

**Bylaws
of the
22ND District of Area 93
of
Alcoholics
Anonymous
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Of
THE 22ND DISTRICT of Area 93 of Alcoholics Anonymous

PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. *AA Grapevine*

1. NAME AND PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the 22nd District of Area 93 of Alcoholics Anonymous and may be referred to as the 22nd District or The District.

The purpose of the 22 District shall be the administration and coordination of A.A. activities, and to the various groups comprising its membership. These activities include:

- A. Furthering the AA program in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Specifically excluded from the objectives of the 22nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous is the operation of any club, clubhouse or the endorsement

of any public or private project about alcoholics, as outlined in Tradition Six.

2. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE 22ND DISTRICT OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- A. Geographic Definitions: The entire County of San Luis Obispo, bounded by Kern County to the East, Santa Barbara County of the South, the Pacific Ocean to the West and Monterey County to the North.
- B. Groups are defined as being registered with the 22nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- C. Each Group representative (GSR) and alternate representative (AGSR) shall serve for the period of two (2) years.
- D. Each Group shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the business meeting of the 22nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- E. Only the 22nd District Board Members, Liaisons, Committee Chairs, GSR's or AGSR's registered with the 22nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous may vote at any meeting of the 22nd District. Visitors are encouraged to participate in the discussions only.

3. MEETING TIMES OF THE 22ND DISTRICT OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- A. The District Committee Member (DCM) shall make notification of regular or special meetings of The District.
- B. A special meeting may be called at any time by any member of the Board of Directors other than the regular meeting as long as the notification is done as outlined in the Guidelines and Policy of the 22nd District.

4. THE QUORUM OF THE 22ND DISTRICT OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- A. At the 22nd District meetings, held upon proper notifications, those
 - A.A. Group representatives present shall constitute a quorum, being

ten (10) percent of the registered groups GSR's, and a simple majority shall govern for voting purposes unless otherwise stated.

5. DEFINITION OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM)

The District Committee Member is an A.A. member who may have served as a GSR, or has experience in A.A. service and is responsible for District activities. It is not practical for one to serve as a District Committee Member and a GSR at the same time. Qualifications for the DCM are:

- A. Background of A.A. service work that goes with the responsibilities of a GSR.
- B. A minimum of to five (4-5) years of sobriety and to be eligible for election to Delegate.
- C. The time and energy to serve the District well.

6. ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM)

The term of office is two (2) years. Elections are held in November of the even numbered years, and the elected DCM begins their term on January 1.

The DCM who is finishing a term sets up the election meeting and notifies all GSR's who have been elected and those who are going out of office.

Alternate DCM's are eligible to vote. Only immediate past and all new GSR's are eligible to vote.

If more than one candidate is running for DCM, the election shall be conducted by the Third Legacy procedure as described in the A.A. Service Manual.

7. THE ELECTION OF THE ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (ADCM)

The same election procedure applies to the Alternate District Committee member as does the District Committee Member.

8. THE 22ND DISTRICT AND HOW IT FUNCTIONS

The 22nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous shall hold regular monthly meetings

- A. The DCM shall preside at all the 22nd District Meetings. Upon election to the Board, the DCM and ADCM must resign as a GSR; thus ensuring all AA Groups have equal representation. At District Meetings, the DCM may vote only in the event of a tie. In the absence of the DCM, the ADCM in line shall perform the duties of the DCM.
- B. A quorum to conduct regular and special meetings shall consist of no less than ten (10) percent of the registered groups GSR's. A quorum being present, matters brought before the 22nd District shall be decided by a simple majority vote – except that withdrawal of funds from the reserve account shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members present.
- C. The DCM shall appoint a Treasurer at the election meeting and the District Committee shall confirm their appointment by a majority vote.
 1. The Treasurer shall be one of the co-signers of the bank accounts. The DCM shall be the other co-signer. They shall make a report of the contributions at every regular monthly meeting of the 22nd District and shall submit, each calendar year, a complete financial statement.

9. SUBCOMMITTEES

The DCM, together with the 22nd District, shall appoint such Sub-Committees as are deemed necessary for the welfare and operation of the

Groups. Such Sub-Committee shall include, but not be limited to: Public Information, Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and the Grapevine Committees.

10. FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

The activities of the 22 District shall be financed primarily by the contributions of its member groups.

- A. The GSR's may from time-to-time authorize occasional projects or activities, as a secondary source of financial income to the 22nd District.
- B. The 22nd District may accept contributions from A.A. members conforming to the general practice of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- C. The acceptance of bequest or contributions from any outside source is prohibited.
- D. The 22nd District shall not accept the responsibility, trusteeship, or enter into the distribution or allocation of funds set up outside for the 22nd District.
- E. Upon winding up and dissolution of this Association, the property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall inure to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and which has been

established its tax exempt status under section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- F. No part of the net earnings of this Association shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it was formed.
- G. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from Federal Income Tax under the Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

11. MAJOR POLICY MATTERS

Matters relating to major policy affecting San Luis Obispo County A.A. Groups shall be referred to the 22nd District. Matters which relate to Alcoholics Anonymous, as a whole, shall be referred to the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service Board of Trustees.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

These Bylaws, representing our Table of Organization, may be amended at any time by a majority of the Group Representatives present at regular or special meetings of the 22nd District of Alcoholics Anonymous, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted to a District Committee Meeting at least two meetings prior to which action is to be taken on the amendment.