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POLICIES

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SERVICE BOARD

1. A summary of what was discussed at the Service Board meeting shall be prepared and read at each Intergroup meeting. *(September 1986)*
2. If Service Board Members, R2/WSO Delegates or their alternates are absent from two successive meetings of Silicon Valley Intergroup, they can be contacted, counseled and then replaced. *(October 1987)*
3. The qualifications for Service Board members shall be:
 - Six months of abstinence as defined by the candidate
 - Participation for at least four months at Intergroup level.

INTERGROUP MEETINGS

1. The Silicon Valley Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous has decided that for the sake of time, the length of debate for any motion to be voted on by the Intergroup shall be limited to three (3) PRO speakers and three (3) CON speakers. Points of Order and Questions of Privilege shall be allowed, at the discretion of the Chair, in an unlimited number. (Adopted August 1995 - updated October 1998)
2. Elections: A written proxy may be sent if you cannot be present for the election. *(May 1981)*

Deleted: This motion will be adopted for a period of six (6) months from the date of passage and shall be considered for permanent adoption at that time. (March 1994)

TREASURER

1. Any money left over from World Service Conference after the bills have been figured out be put back into the delegates fund for the next year. *(June 1982)*
2. Any committee's event where money income within a calendar year is expected to be over \$1000 should set up its own bank account in order to process checks and not use Intergroup's bank accounts. *(adopted November 1986; updated October 1998)*
3. Silicon Valley Intergroup should no longer contribute to WSO and Region 2 from our own funds on a regular basis. *(July 1986)*
4. Groups that donate to Silicon Valley Intergroup, WSO, and R2 all on one check should so designate the division of 60-30-10 on the check. The Intergroup Treasurer will then send the designated amounts to the proper treasuries as a service to the groups. If checks do come to the Intergroup without any designation, it will be assumed that the total amount should be deposited in our funds. *(July 1986)*

Deleted: INTERGROUP OFFICERS¶
1. . AT THE TIME OF ELECTION OF THE NEW OFFICERS, INTERGROUP WILL ASK EACH NOMINEE IF THEY ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB AND IF THEY FULFILL THE ABSTINENCE REQUIREMENTS. (APRIL 1979)¶

Deleted: 1. . Intergroup will make the usual \$10/month to World Service and put the rest into the delegates fund until enough funds are raised to cover the delegate expenses. (March 1981)¶
2. . At the end of the month, Intergroup will return to giving it's 10% donation to WSO. (May 1981)¶
3. . Open a savings account at American Savings. (June 1981)¶

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5. The budget shall be prepared by an ad hoc committee comprised of the Treasurer, the Chair, and at least three other voting members of the Intergroup. (April 1993) The Treasurer shall chair this committee. (December 1993)
6. The Intergroup may, under circumstances of financial hardship declared by the Intergroup, cut or add to the allocation from the Annual Budget for any allocated expense or revenue to any amount the Intergroup sees fit. A simple majority of all eligible voting members present at the regular meeting of the Silicon Valley Intergroup is required to declare financial hardship and reallocate funds. (April 1993)
7. All funds raised through functions consistent with Tradition Seven of Overeaters Anonymous, and sponsored by Silicon Valley Intergroup shall be used for the purposes originally advertised in promotional material. Should those funds no longer be needed for the purpose stated, the Intergroup may, be a simple majority vote of all eligible voting members present at the regular meeting of the Intergroup, release funds to any other budgeted allocation. (April 1993; updated October 1998)
8. The Treasurer may ask that all expenses incurred from funds not honored by the bank be paid for by the issuer of the funds. (April 1993)
9. The Intergroup fiscal year will be changed from May 1 thru April 30 to January 1 thru December 31 and have budget reviewed by Intergroup in October of the preceding year. (February 1995)
10. Once the Budget for the R2 and WSO Representatives is established, the budgeted amount shall be divided by 12. The resultant shall be transferred to the R2 and WSO Account each month. (November 1997)

Deleted: 9. . Discontinue putting money in the office account and have the money set aside for a special interest. (January 1987)¶

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SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall be elected from the O.A. membership by the O.A. Silicon Valley Intergroup. (July 1996) The elected term will run from January 1 through December 31. (updated October 1998)
2. Three months of abstinence requirement for the Intergroup Secretary. (March 1984)
3. It was decided to dispense with reading of the minutes and distribute them to the meeting and approve the minutes before the end of the meeting. (November 1987)

Deleted: 1. . Dated and corrected By-Laws shall be issued to each meeting and be kept with the Secretary's kit. (May 1981)¶

INTERGROUP COMMITTEES

ALL COMMITTEES

1. There is a three-month abstinence requirement for committee chairpeople and the Incoming Mail Chairperson. (June 1982; updated October 1998)

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2. Committee Chairs will commit to serve one calendar year and submit monthly Intergroup reports. *(December 1994)*

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Due to the fiduciary responsibility inherent with the position of chairperson of the activities committee, said Chair shall be selected from the Service Board of the Silicon Valley Intergroup and elected at a regular meeting of the Silicon Valley Intergroup. *(April 1993)*

INTERGROUP OUTREACH/MEETING REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. A Committee elected to visit meetings not involved with Intergroup and share with them the purpose of Intergroup. *(March 1981)*
2. The Intergroup Outreach Committee should call on meetings that need support. *(June 1982)*
3. New meetings will be given \$25 from Silicon Valley Intergroup to help with start-up costs. *(November 1988)*

