the Chair, prepare and circulate the agenda for Intergroup meetings.
- (c) Prepare and circulate minutes of Intergroup meetings.
- (d) Respond to correspondence on behalf of Intergroup, including e-mails address to secretary.sydney@slaa.org.au.
- (e) Act as bank account signatory.

2.3 **Treasurer**

- (a) Receive and bank donations from meetings.
- (b) Obtain Intergroup authorization for expenses and arrange payment of these.
- (c) Report to Intergroup monthly on income, expenses and bank balance.
- (d) Arrange SLAA Australia's public liability insurance policy; seek contribution towards the premium from other Australian Intergroups and meetings not regularly donating to Sydney Intergroup.
- (e) Recommend to Intergroup an annual donation to Fellowship Wide Services in accordance with Intergroup's Prudent Reserve Policy.
- (f) Act as bank account signatory.
- (g) Collect mail from Post Office box and distribute as appropriate.

2.4 **Web Site Co-ordinator**

- (a) Make the following additions and alterations to the site at his or her discretion in accordance with Intergroup's Web Site Content Protocol:
 - (i) on the News page, post announcements as requested;
 - (ii) on the News page, post links to or copies of announcements & other new items posted by Fellowship Wide Services on its web site;
 - (iii) on the Meetings page, make changes advised at Intergroup, provided the relevant meeting's group conscience has approved its listing on the site;
 - (iv) on the Literature Orders page, make changes requested by the Literature Person;

- (v) editorial corrections – being minor changes or corrections - as required.
- (b) Make other content and format changes after approval by Sydney and Melbourne Intergroup.
- (c) Report monthly to Intergroup on the site's operation.

2.5 **Literature Person**

- (a) Receive and fill orders from Sydney meetings, Melbourne Intergroup and other meetings and individuals outside the Sydney and Melbourne areas.
- (b) Maintain stock of literature; order replacement stock from Fellowship Wide Services as required.
- (c) Set prices to cover Intergroup's costs.

2.6 **Phoneline Person**

- (a) Monitor Intergroup's phonenumber for incoming messages.
- (b) If a message is from a person of the same sex as the Phoneline Person, respond to the message.
- (c) If not, pass the message on to the other person appointed by Intergroup to assist.

2.7 **Chair Public Information Committee**

- (a) Chairs meetings of the Public Information Committee.
- (b) The role of the Committee is to develop policies for Intergroup's interactions with the media and the professional community, and to:
 - (i) act as a liaison with the public; respond to media inquiries;
 - (ii) develop and improve communication with professional community by furnishing speakers for non-SLAA organisations such as hospitals, penal institutions, correctional facilities, mental health clinics, rehabilitation centres, courts, juvenile homes and abused family residences seeking information about SLAA;
 - (iii) work with professionals who ask for help in establishing a SLAA group at their facility by acting as a liaison to the general membership;
 - (iv) distribute information to other SLAA members who then might participate in professional programmes which are designed to reach other sex and love addicts.
- (c) Submits a monthly report to Intergroup.

3. **GROUP REPRESENTATIVES**

3.1 Intergroup comprises the above officers and a representative of each registered SLAA group in the Sydney metropolitan and surrounding areas.

3.2 The role of these group representatives includes:

- (a) bringing to Intergroup matters of concern to their meeting as indicated by the meeting's group conscience;
- (b) providing guidance to Intergroup's officers in their provision of services to meetings and the performance of their other duties; and
- (c) informing their meetings of Intergroup activities.

3.3 Through their performance of these duties, group representatives receive useful training which makes them more ready to act as Intergroup officers.