
2018 SoAZ Intergroup Inventory (January- December 2017)

Nine surveys were returned by groups. The following information was gathered to explore accomplishments in 2017 and how IG can improve for 2018...

What was done well?

PIPO great job- 7 of 8 surveys said PIPO was doing a great job.
RETREAT was great- 3 of 8 complimented the retreat
TSW workshops were great – 4 -8 surveys complimented these workshops
Committee members signing up for a second term
Budgeting – issues were handled maturely
Special collections for PIPO
Attendance/participation increased at IG
RETREAT committee worked very hard
Special Events
IG Meetings were effectively run
Liked using both chair/vice-chair to run meetings
IG was a timely efficient process
Secretary report didn't have to be read
Secretary posted in a timely manner for IR's to comment
Treasurer's report succinct and clear
Committee and delegate reports generally succinct
Liked 'hold questions until end of reports'
Appreciate the strong commitment of people to do service at board and committee chair level
Early posting of documents online for ease of review and printing for meeting attendees
Loved that the We-Card list gets updated regularly

What might be improved upon/suggestions?

New CDs for library
Have a Men's meeting and Teen's meeting
Have a teen meeting at same location so they can get rides
Thank-a-thon all-day with meetings on the hour focusing on the steps
IDEA and UNITY Day at three locations simultaneously for each event
Have annual sponsorship workshop

PIPO stay on budget

Better recruiting for committee chairs so that all positions are filled

More opportunities at IG meetings for attendees to be active participants

IG meetings are boring. Balance efficiencies with more energizing processes.

Allow from floor during new business for IR's to bring up successes, issues, concerns.

Stop reading from the group handbook have an interactive dialogue instead. Take a topic from the group handbook- then have time for interactive discussion where people talk for 30 seconds each.

Find another way for the IR trainer to address mailing/hand-delivering meeting information to meetings that are not represented.

Would like to see here a 'State of OA'. A transparent report, not a political one: How is WSO doing financially, what are their successes? What is Region 3 doing? How did this past year for SoAZ stack up against previous years as far as the number of people on the we-care list, number of newcomers, people served in all events, group donations. Is anything coming up that we need to prepare for? This would be a good introduction for Visions and goals.

Be willing to change policies to support a more lively-full participating IG.

As IG meetings and trainings grow more attractive and lively we can probably attract more people.

Distribute very large portions of the funds to R3 and mostly WSO so it can be used toward our primary purpose.

Explore a sponsorship chain/chair- sponsor, sponsee, grand-sponsee

Have a list of past year's accomplishments and a separate list of goals for the New Year

Explain the "over/under" on meeting list

Do outreach where people are already present, not holding a separate event like a forum

Have a trusted servant do housekeeping functions of IG

Consider 3-year service positions and/or overlapping terms for service positions

What are our limitations?

Budget is less in 2018

Lack of willing volunteers

Not able to maintain or increase membership

Lack of sponsors

Size of our geographic area is a limitation (because too big? Not big enough?)

No office or center for committee meetings

No local literature available for sale

Day and time of IG meetings are a limitation

Need to know more about what was accomplished

How can individuals contribute to a healthier SoAZ OA?

Groups? Intergroup?

Be willing to do service at all levels

Call newcomers

Be a greeter at meetings
Encouraging service
Talk to newcomers after meetings
Increase donations and service
Attend a group conscience
Be an IR
IG- become volunteers on committees
Help put on and attend workshops and retreats
Volunteer to do service
Sponsors encourage sponsees to do service
Members share their experience with service
Members pair up for a couple of months when service positions are passed on
Individuals contribute by going to meetings, being on committees, donations/monetary, support, and personal talents

What more can our Intergroup do to help *Carry the Message* within and outside of OA?

Dispense money according to traditions
Establish office and bookstore
Ask a person directly to take a job instead of just announcing
Look at social media, i.e. Instagram, twitter, Facebook
Intro sessions for OA
Campus presents (?)
Provide Anorexic/Bulimic information
Actively support Men and diverse backgrounds
Get more information to medical professionals
More sharing at IG of group problems and how do deal with them

Sign me up so that I can have more information about one or more of the committees: (Telephone, Twelve Step Within, Special Events, Public Information Professional Outreach, Lifeline, Telephone, Meeting List, Ways and Means, Retreat, and Newsletter)

Of 9 surveys and group feedback forms only ONE volunteer signed up.