



# Northern New Jersey Intergroup

## New Group/Meeting Process

All meetings listed on our website, NNJAA.org, have been accepted by Northern New Jersey Intergroup Delegates.

In order to add New Groups/Meetings to the website, the Delegates established a process which includes attendance at two separate monthly Intergroup Delegates meetings (Stage 1 and Stage 2).

Before your New Group/Meeting is introduced to the Delegates for a vote (Stage 2), please consider the following:

- 1) It is strongly suggested that a new A.A. Meeting be established and meet consistently for at least **six months\*** prior to being accepted into Intergroup (Stage 2 meeting).
- 2) A completed Intergroup Data Sheet should include all of your Group's meetings and have at least three different names, phone numbers and emails for contact purposes, including an Intergroup Delegate.
- 3) It is recommended that the Group sponsoring the new meeting research any overlapping day and time conflicts with other meetings in close proximity to your meeting. If there are possible conflicts, it is recommended that your Group contact those Groups to resolve scheduling issues. Without sufficient dialogue with those close-proximity groups, you risk the chance that your Group will not be accepted by a vote of the Delegates.
- 4) Groups and meetings should have no other affiliations aside from A.A.
- 5) Intergroup uses a coding system for all meetings listed. All Meetings are coded as either Closed or Open:

*Closed meetings* are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."

*Open meetings* are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.<sup>i</sup>

Please keep these definitions in mind when preparing your Intergroup Data Sheet.

\*When your Group/Meeting has been meeting for **four months**, please call the Intergroup Office at 908-687-8566 to be added to the New Group/Meeting process and receive an introductory letter, a blank Intergroup Data Sheet and supporting materials. The office hours are 10a-6p Monday - Friday.

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<sup>i</sup> Reprinted from the General Service Conference approved pamphlet "The A.A. Group."