



NOTICE TO AMEND THE BYLAWS

Under the rules of the CHIWIF Bylaws, Bylaws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership present at any regular or special meeting of the Intergroup, provided a copy of the proposed amendments has been submitted in writing and received by each group affiliated with this Intergroup at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting in which action is to be taken on the amendment.

The vote will take place at our February 17, 2024 meeting.

Every group must receive a copy of this proposed Amendment and unfortunately Groups are not keeping their contact information up to date on the OA.org website. We cannot be certain every Group has received notice. It would be helpful if you would email us to confirm receipt of the Proposed Amendment. Please use MSButterflyer@gmail.com

THE CHIWIF INTERGROUP NEEDS HELP

We have been struggling with just a few members who do all the work and we are losing people through just plain burn out. Together, we get better.

What happens if your Intergroup closes? Here is what we do:

1. Maintaining a website with information and resources regarding OA. Without CHIWIF, there will be no website for you to find information about local events and other communications. We have been saving for a new web design for 2024.
2. Provide Zoom licenses for many member Groups. Without CHIWIF, your Group will need to purchase its own licenses and learn how to update, troubleshoot and administer it.
3. Did you know your meeting places almost always require someone in your Group to sign a hold-harmless agreement? This agreement, when signed by an individual Group member, makes them **personally** responsible if someone gets hurt at your meeting. Do not sign these! CHIWIF carries insurance to cover this liability when we sign the agreements. Without CHIWIF, your Group will need to get their own insurance or continue to have individuals to personally take on the liability.
4. CHIWIF sends Representatives to Region 5 and Delegates to World Service Business Conference to represent our local views and opinions on issues. Without CHIWIF, you have no voice.
5. When meetings are starting or struggling, we provide both financial and practical assistance.

6. CHIWIF conducts, finances, and insurance coverage for workshops so that groups do not need to do it alone. We can even sponsor your own Group's workshops.
7. CHIWIF works with other local Intergroups to bring Region 5 Conventions to the Chicago area. We have already lost one of our Intergroups making the burden larger on the remaining ones. Who doesn't want to go to a convention right in their own backyard? It takes years to put a convention together.
8. The Butterflyer newsletter was once a robust monthly newsletter with guest articles, news, helpful links, etc. It is now an occasional newsletter sent out to make announcements. We miss the Butterflyer but need an editor.

Each group is entitled to send two Representatives to our CHIWIF Meetings. We meet, via Zoom, the third Saturday of every month at 10 am – 11:30 am. Please **elect** two representatives and ask them to attend regularly. (Only elected representatives may vote. Anyone may attend as a visitor or volunteer.) Almost all business is conducted at the meeting. On occasion, a subcommittee may be formed to do a specific task and can often accomplish their work via email communications rather than additional meetings.

CHI-WIF is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89852233448?pwd=TElQOXpMVGZpTE9pd3RlNmMOWVQZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 5223 3448

Passcode: serenity

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,89852233448#,,,,*34867452# US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 898 5223 3448

Passcode: 34867452



Proposed CHIWIF BYLAWS Amendments

Amendments to the Chiwif Bylaws may be proposed by any Registered Group, Voting Representative of the Chiwif Intergroup, or Chiwif Committee and shall be submitted to the Chiwif Chair and the Chiwif Secretary.

CHIWIF Bylaws Amendment Form

Date: November 8, 2023

Motion to Amend: Article VI – Meetings, Section 5

CURRENT WORDING: Article VI – Meetings, Section 5

Two Intergroup Officers and at least one other voting member who is not an officer of the Intergroup shall constitute a quorum of all proceedings of the Intergroup. A simple majority shall govern voting purposes.

PROPOSED WORDING: Article VI – Meetings, Section 5

Two Intergroup Officers and at least one other voting member who is not an officer of the Intergroup shall constitute a quorum of all proceedings of the Intergroup. A simple majority shall govern voting purposes. When the Intergroup will not have two (2) Officers available for more than one (1) month, the Intergroup may vote to suspend the two (2) Officer requirement and may conduct business provided at least one (1) Officer and one voting member who is not an officer is present.

SUBMITTED BY: Gerri M, Treasurer

INTENT: To allow for the continued operation of the CHIWIF Intergroup while we seek to fill open Officer positions by qualified individuals.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS – OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS,
Section 3 - Qualifications for Officers of Overeaters Anonymous

- A. Each officer shall have one (1) year of current abstinence and be working the OA Twelve Step Program of Recovery. Each person shall be the sole judge of his/her own abstinence.
- B. Working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous and The Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
- C. Regular attendee of an active OA group for a period of one (1) year and has been involved with Intergroup for the past 12 months.

COST: None