



# 2022 Intergroup Survey Results



East Bay Unity Intergroup



# Basic Information

- Conducted between 11/19/22 and 1/2/23
- 73 Total responses
- 4 questions
  - How long have you been in OA? (More than 5 years, 1 to 5 years, less than 1 year)
  - Have you served on intergroup? (Yes, No)
  - Are you familiar with the many benefits that Intergroup provides? (6 answers that can be checked)
  - Are there reasons that hold you back from serving on Intergroup? (5 answers that can be checked plus free response option)

# Q1: How long have you been in OA?

Less than 1 year: 6

1 to 5 years: 15

More than 5 years:  
51

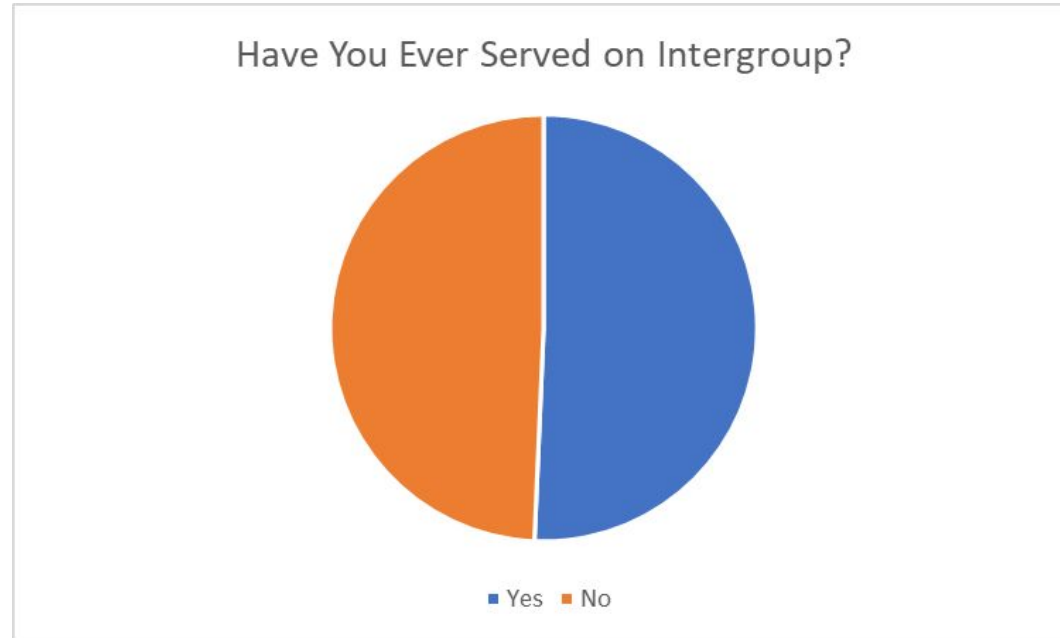
(No Response: 1)



## Q2: Have you ever served on Intergroup?

Yes: 37

No: 36



## Combining Questions 1 & 2

	Intergroup? Yes	Intergroup? No	TOTAL
Less than 1 year	0	6	6
1 to 5 years	1	14	15
More than 5 years	35	16	51
(No Response)	1	0	1
TOTAL	37	36	73

# Takeaways from Q1 & Q2

- Just over 70% of the respondents have been in OA more than 5 years
- There's a huge difference in intergroup participation depending on the length of time in OA
  - Just under 70% of those with more than 5 years have served on Intergroup
  - Only 7% of those with 1 to 5 years in OA have served on Intergroup (0% for those with less than 1 year)
  - It's hard to know whether the move to Zoom during the pandemic increased or decreased participation in those with 1 to 5 years.

# Notes

Note: Going forward, I'll break down responses into 4 categories:

1. 5 years or less and has not served on Intergroup
2. 5 years or less and has served on Intergroup (only 1 person)
3. More than 5 years and has served on Intergroup
4. More than 5 years and has not served on Intergroup

Also, I'll treat the respondent that has served on Intergroup but didn't list their time in OA as being "More than 5 years".