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

1. ~~That in accordance with our Traditions we suggest that OA groups maintain unity and protect our Traditions by selling only program books and pamphlets at their meetings. This would include AA Conference approved literature and OA Conference and Board approved literature. Intergroup or group prepared local literature should be used with the greatest discretion. Even then we suggest you submit it to the World Service Office for their information. This type of local literature should be considered temporary and discontinued when OA literature approved for general use is available to cover the topic.~~ *(July 1982)*

Deleted: 1. The Vice Chairperson should inform new meetings that a literature kit is available to them and that they may pick one up at the Intergroup meeting. The Literature Committee will be reimbursed by Intergroup. *(August 1980)*

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

1. The Silicon Valley Intergroup Newsletter shall only print OA sponsored activities, the OA Silicon Valley meeting list and news. (April 1979; updated October 1998)
2. The Chairperson of the Newsletter Committee shall have six months abstinence and that those serving on that committee have three months abstinence. (June 1981)
3. The Editor of the Newsletter will screen any material to be passed out with the monthly newsletters, and only material relating to OA sponsored events will be distributed with the newsletter. The material must comply with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA. (October 1986)

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4. Remove all meetings from the newsletter listing that are not affiliated with our Intergroup unless those meetings specifically request being left on the list. (January 1987)
5. The Newsletter shall be published monthly on the basis of the Silicon Valley Intergroup's ability to pay all costs incurred in the publication. The mechanism for the funding of this item shall come from the Annual Budget allocation and quarterly review of said allocation by the Intergroup, and fund-raising activities of the Newsletter Committee. (April 1993; updated October 1998)
6. Any meeting currently not listed in the Silicon Valley Intergroup Newsletter that wishes to be listed in the Silicon Valley Intergroup Newsletter shall be required to send a representative to a Silicon Valley Intergroup meeting to formally request that they are included in the newsletter. (July 1996)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Up to \$40 be allotted for health fairs at the discretion of the Treasurer and the P. I. Committee. (April 1981)
2. Public Information Chair should handle the OA videotape library. Establish a \$45 deposit for borrowing the tape. (May 1982)
3. All those wishing to be on the Silicon Valley Intergroup speakers list shall have six-months abstinence to speak within the fellowship and one year to speak outside the fellowship. (June 1988)

WORLD SERVICE AND REGION 2 (R2) DELEGATES

1. The Committee will consist of:
 - Two outgoing delegates.
 - Two newly elected delegates to be elected in August of each year.
 - Delegates to serve two conferences, then to be re-elected as per Intergroup procedures.
 - Four (4) alternate delegates.
 - Delegates will rotate in attendance to Southern California meetings. All to attend nearby Northern California Region 2 meetings, if possible.
 - A meeting of the above committee shall be held after each Region 2 meeting to share information and keep abreast of Region 2 happenings.
 - Announcement of this decision is to be placed in the August newsletter. (April 1987)

Deleted: TAPE LIBRARY COMMITTEE¶

1. . The Tape Library shall continue to loan tapes at a fee of \$6.00 for deposit. (November 1980)¶
 2. . Do away with the existing tape library fund and make it part of the General Fund. (June 1981)¶
- #### **VOICE MAIL/COURAGE LINE¶**
1. . Only strong meetings should be listed on the Courage Line. (February 1982)¶

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2. Delegates who attend a World Service Conference or R2 Assembly submit a typed report suitable for the Secretary's notebook. (*August 1982*)
3. Dispose of World Service conference binders over two years old. (*August 1982*)
4. Newly elected delegates (WSO/R2) assume office at the time of election. (*November 1982*)
5. If WSO/R2 delegates or their alternates are absent from two successive meetings of Silicon Valley Intergroup, they can be contacted, counseled and replaced. (*October 1987*)
6. Commencing on the first day following the passage by Silicon Valley Intergroup, the following resolution shall be the policy for the election of World Service Delegates, hereinafter referred to as Delegates, Region 2 Representatives, hereinafter referred to as Reps, and their alternates.

This policy shall not apply to any person elected prior to its enactment. Those persons with unexpired terms shall complete the term to which they were elected.

No person shall be elected to serve as a Delegate or Rep for more than two consecutive terms.

Any person elected to serve an unexpired term of a Delegate or Rep shall not be eligible to serve more than five consecutive years excluding any fraction thereof.

A Delegate shall be elected for a two-year term. The number of delegates shall be determined by the policy set forth in the By-Laws of the World Service of Overeaters Anonymous.

One-half of the Delegates shall be elected in alternate years. Alternate Delegates shall be selected from those elected as Reps. Alternate Delegates shall be selected based upon the vote count at the time of their election in descending order.

Reps shall be elected for two-year terms. The number of Reps shall be based on the policy of Region 2 as set forth in the By-Laws of that body. Alternate Reps shall be selected based upon the count at the time of their election in descending order. Four Alternate Reps shall be elected annually.

One-half of the Reps shall be elected in alternate years.

The qualifications for Delegates, Reps, and their alternates shall be:

- One year of abstinence as defined by the candidate.
- Shall have completed a 5th Step.
- Participation for at least six months at Intergroup level.

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- A Delegate shall have attended at least one Region 2 Assembly.
- Regular attendance at Silicon Valley Intergroup meetings. (*April 1987*)