

## REASONS TO REGISTER AN A.A. GROUP WITH THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

Welcome to the Central Ohio Online Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup - coolaa. We are glad you have joined our partnership of online only A.A. meetings in Central and Southeast Ohio. By far, the most important service we offer online only groups in our area is the connection to the Meeting Guide App. Also, we recognize our member groups are a small part of the great whole of A.A., so we encourage you to connect your group to A.A.'s General Service Office.

New groups listed with the G.S.O. are assigned an identifying service number (GROUP ID NUMBER), receive a "Group Handbook" (through their General Service Representatives or group contact), and are included in mailings sent to all listed A.A. groups. For instance, groups receive our bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9 that keeps them informed on policies being considered by the Conference, changes to A.A. literature, and when and where their Regional Forum will be held (Forums are weekend gatherings where current experience is shared). Additionally, G.S.R.s or group contacts for listed groups receive registration details for each International Convention, held every five (5) years.

How? To participate in services provided by G.S.O. to A.A. groups, it is vital to furnish simple information to G.S.O. through the [Alcoholics Anonymous New Group Form](#). To notify G.S.O. when group information changes, i.e. the group contact or G.S.R. moves or resigns, and a new G.S.R. or contact is elected; or, when there is a change in the group's physical or virtual meeting location, please use the [GSO Group Information Change Form](#).