

CJI Bylaws

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION CENTRAL JERSEY INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the corporation shall be CENTRAL JERSEY INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC., hereinafter called Intergroup.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation is to coordinate activities, solve common group problems, and maintain friendly group relations in the Central Jersey Area.

The Corporation shall conduct itself as a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation.

No part of the net earnings of **the corporation** shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, or other persons, except the **corporation** shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to **the corporation** and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

The **corporation** shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

(a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or

(b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under 179(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all AA Groups registered with the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, in New York. There are no dues or fees. Each member group may have (1) representative and (1) alternate representative, but only (1) vote per group will be allowed.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There shall be a Board of Trustees elected by the member groups of Intergroup. The Board of Trustees shall serve as advisors to Central Jersey Intergroup. The Board of Trustees shall consist of 5 members elected to a term of 3 years on a rotating basis.

To be eligible for election as a Trustee, an AA member must have (10) years of continuous sobriety, a record of service in AA, and previous experience and knowledge of Intergroup.

Trustees are expected to attend Intergroup Steering Committee meetings, monthly Intergroup meetings, and other meetings as requested by the Chairperson. Trustees will have voting privileges at Steering Committee meetings only.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of Intergroup shall consist of a Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. These officers shall be elected from duly elected Intergroup representatives. The newly elected Chairperson shall be immediately replaced as a representative by their alternate group representative, but other officers shall retain their full status as representatives. The Chairperson shall be entitled to vote in the event of a tie. Continuous sobriety requirements shall be (2) years for all officers. **All officers shall be subject to removal for inefficiency, neglect of duties, or other misconduct in office if recommended by the Steering Committee and approved by a majority vote of the general membership.** All officers of Intergroup shall hold office for (2) years. Elections shall be held in November of the second year of their term. The newly elected Officers shall assume their duties effective January 1st. All officers are expected to attend the Body and Steering Committee meetings with all Committee Chairpersons. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and maintain general supervision of Intergroup affairs. The Co-Chairperson will act in the Chairpersons absence, maintain office, and day time phone commitments. The Financial Secretary shall keep all financial records. The Treasurer shall collect all contributions from member groups. The Recording Secretary shall take minutes of Intergroup business meetings and Steering Committee meetings.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

The Chairperson shall appoint chairpersons for the following standing committees. Committees may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Answering Service
- Correctional Facilities
- Computer
- Hospitals & Institutions
- Literature
- Meeting List
- Newsletter
- Prisons
- Public Information
- Steering Committee

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The Chairperson may appoint ad hoc committees and name a chairperson to best serve the member groups of Intergroup.

It is required that all members who make public speaking commitments possess at least (1) year of continuous sobriety.

It is required that the Steering Committee be a closed meeting. Voting members shall consist of current and last term Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and the Board of Trustees. The office worker shall have a vote except in matters of compensation or performance. The Chairperson of the Steering Committee shall be entitled to vote in the event of a tie. Only voting members may have input. However the committee may request information from other parties on specific issues. The Steering Committee may approve non-recurring expenditures of five hundred (\$500) or less.

ARTICLE VII: FINANCE

The activities of Intergroup shall be financed primarily by regular monthly contributions from member groups. Each member group may determine its own contribution, if any, but it is suggested that group contributions be a group conscience based on what is suggested by the General Service Office. All Intergroup funds will be maintained in one (1) checking account. All checks disbursed by Intergroup shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary. The funds of Intergroup shall be expended only for the purposes of Intergroup and for the advancement of the A.A. program and no other purpose.

ARTICLE VIII: REPORTS

Full and complete reports will be made available to all member groups who are registered with Intergroup. These reports will include the Financial secretary's and Treasurers reports and the minutes of the preceding Intergroup business meeting.

ARTICLE IX: OFFICE WORKER

Intergroup shall employ, as needed, an Office Worker(s). The Office Worker(s) will be hired by a committee of the Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, and the Financial Secretary. The office worker(s) may not hold an office in Intergroup. Selection of an Office Worker(s) will be made after a careful review of the qualifications of the candidates. Candidates shall make application in writing, stating qualifications, experience, and personal background. Candidates for the job must have at least (2) years continuous sobriety and must be a member of an Intergroup member group. Compensation and work hours of the office worker(s) shall be reviewed by all the elected officers, approved by the Steering Committee, and voted on by the member groups. Termination of employment will be recommended by a majority of elected officers, approved by the Steering Committee, and voted on by the member groups. However, a majority of elected officers may

suspend the office worker(s) without compensation for gross infractions. Termination must still be approved by the Steering Committee and approved by the member groups.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a majority vote at any regular membership meeting of Intergroup after the Intergroup representatives have had the opportunity to present the proposed amendment(s) to their groups.

ARTICLE XI: TRADITIONS

The Articles of Incorporation are based in the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous and will be adhered to as closely as possible in all situations.

ARTICLE XII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All Intergroup business shall be settled by a majority vote (abstentions shall not count as a vote). All A.A. members may attend an Intergroup business meeting. Intergroup business meetings will be held monthly at a time and place designated by Intergroup.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon dissolution or other termination of the corporation, no part of the corporation, or any proceeds, shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of any members, trustees, or other officers of the corporation. All such property and proceeds subject to the discharge of valid obligations of the corporation, shall be distributed to discharge the valid obligations of the corporation, shall be distributed to any such organization as the Board of Trustees may direct: provided however, that any transferee organization, at the time of distribution, shall qualify as an exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law)

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