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"THANKS, QUEENS INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES, FOR SHOWING UP AT THE JUNE INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES MEETING," JIM N., CHAIRMAN, SAID. "THAT'S FANTASTIC!"

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Bylaws Changes at September Quarterly Meeting

Please come to the September 2008 Quarterly Representatives Meeting and vote to change the terms of office of Queens Intergroup's steering committee officers. Currently, the terms of office of steering committee members commence on November 1st. This leads to confusion during the Thanksgiving and Holiday Share-A-Thons, so all Q.I.A.A. committee members should commence their new terms of office on January 1st.

Therefore, please vote for the following changes: Resolved: Queens Intergroup's Bylaws, Article V, Section.2, Elections and Terms of Office, are amended as follows: (changes are in **bold**)
"... The groups will be informed of the positions that are up for election at the **summer** [September] quarterly meeting. Nominations and elections will be held at the **fall** [December] quarterly meeting. Newly elected officers will assume their responsibilities on **January 1st**." •

Group Life: Speaker Exchanges

Home groups that welcome new speakers and their friends who "come along for support" from other groups achieve a subtle new dynamic, redefining the idea of "unity" beyond the level of their group. "Our common welfare..." comes to refer to all other groups and A.A. as a whole.

Tradition One suggests that "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." This is one of the most vital traditions that we have. We practice unity by attending meetings held at our home

groups, demonstrating that we can and do consistently show up. We attend business meetings there, we responsibly take on service positions, we often find our sponsors, and we may even form friendships at our home groups that last a lifetime. We learn that we can depend on one another in A.A. fellowship.

As closely integrated as the members of a group may be in common purpose (and unity), **Tradition Four** suggests, "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Thus, meetings of groups in the same neighborhoods are usually scheduled

so as to avoid conflict, and "Our common welfare..." often leads to a practice of **cooperation** that directly benefits A.A. members in the same neighborhood with a variety of meetings scheduled on different nights.

This is why it is so significant that groups exchange outgoing speaking commitments with other groups at quarterly exchange meetings. Incoming speakers offer new voices and fresh stories of recovery from alcoholism, and this may help to revitalize poorly attended meetings. This interplay between groups helps to create a refreshing atmosphere. •

GROUPS REQUESTING SUPPORT: THESE GROUPS NEED MEMBERS ! THEY MAY NEED YOU!

Do you need ...a service commitment? ...a new Home Group? ...a 'fresh start' in A.A.?

CORONA:

Serenity At Lefrak

Lefrak City
96-10 57th. Avenue, Rome Building
basement: Continental Room
Monday - Open Discussion - 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday - Closed - 6:00 P.M.

OZONE PARK:

One Way

St. Elizabeth's R.C. School (basement)
Atlantic Avenue & 84th. Street
(Enter through parking lot)
Tuesday - Beginners Meeting - 8:00 P.M.
Steps 1, 2, and 3 on the First Tuesday

BUSINESS MEETINGS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR 12TH STEP GROUP SERVICE, TOO:

Does your group have a commitment to speak at a hospital or a treatment facility in Queens County? Newcomers released from these facilities may find a warm welcome at your group when your group takes a meeting into these institutions. **Queens Intergroup holds an Institutions Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. at the Q.I.A.A. office:** 105-29B Metropolitan Avenue (on 72nd Road, up the street from "Eddie's

Sweet Shop") in Forest Hills. Please send a representative from your group to explore this great 12th Step opportunity. A.A. members can also sign up for 12th Step "**Bridging the Gap**" Service, too. Simply call the HOTLINE and leave your name, home group and a telephone number. We will alert you to greet new members at your home group when they leave a treatment facility. •

→ **To Group Secretaries & Meeting Chairpersons:**

Please make the following short announcement at your meetings:

"Queens Intergroup's September Quarterly Representatives Meeting will be held at I.S. 5, not at the church where the meeting is usually held."

QUEENS INTERGROUP'S
ONE TIME ONLY:
QUARTERLY EXCHANGE
&
REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH 2008
WILL BE HELD AT

→ I.S. 5 ←
50-40 JACOBUS STREET
(ONE-HALF BLOCK SOUTH OF QUEENS BOULEVARD)
ELMHURST NY

[All Saints Lutheran Church, where we usually meet, will be closed for the day.
We will resume meeting there at the December Quarterly Meeting.]

agenda:

QUARTERLY EXCHANGE MEETING	8:00 A.M.
INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES BREAKFAST	9:00 A.M.
NEW INTERGROUP REP ORIENTATION	9:15 A.M.
INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES MEETING	9:30 A.M.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD FOR THE FOLLOWING INTERGROUP OFFICERS:

1.) VICE CHAIRPERSON	4.) SECRETARY
2.) VICE TREASURER	5.) WEBSITE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
3.) OFFICE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	6.) INTERGROUP / GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON & SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

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