

NASHVILLE REGIONAL INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF S.A.

BY-LAWS

- 1) The purpose of the association shall be to aid the groups in their purpose of carrying the SA message to the sexaholic who still suffers. The Intergroup Association shall be maintained, supervised, and supported by the groups and/or the individual SA members to carry out certain functions common to all groups – functions which are best handled by a centralized association. The Intergroup Association shall maintain a telephone answering service, and may function as a clearinghouse for the circulation and exchange of information among all the SA groups in the Nashville District.
- 2) The membership of the Nashville Intergroup Association shall consist of all present and future registered SA groups within the regional area of Nashville. All groups are asked to elect a Group Service Representative (GSR), and an alternate Group Service Representative.
- 3) Each SA group is asked to register their Group Service Representative for the forthcoming year by December 31st. New SA groups may register their Group Service Representative when elected. It is recommended that Group Service Representative have *Ninety* days of continuous SA sobriety.
- 4) Regular Intergroup Association meetings shall be held on the *Second Saturday* of each month, and regular attendance by all Officers is suggested. Minutes of all Intergroup meetings shall be kept by the Intergroup Secretary.
- 5) The presence of *four, elected*, Intergroup Officers is considered a quorum, and is required to conduct Intergroup business.
- 6) The Group Service Representatives, and currently serving Intergroup Officers, shall elect annually, from the candidates chosen by nominations from the floor, officers to serve the following year. The Officers are: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitals and Institutions Chair (H&I), Internet Chair, Communications Chair, Literature Chair, Outreach Chair, Newsletter Chair, and Public Information Chair. The recommended terms for these offices shall be one year, except for the Vice Chairperson, who will serve a second year as Chairperson. No “Officer” may hold the position of Group Service Representative, while serving as an elected Intergroup Officer. This list of Offices may be amended at any time, pursuant to the rules set forth in paragraph 19.
- 7) “Continuous SA Sobriety” requirements are as follows: Chairperson – Two years, Vice Chairperson- One year, Treasurer – One year and currently employed, Secretary – 90 days, H&I – One year, Internet Chair – One year, Newsletter Chair – Six months, and Public Information Chair – Two years. The remaining officers as listed in paragraph “6”, are required to have 90 days of continuous SA sobriety! Sobriety requirements are for the health and welfare of the group and its ability to recognize and conform it’s actions in accordance with that of the “Ultimate Authority” as described in SA’s Second Tradition!

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- 8) One individual may chair only a single standing committee for his or her elected term. She or he may chair an ad hoc committee while serving as chairperson of a standing committee.
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 - a) Elections for Intergroup officers will be held at the June meeting of Nashville Intergroup. Nominations for Intergroup officers may be made at the May meeting of SA Nashville Intergroup or immediately before elections are held at the June meeting. Nominations made at the June meeting ought to be considered as nominations from the floor, and therefore nominees wishing to serve as Intergroup officers are strongly encouraged to be present at the June meeting to stand for election. The term of a trusted servant will be one year. Terms are to begin on July 1.
 - b) It is suggested that Officers miss no more than 3 meetings during their term. If an Officer is unable to attend, it is requested that they make the Secretary aware of their absence as well as send a replacement and/or report.
- 10) If an Officer is unable to fulfill their term, for any reason, a replacement shall be elected, pursuant to the rules set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6. In the case of the Intergroup Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will complete the Chairperson's term, and then begin their official one year term as chairperson. If the Vice Chairperson does not yet have two years of required sobriety, then a qualified replacement must be elected to complete the Chairperson's remaining term, at which time the Vice Chairperson will become Chairperson as set forth in paragraph 6.
- 11) The Steering Committee of the Intergroup Association shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and Hospitals & Institutions Chair.
- 12) Each elected Group Service Representative shall be entitled to one vote in Intergroup meetings. A Group Service Representative or Alternate Group Service Representative can represent only one group, and only one representative, can vote for any one group, at any meeting. Each elected officer, noted in paragraph 6, shall have one vote. No absentee or proxy voting shall be allowed at any Intergroup meeting.
- 13) An Intergroup Officer, Steering Committee member or Committee Chairperson may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Intergroup Officers and Group Service Representatives.
 - a) The reason for the action should be a specific behavior or behaviors on the part of the Officer in question which is deemed by Intergroup to be in conflict with Intergroup's primary purpose, or with the Twelve Traditions of S.A.
 - b) There should be a written notice of the proposed action, stating the reason for the action, and where deemed appropriate by Intergroup, allow sufficient time for the Officer in question to change his or her behavior in lieu of the action being carried out.

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- c) Any vacancy created by such an action may be filled, upon nomination of eligible Representatives, by a simple majority vote of the Officers and Group Service Representatives noted above.
- 14) Each Steering Committee member shall perform such duties as usually pertain to his or her office, and such additional duties as may be specified from time to time by the Intergroup Association.
- 15) The duties of all committee chairpersons shall follow the current edition of S.A. Guidelines for Intergroup Offices.
- 16) The Steering Committee shall be responsible for all activities of the Association subject to instructions given, through formal resolutions, by the Group Service Representatives, and other Intergroup Officers, not on the Steering Committee.
- 17) An Ad Hoc committee may be appointed by Intergroup to carry out the business for which it is appointed.
- 18) The financing of the services of the Association shall be (a) contributions of member groups, (b) individual Sexaholics Anonymous members, or (c) income derived from such projects or activities as may be authorized from time-to-time by the Steering Committee.
- 19) SA Nashville Intergroup's fiscal year begins October 1 of the calendar year. Each standing committee and the secretary will submit a budget proposal by the September meeting of SA Nashville Intergroup. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be discussed and approved at the September meeting.
- 20) These By-Laws may be amended at any time by:
(1) A recommendation of the Steering Committee or an Ad Hoc committee appointed by Intergroup, **AND**,
(2) A two-thirds vote of the Intergroup Officers, (as noted in paragraphs 5 & 6), and the Group Service Representatives present at any regular meeting, **AND**,
(3) The vote shall be taken at the next scheduled monthly meeting, following the meeting that the amendments are presented to the Intergroup Committee.
- 21) (1) The Twelve Traditions of Sexaholics Anonymous *, and, (2) Guidelines for Intergroup Offices, are accepted as guides regarding the functioning of the Nashville Regional Intergroup Association of Sexaholics Anonymous.

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