

What some members say about their experience serving as representatives on Intergroup.....

*Doing service is my way of giving back to SLAA
what has been given to me...*

*In my addiction it was isolating and now after
having been in SLAA for a few years I am learning
through service how to relate to other people in a
healthy way. I am also learning how to stay present
even when others might have differing opinions than
me.*

*I get to use my organizational skills in being able to
help to plan the fall and spring recovery gatherings.*

*With sobriety requirements tied to certain service
positions, it means even more than just staying sober
for my self-esteem...*

*Doing service work with NEI has helped my self-
esteem tremendously. I've gained more appreciation
for my skills and my own opinions. I've also become
much better at forgiving myself for my mistakes.*

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What is New England Intergroup (NEI)?

New England Intergroup (NEI) provides a forum of linking individual groups within eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island to Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA) as a whole. Intergroup members provide the concerns, thoughts and ideas of the individual group they represent. They help to ensure expansive experience, strength, and hope that will better enable Intergroup to help those they serve--that is, the groups, their individual members AND those who still suffer.

NEI holds monthly meetings to convene and experience NEI's group conscience. Through this service, we also learn what it means to be "trusted servants" and to become "full participants in the fellowship of SLAA." Meetings include discussion of Intergroup business and the service work of our vital committees. Those who attend Intergroup usually find themselves inspired to join one or more planning committees and/or take on service responsibilities.

When are NEI Meetings Held?

NEI meetings typically occur on the second Sunday of each month from 5:00 to 7:00PM at Newton Wellesley Hospital (NWH), 2014 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02462. NEI meets in the NWH's Allen Riddle Building (room AR345 on the 3rd floor), which is located in a separate building to the left of the main hospital.

Enter the hospital grounds at the set of lights on Washington Street. Drive past the parking garage which will be on your right. Allen Riddle Hall is the red brick building up the hill on your left. Parking is available in the garage to the right after turning in from Washington Street. In addition there are a few parking spaces after going up the hill when passing Allen Riddle to the right where it indicates Thrift Shop parking.

What does NEI do?

NEI provides support for SLAA activities on behalf of our member service area and beyond. NEI's trusted servants support SLAA meetings, members and newcomers in the following ways:

- **Provides 24-hour answering service (617/625-7961) for newcomers & fellow members visiting from out-of-town**
- **Receives, arranges & follows-up on 12-Step calls**
- **Answers newcomer inquiries about SLAA**
- **Maintains/publishes quarterly mtg. lists**
- **Organizes and hosts Annual Spring and Fall Recovery Gatherings**
- **Plans & facilitates quarterly 12-step retreat weekends**
- **Provides a monthly newsletter**
- **Organizes and promotes fellowship social activities**
- **Maintains NEI's Website**
- **Coordinates outreach activities**
- **Orders, and sells SLAA Conference-approved literature to groups**
- **Elects and supports delegates to represent NEI at Annual Business Mtg. of SLAA at the International Level**

What Does an Intergroup Representative Do?

An Intergroup representative attends the monthly Intergroup meeting, acts to represent the interests of their local group, brings Intergroup information back to their local group and keeps group members informed about Intergroup events and announcements. The representative brings their group's conscience and represents the group in matters affecting them and SLAA.

Serving as an Intergroup representative is a great way to give service to SLAA and to benefit your own recovery.

Who Serves in Intergroup?

All volunteers who serve in Intergroup come from local groups. Each group is encouraged to elect a Group Representative (GR) and Alternate Group Representative (AR) to represent them at Intergroup meetings. NEI suggests that all Intergroup Representatives (GRs and ARs) have at least three months of continuous sobriety in S.L.A.A. Groups without members willing to serve that have at least three months of continuous sobriety in SLAA may choose to elect a provisional representative to serve on behalf of the GR and AR. Provisional GRs and ARs become voting GRs and ARs once they have obtained the required sobriety. NEI suggests that each GR and AR has three months of concurrent affiliation with the group the delegate wishes to represent. In the case of a meeting younger than three months, the concurrent affiliation requirement shall be waived.

In addition to the individual group representatives, there are eleven elected officers of NEI. These positions include Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Outreach Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Coordinator, Literature Secretary, Telephone Coordinator, and Activities Chairperson and as needed additional sub-committees are formed (see "About NEI" on NEI's web site for more information).

Who May Attend Intergroup Meetings?

One does not have to be an elected representative to attend NEI business meetings or serve as an officer or on a committee. All SLAA members are welcome to attend meetings and help with service. Only elected representatives may vote, however, on NEI business items.