



IG Web Page Guidelines

A Primary Purpose

OA is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively.

There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations.

OA is not affiliated with any public or private organization, political movement, ideology or religious doctrine.; we take no position on outside issues. Our primary purpose is to abstain from compulsive overeating and to carry this message of recovery to those who still suffer.

How Region 5 intergroups can get their own web pages

Intergroups, groups that do not belong to an intergroup and OA service bodies in Region 5 can have their own web pages. Web pages can be created and maintained by skilled volunteers from your area or can be created and maintained by the volunteers at Region 5 Web Headquarters.

There are two options for setting up a web page.

1. E-mail the information you want on your web site and some design preferences to website@region5oa.org. We'll put together a rough draft you can view on the web. After we have worked out the final version, we publish the existence of your website on the Region 5 site, give you a direct web address like <http://www.region5oa.org/yourchoice> (or something like that) and give you a permanent e-mail alias like yourchoice@region5oa.org.

You let us know who in your area should receive email inquiries and we will set up your new e-mail alias to forward to them. As web page updates are needed, you email us the information and we make the updates.

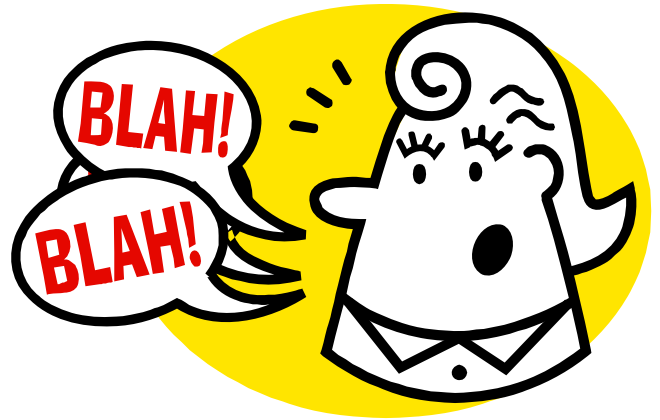
2. Have someone in your area design your web pages and host them. We can then publish the existence of your website on the Region 5 site and set up a direct web address and e-mail alias that will remain the same even if you move your web pages around.

The back of this page lists the guidelines for developing web pages.



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- Webpages hosted by Region 5 must follow the Website Development Guidelines published by our World Service Office. These can be found at <http://www.oa.org/pdf/WebGuidelines.pdf> and are also available on the Region 5 site at <http://www.region5oa.org/For%20IGs/WebGuidelines.pdf>.



- As there are about 40 intergroups, plus various service bodies, in Region 5, and because we all have to share one site, www.region5oa.org, we will not generally have space to host large images, sound files, video files, downloads or other very large files. Linking to them on other servers would be fine.
- The Region 5 board, along with the website coordinator, will decide any questions of appropriate use of Region 5 webpage hosting. Material deemed inappropriate will need to be corrected by the responsible service body. If inappropriate materials are not corrected, then Region 5 may need to stop hosting the webpages in question.
- Nonfunctional or outdated webpages will be removed if not corrected/updated by the responsible service body.
- Beyond the above guidelines, service bodies posting materials on www.region5oa.org will be given as much autonomy as possible.