

BY-LAWS (5a)
INTERGROUP of MARTIN COUNTY, INC.
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ARTICLE ONE
Organization

- 1) The name of this organization shall be INTERGROUP OF MARTIN COUNTY, INC.
- 2) The organization shall have a seal, which shall be in the following form:
- 3) At its pleasure by a vote of the membership, the organization may change its name.

ARTICLE TWO
Purposes

This is a non-profit organization of an association of Alcoholics Anonymous groups, hereinafter referred to as AA groups, in Martin County, which exists to help those groups carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

ARTICLE THREE
Membership

All AA groups in the area can be members if they so desire. Each group shall notify Intergroup in writing as to who its representative and alternate are, together with their addresses and phone numbers.

ARTICLE FOUR
Officers

A Steering Committee shall serve the groups by conducting normal business affairs, operation of the Intergroup office, telephone service, etc.

It shall consist of nine members elected by the member groups at the annual meeting, i.e., three members retiring and three elected to replace them. The Committee's officers shall be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee may elect a vice chairman and/or an assistant treasurer.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year, none serving in that capacity for more than three consecutive years.

All Steering Committee members must have had at least one year of continuous sobriety.

The Committee shall temporarily fill its own vacancies as they may occur, subject to the approval of the groups at the next regular Intergroup meeting.

Each Committee member shall not hold an officer's or board of director's position in any AA-related club while serving as a member of this Committee. No Steering Committee member shall serve as a group representative.

A Committee member may be removed by a majority vote of the Committee if he has missed three consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE FIVE

Meetings

The Steering Committee and the Group Representatives shall meet in Stuart, Florida on the third Saturday of each month beginning in January 2011 **

Minutes shall be kept of all meetings, read at the following quarterly meeting and posted on the office bulletin board. Any AA member of any AA group is invited to attend these meetings.

A quorum at all Steering Committee meetings shall consist of two-thirds of the Committee.

At the request of one-third of either the Steering Committee or the member groups, a special meeting shall be called with written notice to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the requested scheduled date. At such a meeting, no business other than that specified may be taken up except with unanimous consent.

Eligibility to vote at joint meetings will be limited to group representatives or alternates, each group having one vote. No person can represent more than one group. In balloting, a simple majority carries the vote.

Each Steering Committee member shall not hold an officer's or board of directors or steering committee position in any AA-related club while serving on this steering committee. No steering committee member shall serve as a group representative at the same time.

***Approved for revision by group representatives December 8, 2001**

****Approved for revision by group representatives Dec., 11, 2010**

ARTICLE SIX
Elections

At the Annual Meeting, the Steering Committee shall submit a suggested list of nominees for the Committee for the next three years (plus any vacancies) and place their names in nomination. Nominations from the floor will be in order. Each member group shall have one vote, and those receiving the most votes will be elected. A second or further ballot will resolve ties. As soon as possible after the meeting, the Steering Committee will convene and elect its officers for the following year.

ARTICLE SEVEN
Order of Business

1. Roll call
2. Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Reports of the officers
4. Reports of the committees
5. Old and unfinished business
6. New business
7. Adjournment

ARTICLE EIGHT
Committees

All Committees Chairmen of this organization shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Steering Committee, and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less, if terminated by action of the Steering Committee. The following permanent Committees are deemed essential, and they include but are not limited to the following: Telephone, House, Institutional, Public Relations, Intergroup Bulletin and Library/Literature.

ARTICLE NINE
Finances

There shall be no fees or dues for membership in this organization, it being self-supporting through contributions of members and others.

The Intergroup of Martin County, Inc. shall build up to a capped prudent reserve of \$7,500.00. This amount will take into consideration the rising costs in today's economy.***

The Intergroup of Martin County, Inc. shall maintain a balance of no more than \$7,500.00 in its checking account.**** After expenses, excess monies shall be used to build the prudent reserve. All monies over the three months operating expenses shall be sent to AA World Service in New York.**

***Approved for revision by the Group Representatives July 2004.**

****Approved for revision by group representatives September 10th, 2005**

***** Approved for revision by group representatives Nov.8, 2008.**

****** Approved for revision by group representatives October 15, 2016 (7,500-7,500)**

ARTICLE TEN

Eligibility

A minimum of one year of continuous sobriety is required in contacts with the public, such as calls for AA assistance. However, the Steering Committee is authorized to waive this requirement if it feels that the circumstances justify such action.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended, altered, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of a majority of the member groups present at an Annual Meeting or any special meeting called for such purpose.

At least 30 days prior to the meeting at which a proposed amendment is to be submitted, the text of the proposed change shall be given to the Steering Committee in writing. The Committee shall then make it available to all of the member groups as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Audit

An audit of the organization's financial records shall be made and presented at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Expenditures

Any expenditure over \$150.00 *, excluding normal operating expenses, must be approved by a majority of the member groups at a regularly scheduled meeting called for that purpose.

***Approved for revision by the group representatives January 11, 2003**

***ARTICLE FOURTEEN**
Responsibility

The Steering Committee shall be guided in all matters by the group conscience of the members as expressed at the meetings, the AA Guidelines "Central" or Intergroup Offices," and AA's Twelve Traditions and guided by New York General Office.

***Approved for revision by the group representatives February 15, 2014**

ARTICLE FIFTEEN
New Business Notification

Items under new business brought to the floor at a Group Representative meeting must be tabled by the Steering Committee until the proper 10-day notification of all Group Representatives can be made. *

These amendments, additions, deletions and changes to the By-Laws of Intergroup of Martin County shall become effective immediately upon acceptance by the Steering Committee and the groups.

***Approved for revision by the group representatives June 10, 2000**