

PROPOSED DRAFT - April 15, 1973

BY - LAWS
OF THE

Inter-group
of Narcotics Anonymous
of the Middle Atlantic States

PREAMBLE.

General Warranties of the Inter-group. In all its proceedings, the Inter-group shall observe the spirit of N.A. Tradition, taking care that the Organization never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient funds to operate, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Organization members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Organization action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Organization may act for the service of Narcotics Anonymous groups in the Inter-group area, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that the Society of Narcotics Anonymous, the Organization itself, will always remain democratic in thought and action.

NAME AND PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION.

1. The purpose of the Inter-group of Narcotics Anonymous shall be the administration and coordination of N.A. activities common to the various groups comprising its membership. These activities include:
 - a. Furthering the N.A. program in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.
 - b. Maintaining a central office or business meeting once a month, as a communication center for N.A. in this area or as a whole.

Specifically excluded from the objectives of the Intergroup are the operation of any club, clubhouse, or drying out place, and the endorsement of any public or private projects on addiction as outlined in Tradition Six.

MEMBERSHIP

2. The membership consists of one(1) delegate and one(1) alternate delegate from each N.A. group, provided that each group shall have been registered with Inter-Group for sixty(60) days prior to the date or recognized at a meeting of the Inter-Group. Each Group Delegate and alternative shall serve a minimum period of one(1) year, subject always to recall by the group he represents. Each delegate or alternate shall be entitled to one(1) vote in the meetings of the Inter-Group. One vote per group. In the event that a delegate or alternate should leave office, the new delegate will be subject to the same election term of the previous delegate.

MEETINGS

3. The Inter-Group shall meet monthly. A special meeting may be called at any other time: (a) by a majority vote of the Inter-Group, or (b) by petition to the Inter-Group signed by the delegates of at least 25% of registered groups. In the latter case, the secretary or chairman shall issue proper notification of the special meeting to all the member groups. Proper notification of the special meetings of the Inter-Group shall consist of written notices mailed to all groups at least two(2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

4. At an Inter-Group meeting held upon notification, those group delegates present shall constitute a quorum, under a simple majority shall govern for voting purposes. Except under extremely bad weather conditions.

INTER-GROUP STRUCTURE

5. The Inter-group is subject to adjustment in response to growth and in the interest of optimum democratic representation. Proposals for readjustment properly originate in the groups concerned or by recommendation of the Inter-group, subject in both instances to final approval of the Inter-group.

INTER-GROUP

6. a. To form and maintain an Inter-group, Group delegates within each group shall elect from their own body one(1) delegate and one(1) alternate delegate who will represent that group on the Inter-group for a one(1) year term, subject always to recall by the group he represents. (subject to change)

b. Membership of the Inter-group has no time requirements for length of sobriety. The limitation are up to the individual group conscience.

How it Functions

7. Inter- group shall hold regular monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month. Special meetings may be called upon petition by at least 25% of the delegates of the registered groups. Reasonable notice of such meetings shall be given to all delegates.
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 - a. The Inter-group Chairman shall be given the responsibility and the authority to report thereon at each monthly meeting of the Inter-group. The person shall refer to matters or major determination of policies, major expenditures or unusual fund commitments, and major changes in personnel.
 - b. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Inter-group money. The person shall make a report of contributions and expenditures at every regular monthly meeting of Inter-group and shall submit each half (June&Jan.) a complete financial statement.
 - c. The Literature Coordinator shall handle requests for information about N.A. from local news media, cooperate with procedures of local radio and T.V. programs concerning addiction and N.A., and furnish speakers for non-N.A. organizations. He shall make a complete report thereon at each monthly meeting of Inter-group.
 - d. The Secretary shall record and transcribe the minutes of all Inter-group meetings. The minutes shall be submitted to the Chairman before publication.
9. Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Literature Coordinator of the Inter-group may be removed during his term of office by a majority vote of the Inter-group.
10. All groups shall be notified by the Recording Secretary if their duly elected Representative is not present at two consecutive meetings.
11. The activities of the Inter-group shall be financed primarily by the contributions of its members groups and secondarily from such occasional projects or activities as may be authorized by the Inter-group.
12. The Inter-group may accept donations from N.A. members conforming with the general practices of N.A. The acceptance of bequests from any other source or donations from any outside source is prohibited. The Inter-group shall not accept the responsibility of trusteeship for, or enter into the distribution or allocation of any fund, or funds, set up outside of the Inter-group.

12. Matters which relate to policy affecting groups in this area, or affecting N.A. as a whole, shall be automatically tabled for (30) thirty days by the Inter-group and referred to the group level for discussion, consideration, and recommendation to their delegates in each group.

13. These By-Laws, representing our table of organization, may be amended at any time-by a majority vote of the group delegates present at any regular meeting of the Inter-group providing that a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted to each group at least (30) thirty days before the meeting at which action is to be taken on the amendment.

14. It is hereby brought to the attention of whom it may concern, that Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit organization.