

Intergroup FAQs

What is Intergroup?

Boulder County Intergroup is a committee of volunteers from AA groups across Boulder County functioning as a charitable organization to serve AA groups. Intergroup helps the groups to do those tasks that may be best accomplished by cooperating together. *“An Intergroup or Central Office is a vital AA service office that represents a partnership among groups... The Office exists to aid the groups in carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”*¹

All AA groups in Boulder County (Districts 24 and 34) are invited to participate in Boulder County Intergroup. Groups participate by sending Intergroup Representatives (IGRs) to the monthly Intergroup Meetings and by participating in discussions and votes. Individual AA members can volunteer to serve on standing committees, to stand for election to officer/board positions, or to cover shifts at Central Office, take calls from the AA Hotline, and serve in other ways to help carry the message.

All Intergroup members serve Intergroup as a vital part of our own personal recovery.

What services does Intergroup provide?

- Central office
- AA Hotline / Daywatch & Nightwatch
- Boulder County AA website (newly redesigned in 2018)
- 12th-Step Call List
- Bridge the Gap
- Literature sales
- Printed meeting schedules
- Service workshops
- Monthly newsletter (*The Message*)
- Special events (New Year's Eve party)

How is Intergroup organized?

As a spiritual entity, BCIG is guided by the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of AA, which it serves. It is a service body only and does not govern. Intergroup is also guided by the AA Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Offices published by GSO.

As a legal entity, BCIG is organized as a 501(c)(3) incorporated charitable organization in accordance with IRS regulations. The Board of Directors is the body which oversees the business functions of the Intergroup and carries out services as deemed necessary or desirable by Intergroup. Responsibilities and procedures are detailed in the Charter & Bylaws and BCIG Procedures Guide.

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The Intergroup officers includes a president, chairperson, treasurer, and secretary. Officers are elected each year following the Third Legacy procedure. Officers serve two-year terms on the Board (except for the secretary, who serves a one-year term). The Board of Directors includes the officers plus a member-at-large and central office manager.

BCIG employs one special worker, our central office manager, who currently works 9-10 hours per week to perform administrative tasks to operate and maintain the central office.

How are decisions made at Intergroup?

Every participating AA group has a voice and a vote. We aim for substantial unanimity on all important decisions. AA groups are the ultimate authority at Intergroup, as with all AA service entities. Our decision-making process is informed by the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Any amendment to the BCIG Charter & Bylaws requires the approval of two-thirds of the participating groups.

How is Intergroup funded?

- Group contributions
- Individual contributions
- Literature sales
- Special events (New Year's Eve party, for example)

What are Intergroup's primary operational expenses?

- Literature purchases (from GSO)
- Payroll expenses (office manager)
- Central office rent
- Rent for monthly IG meetings (Shepherd of the Hills)
- Telephone and internet
- Answering service
- Printing (schedules)
- Insurance (worker's comp and business liability)
- Professional fees (legal and accounting)
- Office supplies
- Printing and copying
- (Web hosting and email is now free, thanks to our 501(c)(3) reinstatement)