

Refuge Recovery Group Representative

The Group Representative is responsible for the day-to-day functions of the RR group. This trusted volunteer has overall responsibility for the RR Group and the RR meeting hosted by the RR group.

Qualifications for All RR Group Officers

We have found that the RR Group trusted volunteers are most successful if they have certain assets necessary for the performance of their responsibilities :

- The willingness or desire to serve the group.
- A history of time abstinent from all intoxicants and adherence to process addiction bottom lines. We suggest a minimum qualification of six months.
- Knowledge of the Refuge Recovery program.
- An understanding of the Refuge Recovery Guiding Principles.
- Active and ongoing participation in the groups they are to serve.
- Ability to work with others in a constructive manner.

Duties of the RR Group Representative

It is the responsibility of the RR Group Representative to:

- To ensure that the RR meeting is being run according to RRWS meeting guidelines.

- To ensure that elections are held for all meeting service positions.
- To assure that the RR group business meeting takes place when and where it is supposed to.
- To run the RR group business meeting according to the guidelines described in the *How to Run A RR Business Meeting* service resource.
- All group officers are responsible for encouraging and educating all group members on the benefits and the necessity of participating in group service.
- The Group Representative, after the election is held in the 12th month of the service term, is responsible for spending the 13th month of service training the incoming elected Group Representative.
- Ensuring that the group democratic voice is communicated with Refuge Recovery committees and Refuge Recovery World Services.
- Responsible for staying informed of and ensuring that, the substance of initiatives proposed by local, regional and world service committees that may affect the group are discussed, and when appropriate voted on, by the local Refuge Recovery group.

Service Term for RR Group Representatives

- All group reps serve a 13 month total term with a 12 month term of regular service and a one month period of training the incoming group rep.
- Service as a group officer is limited to two consecutive terms.

