

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT of By~LAWS

These By~Laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 of the InterGroup Representatives present at any regular meeting of the Nassau InterGroup provided that prior to the meeting at which voting is to take place, a copy of the proposed change(s) has been:

- (a). published in two (2) consecutive InterGroup Newsletters,
- (b). read at two (2) consecutive regular InterGroup meetings and
- (c). submitted as a mailing to each eligible group at least forty-five (45) days before that meeting.

Amendment(s) will be effective immediately unless specifically otherwise stated.

~1948.....Manhasset-Roslyn Telephone Service started
06/24/70....Nassau Answering Service of AA formed
09/77.....Opened office at 266 Fulton Ave, Hempstead
10/77.....Renamed to: Central Office for Nassau County
.....Proposal sent to all groups to form an InterGroup
03/06/80....Moved to 357 Hempstead Tpke, W Hempstead
.....Renamed to Nassau InterGroup of AA
10/15/83....Nassau InterGroup of AA originally incorporated
11/83.....By~Laws adopted
01/97.....Last amended
10/98.....Moved to 361 Hempstead Tpke, W Hempstead
08/05/04....Complete revision

By~LAWS

NASSAU INTERGROUP of A.A.[®], INC.

As REvised August 5, 2004

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization is the Nassau InterGroup of A.A., Inc.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. Nassau InterGroup of A.A., Inc. is an all volunteer organization formed by the AA groups within Nassau County to serve all groups and meetings in Nassau County.

Section 2. The primary purpose of Nassau InterGroup shall be to assist Alcoholics Anonymous groups within Nassau County in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the fellowship by performing those functions that individual groups cannot accomplish alone.

Section 3. To this end, in accordance with AA's 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of World Service, Nassau InterGroup is committed to the following functions:

- maintaining a central business office as a communications center for AA activities in Nassau County;
- operating a 24 hour "HotLine" service;
- publishing and distributing a newsletter;
- publishing and distributing up-to-date schedules of meetings in Nassau County;
- facilitating periodic "Speaker Exchange" meetings for the groups;
- conducting regular business meetings to address any group concerns and intergroup business;
- performing other functions, which serve our primary purpose, as may be directed by the Groups;
- cooperating with other service entities in the Fellowship.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the InterGroup shall consist of the existing member groups with a duly selected Nassau InterGroup Representative (NIR) and such other groups as shall become members in accordance with this article.

Section 2. Groups shall be eligible for membership, provided they submit in writing the names of their elected officers, the dates, times and locations of their meetings and the names of their NIR and their Alternate NIR.

Section 3. The NIR and the Alternate NIR shall be considered by the group to have a reasonable amount of sobriety and be expected to attend the regular monthly meeting and special meetings of the InterGroup. Their term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section 4. Although InterGroup support has customarily come from its member groups, financial support is not a prerequisite for membership or continued membership.

Section 5. Only those Nassau groups complying with AA Traditions are eligible for membership in this InterGroup.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected officers of the InterGroup shall be as follows:

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| (a). Chairperson, | (d). Recording Secretary |
| (b). 1 st Vice Chairperson, | and |
| (c). 2 nd Vice Chairperson, | (e). Treasurer. |

Section 2. Elections shall be held at the October meeting of every even numbered year and shall be by the "Third Legacy" procedure as outlined in *The AA Service Manual*[®]. The above officers are elected to serve for a two (2) year period, effective January 1st. Every AA group in Nassau County is entitled to one vote for each office.

Section 3.

- (a). With the exception of the Chairperson (who cannot succeed oneself nor stand for any of the aforementioned offices for a period of two years), all other officers may succeed themselves for a second two year term.

Section 3. The Financial Review committee shall:

- (a). be composed of the following members:

- (1). a Chairperson,
- (2). a past Treasurer to be appointed by the Inter-Group Chairperson and confirmed by the Inter-Group Representatives,
- (3). one InterGroup Representative selected from the floor,
- (4). the current Treasurer shall be an ex officio member, but have no vote,
- (5). if no past Treasurer is available, the InterGroup Representatives shall elect another person of commensurate fiscal responsibility and experience,

(b). meet at least bi-monthly starting in January, to review finances and budget,

(c). present the previous year's annual report in February,

(d). prepare the yearly budget for presentation at the November meeting, so that the groups will have a month to review it before voting on it in December.

Section 4. This InterGroup shall not be operated for profit and all income and earnings shall be used exclusively for NIG purposes. No part of the net earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer or private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the InterGroup.

Section 5. If for any reason, Nassau InterGroup shall cease to function, all monies, records, and other property held in its name shall become the property of its successor organization, or if none such exists, it shall become the property of the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY PROTOCOL

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the InterGroup in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these By-Laws, the AA Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

- (a). Archives, (08/04)
- (b). Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC),
- (c). Corrections,
- (d). Financial Review,
- (e). Institutions, (10/94)
- (f). Literature,
- (g). Meeting List,
- (h). Newsletter - the Editor shall serve as the committee chair,
- (i). Night Book,
- (j). Office Volunteers - the Office Coordinator shall serve as the com-

- mittee chair, there may also be an "Assistant Coordinator" and seven (7) "Daily Coordinators",
- (k). Public Information (PI),
- (l). Secretary/Program Chairperson List,
- (m). Share-A-Day,
- (n). Speakers Exchange Meeting,
- (o). Special Needs, (12/96)
- (p). WebSite (08/04) and
- (q). 12th Step List.

