

Greater Atlanta Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup Business Meeting

Standing Rules

INTRODUCTION: Thank you for attending, and for your service to OA through IG and other areas. IG meetings emphasize group conscience deliberations, but follow simplified parliamentary Robert's Rules of Order. Those rules enable fair and efficient guidelines to ensure everyone is heard and respected.

SPEAKING AT AN INTERGROUP MEETING:

Please raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the chair before speaking. Address questions to the chair (or the person designated by the chair). Once recognized, state your name and position, and then your question/statement.

VOTING MEMBERSHIP:

Any OA member can attend, but only the following can vote on IG decisions:

- One designated representative or alternate from each IG member OA meeting
- Secretary and Treasurer from the Board
- Region Representatives and World Service Delegates
- Special Projects Coordinator
- Office Steering Committee Representative
- Intergroup Standing Committee Chairs
- Co-chair with seniority only if a tie vote needs to be broken
- Each voting member shall cast only one (1) vote.

MOTIONS:

SUBMITTING: To allow members time to consider motions, submit your written motion to the IG secretary or a co-chair by the Friday before the board meeting. The board meets on the last Saturday of each month to set the agenda for the IG meeting (2nd Sat. each month). Only emergency motions can be presented during a monthly IG meeting. (Attending board member(s) rule on if a motion is an emergency).

DEBATE: Each motion can have a maximum of three (3) pro and three (3) con speakers. Each amendment can have a maximum of two (2) pro and two (2) con speakers. Each speaker has a maximum of three (3) minutes. Following debate, pertinent discussion and Q&A can be a maximum of seven (7) minutes.

VOTING: Except for a bylaws change, motions require a simple majority to be adopted. The chair announces whether the motion is adopted or lost.

THE SPIRIT OF WORKING TOGETHER:

Every person attending is a volunteer, and is doing their best to adhere to the guidelines while serving OA. Anyone recognized by the chair can ask questions or request the attendees to pause to say the Serenity Prayer. Unless non-adherence to a guideline is causing major disruption, please wait until after the meeting and address the issue with the chair or parliamentarian.

To receive minutes and other IG communications, ensure that your name and email address are on the service list. Thank you for keeping your OA meeting informed about Greater Atlanta OA Intergroup.