## Q3: Are you familiar with the many benefits Intergroup provides (check any that apply)

Analysis on the next slide, including these options:

- Providing and maintaining the meeting list, intergroup website, zoom accounts, and phone numbers
- Doing public outreach and outreach to health care providers
- Organizing the 12 Step Marathon and the 3 holiday Thankathons
- Paying for and managing liability insurance, required by most meeting locations
- Maintaining our tax-exempt status as a non-profit organization
- Acting as liaison with Regional and World Service organizations



## Q3: Results

(time in program/ served on IG?)	Meeting List	Public Outreach	Events	Insurance	Tax exempt	WSO/R2	TOTAL POP
>5 years / Yes	35(97%)	29(81%)	34(94%)	30(83%)	27(75%)	32(89%)	<b>36</b>
>5 years / No	15(94%)	10(63%)	14(88%)	9(56%)	10(63%)	12(75%)	<b>16</b>
<=5 years / Yes	1(100%)	1(100%)	1(100%)	1(100%)	1(100%)	1(100%)	<b>1</b>
<=5 years / No	14(70%)	5(25%)	12(60%)	3(15%)	3(15%)	11(55%)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65(89%)</b>	<b>45(62%)</b>	<b>61(84%)</b>	<b>43(59%)</b>	<b>41(56%)</b>	<b>56(77%)</b>	<b>73</b>

Q4: Are there reasons that hold you back from serving on Intergroup (check any that apply and add any other reasons below)

Analysis on the next slide, including these options:

- I'm too busy
- The Saturday 10:30am meeting time is inconvenient for me
- I don't like meeting over Zoom
- It's too overwhelming
- I didn't see the value of intergroup

## Q4: Results (Checkboxes)

(time in program/ served on IG?)	Too Busy	Time Inconvenient	Zoom	Over whelming	No value	TOTAL POP
>5 years / Yes	3(8%)	13(36%)	4(11%)	8(22%)	0(0%)	<b>36</b>
>5 years / No	7(44%)	7(44%)	1(6%)	2(13%)	0(0%)	<b>16</b>
<=5 years / Yes	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	<b>1</b>
<=5 years / No	5(25%)	6(30%)	0(0%)	3(15%)	0(0%)	<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15(21%)</b>	<b>26(36%)</b>	<b>5(7%)</b>	<b>13(18%)</b>	<b>0(0%)</b>	<b>73</b>

## Q4: Free Responses

- The next few slides contain individual responses to the question “Are there reasons that hold you back from serving on intergroup?”
- Responses are categorized as follows:
  - More than 5 years in OA, served on Intergroup
  - More than 5 years in OA, not served on Intergroup
  - 5 years or less in OA, served on Intergroup
  - 5 years or less in OA, not served on Intergroup

## Q4: Free Responses (>5 years, Yes on IG)

- I currently serve on Intergroup. There have been times in the past where I was too busy or simply needed a break.
- Too bureaucratic, often focusing on organizational minutia (like the bylaws), unsupportive of change to allow for different approaches (e.g., the Freethinkers), etc. I do appreciate everyone's service,; it's just not for me. Y'all have done some things I appreciate, like providing Zoom rooms and training and helping OA change the screen sharing policy. Also, as an atheist and a feminist, I can not tolerate listening to the traditional Steps and Traditions.
- Just returning to OA
- Burned out - not enough people are willing to do more than attend the monthly meeting.

## Q4: Free Responses (>5 years, Yes on IG) (cont)

- Too me it was boring. I would rather do service at a Zoom meeting.
- Too long of a commitment; My character defects flare up in IG meetings; Everyone seems to need to voice their opinion which drags out each topic
- Not enough people with recovery during service at that level.
- The business aspects of OA are the most uncomfortable for me (I know that means I need to face them!)
- Need more "time"
- Working
- i was treated poorly when I did attend

## Q4: Free Responses (>5 years, Yes on IG) (cont)

- Meetings let members with hardly any time abstinent to be Intergroup reps, which adds to the confusion during the business meeting.
- There were times in the past when intergroup meetings weren't run efficiently. Or times when too much time was spent discussing opinions/issues that weren't really priority.
- Frustrated by meeting format and rushed, fearful vibe of meeting. Needs to be longer. Abundance and generosity are lacking.
- I am good at making commitments and poor at actually following through.

## Q4: Free Responses (>5 years, No on IG)

- Conflict averse, fear, physical limitations
- Not exactly sure why I don't
- When I retire I'll probably get involved with intergroup
- I'm focused on service within my group as secretary, host, etc.



## Q4: Free Responses ( $\leq 5$ years, Yes on IG)

- I've already served. Now I'm serving at the group level. I'll be back.

## Q4: Free Responses (<=5 years, No on IG)

- I have too many commitments as is, one with another Intergroup.
- I feel like I'm too new
- Not interested
- Not sure what experience you need to have to serve
- I hadn't felt I had been in program long enough until recently
- I have the impression that I have to be perfectly abstinent to serve. Thank you for the last question outlining all that Intergroup does. I only checked what I was aware of and appreciated being educated on the rest of it.
- Not qualified

## Q4: Free Responses ( $\leq 5$ years, No on IG) (cont)

- I'm only 35 days into OA. It's all new. I didn't know about intergroup.
- I don't do a home meeting, I go to different meetings
- I'm disabled and unreliable