

BY-LAWS

NEW YORK NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Association shall be New York North Area Assembly (the "Association").

ARTICLE II. - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association shall be as set forth in the Al-Anon Traditions and Concepts, Al-Anon and Alateen Groups at Work, The World Service Handbook, and Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies.

- New York North Area Assembly shall:
 - Elect a Delegate to the annual World Service Conference, an Alternate Delegate and Assembly officers
 - Receive and distribute reports on area and World Service affairs.
 - Maintain a post office box or office address Receive mail and phone inquiries and provide information about meetings
 - Compile and distribute regular list of meetings Serve as an avenue for area public information cooperating with the professional community and institutions
 - Be a forum for discussion of any group problems
 - Print and distribute a newsletter of area activities

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

A. Any area registered Al-Anon or Alateen group may agree to join the Association, each group selecting one representative and having one vote. The Association is supported by the groups it serves within its geographical boundaries and will not seek support outside that area. Contributions are voluntary and are not a condition of membership. Any Al-Anon or Alateen member may attend any regular meeting of the Association, however, only the group representatives or official group designees may vote.

B. Meetings of the Association shall be held twice each year.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

A. Officers are trusted servants, remembering always that they do not govern. Officers are directly responsible to the Al- Anon fellowship for actions and decisions of any kind that might reflect directly or indirectly upon Al-Anon as a whole.

B. The Officers of the Association and description of the responsibilities of each Officer are as follows:

Delegate - Attends the World Service Conference as the representative of the area and represents the area worldwide. Presents a concise report at each Spring Assembly of the Association. Provides copies of all reports and information relating to World Service Conference to the Alternate Delegate.

Alternate Delegate - Works closely with the Delegate, participates in area activities, and shall replace the Delegate if he or she cannot fulfill his or her term.

Past Delegate - Offers assistance and knowledge to the Association as needed.

Chairman - Prepares for and presides at all meetings of the Association and meetings of its Officers. Acts as second party signer on all checks issued by the Association.

Secretary - Attends and takes minutes of all meetings of the Association and of its Officers, distributes copies of all minutes in a timely manner, and maintains a complete record of all meeting minutes.

Treasurer - Receives contributions from groups and assemblies, issues and signs checks with second party signer, and maintains complete financial records. Submits monthly report of group donations to be published in area newsletter. Reports financial matters verbally at Association meetings and provides written reports to the Secretary. Arranges for annual audit.

C. The number of Officers may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the Assembly.

D. The term of each office is three (3) years. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be elected by two-thirds vote of the members present at the Fall Assembly of the election year. The remaining officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and each shall assume their offices January 1 of the following year.

E. Officers shall meet four (4) times each year. Special meetings of the Officers may be called by any of the Officers.

F. A quorum of Officers for the transaction of business shall be one-half the number of Officers.

G. Vacancies in offices may be filled by a special election of the members, following publication of nominees in the Association newsletter, or, at the discretion of the Chairperson. Confirmation of any office appointment made by the Chairperson shall be by vote of the members at the next meeting of the Assembly. Any officers elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of their predecessors.

H. Any action to be taken by the Officers may be taken without a meeting if all Officers consent in writing to the action. Any of the Officers may participate in a meeting of Officers by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

ARTICLE v. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the association shall end December 31.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended, altered, repealed or superseded by the affirmative vote of a majority of Officers then in office, subject to approval by the members.

ARTICLE VII. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these By-laws, the Association is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws.

2. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the Association, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Association), and no member, trustee, officer of the Association or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Association's assets on dissolution of the Association.

3. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501(h)) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office.

4. In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Association shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "IRC"), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal government or

State or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

5. In any taxable year in which the Association is a private foundation as described in IRC 509(a), the Association shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the Association shall not

- (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC 4941(d),
- (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC 4943 (c),
- (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the Association to tax under IRC 4944, or
- (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC 4945 (d) or corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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