Section 2. Temporary committees may be formed by the Steering Committee.

Section 3. The committees shall follow the respective AA Guidelines.

Section 4. The InterGroup Chairperson shall be provided with a list of all committee members.

Section 5. Committees shall report to the groups at the regular monthly meeting when appropriate.

Section 6. Each committee chairperson shall be recommended by the respective standing committee or appointed by the InterGroup Chairperson, with the approval of the InterGroup Representatives.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCES

Section 1. Following the precedent set by the General Service Office as outlined in Chapter 10 of the 2003-2004 edition of *The AA Service Manual*, Nassau InterGroup will seek to accrue and maintain a prudent reserve not to exceed one (1) years combined expenses of Nassau InterGroup and its various committees (ie. Institutions, Literature, Share-A-Day, etc).

Section 2. The operating fund of Nassau InterGroup shall not exceed one/quarter of the current annual budget.

(b). A spirit of rotation shall be given the greatest precedence in applying this section of these By-Laws.

Section 4. Should the Chair become vacant prior to elections, the 1st Vice Chairperson automatically succeeds. In the event the 1st Vice Chairperson is unable to assume the Chair, the 2nd Vice Chairperson will automatically succeed. If any of the other offices become vacant, the Chairperson shall appoint an interim Officer with the approval of the InterGroup Representatives.

Section 5. A minimum of two years sobriety is suggested prior to standing for the above positions. Extrapolating from the Third Legacy election procedures as outlined in *The AA Service Manual*, those eligible to "stand" for the above offices include the:

- (a). registered Nassau InterGroup Representatives,
- (b). current Committee Chairs and
- (c). current Officers of Nassau InterGroup.

Section 6. At the September InterGroup meeting, nominations for officers shall be opened and shall remain open until elections at the regular October InterGroup meeting.

Section 7. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed no later than May 31st of each election year by the Nassau InterGroup Chairperson with the approval of the InterGroup Representatives. The committee shall consist of:

- (a). the InterGroup Chairperson,
- (b). two members of the Steering Committee and
- (c). two group representatives not on the Steering Committee.

The committee shall nominate candidates for each office at the September InterGroup meeting. Names put forward by the Nominating Committee shall be members of good standing in AA, but not necessarily currently serving as an NIR, committee chair or officer.

Section 8. Any member of the Steering Committee or officer of the InterGroup may be removed from the Committee and/or a position of office in the InterGroup for conduct considered prejudicial to the Nassau InterGroup or its purposes by a 2/3 vote of the Committee. Anyone so removed from a position of office in the InterGroup may be reinstated to their position by a 2/3 vote of a meeting of the group representatives. Such a person shall have access to the representatives at a formal regularly scheduled meeting in order to exercise the aforementioned right to reinstatement.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. The Nassau InterGroup Representatives shall meet on the first Thursday of each month. A quorum shall consist of those members present and at least the Chairperson or one (1) of the two (2) ViceChairs of Nassau InterGroup.

(a). If the first Thursday should fall on New Year's Day or the Fourth of July, this meeting shall be moved to the second Thursday of that month.

(b). The Chairperson, in consultation with at least two(2) of the other officers, shall adjust the date of any meeting cancelled due to inclement weather or any serious calamity.

Section 2. The Steering Committee shall meet on the last Thursday of each month. A quorum shall consist of 25% of the active Steering Committee membership.

(a). If the last Thursday should fall on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Eve this meeting shall be moved to the third Thursday of that month.

(b). The Chairperson, in consultation with at least two(2) of the other officers, shall adjust the date of any meeting cancelled due to inclement weather or any serious calamity.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson upon reasonable notification in unusual circumstances. Only the business for which these meetings are called may then be considered and voted upon.

Section 4. All matters before the membership shall be decided by the "one group ~ one vote" principle Again, calling upon *The AA Service Manual* for guidance (page S33 of the 2003-04 edition); all InterGroup officers, Committee Chairs and InterGroup Reps have one vote each at the Representatives meeting. Experience indicates that even though officers and committee chairs are members of a group that is represented by a NIR, they are entitled to a vote at the meeting. Alternates normally vote only if the regular NIR is not present.

ARTICLE VI

STEERING Committee

Section 1. The Steering Committee of Nassau InterGroup of AA shall consist of:

(a). the five elected officers,

(b). the chairperson of each standing committee or the authorized alternate,

(c). the eight (8) zone coordinators or the their authorized alternates chosen by and from the local groups or appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the InterGroup Representatives,

(d). the immediate past Chairperson and

(e). two (2) members-at-large who may be appointed at the discretion of the Chairperson with the approval of the InterGroup Representatives.

Section 2. The Steering Committee shall provide for the general administration of the InterGroup with the ultimate authority vested in the groups. Authority and responsibility shall be related.

Section 3. Any member of the Steering Committee who shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive Steering Committee meetings may be removed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Committee.

Section 4. Meetings shall be limited to members with the following exceptions who may attend without vote:

(a). past chairpersons,

(b). DCMC of the Nassau General Service Committee and

(c). invited guests at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Section 5. Special Steering Committee meetings may be called by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall call a special meeting at the request of five (5) members of the Steering Committee upon reasonable notification in unusual circumstances. Only the business for which these meetings are called may then be considered.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees: