

Chicago Area S-Anon Intergroup Group Representative Role Description

The Chicago Area Intergroup is comprised of one or multiple group representatives (reps) from each of the 15 local meetings, as well as a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, literature officer and communications officer. As expressed in Tradition Two, members who participate in this service body are “trusted servants — they do not govern.” The Chicago Intergroup hosts a website and telephone helpline and holds open meetings, marathons and retreats.

Intergroup meetings are held monthly and, as stated in Concept Four, “participation is the key to harmony.” As such, a continuous supply of group reps and officers is needed to ensure the S-Anon program remains available for all who need it. Below are a list of experiences, responsibilities and benefits associated with being a group rep.

Responsibilities assigned to group reps:

- Participate in monthly Intergroup meetings via Zoom on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m. Central Time.
- Coordinate schedules with members of your home group to ensure at least one group rep is present at every Intergroup meeting.
- Contribute to Intergroup discussions, voting, sub-committees, etc.
- Help educate your home group members about what Intergroup is and what it does by relaying Intergroup decisions back to your home group and distributing event flyers and announcements (directly or via your group secretary).
- Share concerns from your home group with Intergroup and notify Intergroup of changes to your home group’s meeting schedule or location.
- Ensure your home group is registered with the World Service Office on an annual basis.
- Learn more about how S-Anon works so you can add value to Intergroup discussions; this may include studying the Traditions and Concepts, reading the bylaws and becoming familiar with the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual.

Benefits of being a group rep:

- Gain service experience beyond the group level.
- Interact with S-Anon members from around the Chicago area and beyond.
- Witness the Traditions and Concepts in action.
- Participate in decisions that impact S-Anon and its members on a broader scale.
- Stretch and grow your recovery program in new ways and with new people.
- Prepare for service as an Intergroup officer, area delegate, etc.

Experiences, though not mandatory, that support your service as a group rep:

- Regular attendance at S-Anon meetings for at least 6 months.
- Working the Twelve Steps with an S-Anon sponsor.
- Familiarity with S-Anon’s Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
- Ability to place “principles above personalities,” as stated in Tradition Twelve.