

Section 7 Intergroup or Community Service

The Intergroup (Community Service Group)

A strong CoDA Intergroup (community service group) (CSG) is the key to the success of CoDA in general. This CoDA community group may also be called an Intergroup (community service committee) a sense of community at the local level leads to success in attracting and sustaining the involvement of members of the fellowship in service work and in community building activities. The Intergroup (CSG) is made up of Group Service Representatives (GSRs) from area meetings and CoDA members from the local Fellowship. The Twelve Service Concepts of CoDA offer guidance in establishing service boards.

Service Participation at the Intergroup (Community Service Group).

All members of the Fellowship are welcome to attend and participate in their Intergroup (CSG). All CoDA groups are encouraged to send a Group Service Representative to Intergroup (CSG) meetings. Commonly, input is welcome from all in attendance, but Group Service Representatives are usually the only participants who vote.

Intergroup Members (GSRs)

An Intergroup (CSG) service member belongs to a CoDA group and has an interest in doing local service work. There are no "job requirements" for service to CoDA, although 6 months of meeting attendance is helpful before beginning service work. Some consider it a way of practicing and demonstrating responsibility and accountability to self and to others, while working a program of recovery and remaining open to Higher Power's will.

The Group Service Representative (GSR)

A GSR is a person the Intergroup (community Service Group) selects/ elects to act as a trusted servant and attend Voting Entity meetings. An alternate GSR can be selected/ elected as well.

The GSR is a link between group representatives and the Delegates. The GSR is very valuable to the meeting because they carry the "grassroots" group conscience to the Voting Entity. GSRs may help select/ elect Delegates who represent the Group Conscience of that Voting Entity at the CoDA Service Conference.

Alternate Group Service Representative

The Alternate Group Service Representative acts on behalf of the community if the GSR cannot serve. The selection/election process is the same as that for the GSR. The alternate GSR normally accompanies the Group Service Representative to meetings as a member in training, asks questions, and learns procedures.