

CONSTITUTION of AA PORTUGAL INTERGROUP UNITY

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Aims

1. The aims of INTERGROUP UNITY are to unite and help all English-speaking AA Groups in Portugal, and to create a website in order to reach the alcoholic who still suffers with AA's message of recovery.

INTERGROUP Officers or Trusted Servants

1. Intergroup should have a Steering Committee consisting of a Chairperson, an alternate Chairperson, a Treasurer, an alternate Treasurer, a Secretary, an alternate Secretary, a Website Officer, an alternate Website Officer, a Literature Officer and an alternate Literature Officer.
2. The Intergroup must have no less than a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer in order to function.
3. The term of service of these trusted servants should be two years.
4. Nominees for these positions may be put forward by themselves or by other AA members
5. A minimum of 3 years sobriety should be required for a Chairperson and for a Treasurer. A minimum of 2 years sobriety should be required for all other trusted servants.
6. Nominees should present their qualifications (verbally or on paper) for a specific position; i.e. their Home Group, continuous sobriety, experience in AA service, professional qualifications and experience.
7. Elected trusted servants are strongly recommended to not hold any other service position, such as the position of GSR. When elected they should give up that position to be filled by another AA group member.
8. Any Nominee for Service shall be an active member of an English-speaking Group/ Meeting in Portugal.

Outside Affiliation and Service Manuals

1. Portugal INTERGROUP UNITY should have no formal affiliation with any other service structure. However, AA English speaking Groups should be free to affiliate themselves with CER or Portuguese AA structure.
2. Both UK and US/Canada Service Manuals should be available for reference by the INTERGROUP Steering Committee.

INTERGROUP meetings

1. Business meetings should be conducted once a month.
2. INTERGROUP inventory meetings should be held once a year.

Voting and Election

1. Vacancy or vacancies of positions, open for nomination, should be announced to Groups at least 4 weeks before the actual nomination process and voting.
2. Election of service positions of trusted servants vs. respective alternate trusted servants should be staggered, to ensure there is always a trusted servant and/or alternate trusted servant in place.
3. INTERGROUP officers and GSRs are eligible to vote for trusted servants. The Intergroup UNITY Chairperson is ineligible to vote.
4. Voting should be anonymous.
5. AA groups should vote on INTERGROUP proposals via their GSRs

Funding

1. INTERGROUP should present an overall Operating budget and Project budgets as needed, according to what it proposes to undertake. The Treasurer shall request that Groups fund it with contributions from their 7th Tradition. Funds can also be accepted from individual AA members.
2. When INTERGROUP has excess funds, these should not go to any other service structure, they should be returned to English speaking group activities such as Roundups.