

# REFUGE RECOVERY

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### GROUP REPRESENTATIVE (“GROUP REP”)

Electing Group Reps is the foundation of the larger democratic service structure we are all building for Refuge Recovery. For example, Group Reps will make it possible for state/provincial and regional RR conventions to be held, and for democratic decisions about RR to be made at world services conventions. The position has a term of one year, subject to election to one possible consecutive term afterward.

The responsibilities of the Group Rep are:

- Assist the Secretary (or Co-Secretary) in ensuring that the Essential Elements of RR Meetings are included in each meeting.
- Work with the Secretary (or Co-Secretary) to ensure that elections are held for all meeting service positions, and track when service terms will be expiring so that positions will become open for election.
- Run the RR group business meetings and make sure they take place regularly as scheduled. If unable to run the business meeting, asks another service volunteer to run it.
- Ensure that the democratic voice of the group is communicated to Refuge Recovery committees and Refuge Recovery World Services.
- Stay informed of initiatives proposed by state/provincial, regional, and world service committees, and ensure that any such initiatives that may affect the group are discussed, and when appropriate, voted on, by the group.
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- Represent the group at state/provincial, regional, and world RR service conventions, or if that is not always possible, find another officer or member of the group to attend on the group's behalf.
- Train the new Group Rep when leaving the position.