

BYLAWS
of
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERGROUP
of
SEX ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Preamble

The name of this organization shall be known as the Southern California Intergroup of Sex Addicts Anonymous (hereinafter referred to as "SCISAA"). SCISAA is the guardian of the Twelve Traditions of Sex Addicts Anonymous. No member of the Intergroup shall ever be placed in a position of authority over any other member. No Intergroup or committee action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy. All important decisions shall be reached by discussion and majority vote. When discussions come in conflict with any of the Traditions, the Traditions shall always prevail. In all its dealings, the Intergroup shall turn to God, as its members understand God, for guidance, and seek to be faithful to the 12 steps and 12 traditions of SAA, as adapted from those of AA, and to the 12 Concepts for World Service of AA, to whose authors and whose trusted servants it must continue to bear its gratitude. It must ever be kept in mind that the Intergroup's function shall be that of service, never government. Sufficient funds and a modest reserve shall always be our prudent financial goal. The Intergroup shall never align itself with any club, clubhouse, or treatment center; nor is it ever to involve itself in public controversy or give official recognition to any public or private project on sex addiction.

I. AUTHORITY

- A. For our group, there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- B. Intergroup meetings shall be governed by these Bylaws and the Standing Rules. Standing Rules, governing the conduct of Intergroup meetings, shall be adopted and amended by majority vote of the Intergroup. Copies of the Standing Rules shall be provided to all meeting representatives attending the Intergroup meetings.
- C. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on matters not governed by the Bylaws and the Standing Rules.
- D. The Bylaws take precedence over the Standing Rules if there is any conflict between the two.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Members of SCISAA are the elected representatives or alternates of each of the affiliated groups.

- A. What is an SAA Group?

Sex Addicts 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 sexual addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop compulsive sexual behavior. There are no dues or fees for SAA membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. Sex Addicts Anonymous is not allied with any sect, denomination, political organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Sex Addicts Anonymous is not sex therapy or group therapy. Although there is no organizational affiliation between Alcoholics Anonymous and SAA, Sex Addicts Anonymous is based on the principles of AA. Its primary purpose is to achieve sexual abstinence and to help other sex addicts become abstinent.

- B. Geographic Area of Affiliated Groups

An SAA group may affiliate with SCISAA if it meets in Southern California and sends a representative to the meetings and agrees to participate in the program and activities of bringing the message to others who are still suffering.

- C. Election of Intergroup Representatives

Affiliated groups are encouraged to elect representatives with a minimum of six months abstinence/sobriety from inner circle behavior.

III. AUTONOMY

Each member group is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or SAA as a whole.

IV. SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The purpose of unified activity stems from our primary purpose as groups to carry the message to others who are still suffering because of their compulsive sexual behavior.

SCISAA ought never endorse, finance or lend the SAA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose. Intergroup may establish service projects, meetings and conferences as subsidiary activities.

Regular meetings shall be held on the first Sunday of the month. The goal is to make decisions by group conscience. However, a simple majority carries the vote.

Special meetings may be called by the Steering Committee by giving telephone call notice to meeting representatives at least one week prior to the meeting proposed. Special meetings require 80% of the previous month's meeting attendance census be represented in order to take action.

V. FINANCES

SCISAA shall be fully self-supporting by its own activities and contributions from member groups and SAA members. We decline all outside contributions.

Accurate records of income and expenditures shall be kept by the Treasurer. Paid employees may be used to maintain the records and prepare reports for the Treasurer.

Monies shall be kept in an insured bank checking or savings account. The Trusted Servant and the Treasurer, and/or such employees as the Steering Committee shall approve by resolution, shall be authorized to sign checks and withdrawals from these accounts. A prudent reserve consisting of a minimum of two months average operating expenses (as determined by the Treasurer) shall be maintained. A minimum of 30% of all donations to Intergroup, as long as expenses, literature, and the prudent reserve are met, shall be disbursed to the International Service Office of Sex Addicts Anonymous.

VI. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

SCISAA shall remain forever non-professional in its Twelfth Step Work. We may hire special workers and maintain a service center and contract for special workers.

VII. COMMITTEES

In keeping with the traditions, SCISAA ought be very cautious about any super-structure organization. There will be a steering committee and such other committees as the group shall deem necessary.

A. Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Trusted Servant, Treasurer, and the Recorder. It will be responsible for reporting to the membership and for implementing and overseeing the work of the organization. It shall be responsible for the hiring and supervision of any paid employees and for the operation of a service center, as needed.

B. Ad hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees may be organized by SCISAA as needed.

VIII. OFFICERS

"Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

A. Trusted Servant (Chairperson)

A Trusted Servant shall be elected by the Intergroup from among the experienced members of the SAA fellowship. The Trusted Servant shall be required to have both a minimum of one year sobriety and have been in the Southern California SAA program for at least one year. The Trusted Servant shall serve a two year term. The Trusted Servant is responsible for leading the Intergroup meetings, the Steering Committee, organization/distribution of the minutes, and be in possession of all pertinent records. The Trusted Servant shall create a monthly agenda for the monthly meeting. The Trusted Servant will assist with the semi-annual audit. The Trusted Servant shall provide guidance based on the 12 Traditions of SAA and the 12 Concepts of AA World Service.

B. Treasurer

A Treasurer shall be elected by the Intergroup from among the experienced members of the SAA Fellowship. The Treasurer shall be required both to have a minimum of one year sobriety and to have been in the Southern California SAA program for at least one year. Treasurer's duties shall be to oversee the records of income and expenditures and make monthly reports to the membership. The term of office shall be 18 months. The Treasurer needs to have a basic understanding of bookkeeping and be able to balance a checkbook. Other duties include:

1. Be responsible for distributing the mail from the SAA mailbox;
2. Depositing group donation into the SAA Intergroup account on a monthly basis;
3. Counting the money received from each group at the Intergroup meeting;

4. Handing out receipts to the group representatives at the monthly Intergroup meeting;
5. Sending a monthly check to ISO based on the donations of the groups;
6. Balancing bank account statement; (see above)
7. Making a monthly written report to the Intergroup with amounts received from each group the previous month; (Currently the Profit-Loss Statement given at meetings)
8. Being present for a semi-annual audit conducted by the Steering Committee. An audit is defined as the reconciling of the checkbook with expenses and deposits; it includes verification that funds were used only for the purposes of Intergroup.

C. Recorder

A Recorder shall be elected by the Intergroup from among the experienced members of the SAA fellowship. The Recorder shall be suggested both to have a minimum of one year sobriety and to have been in the Southern California SAA program for at least one year. The Recorder will record the minutes of the meeting, prepare and distribute readable copies to group representatives, and maintain an archive of those minutes. The length of this term shall be 18 months.

D. Parliamentarian

1. A Parliamentarian, if any, shall be elected by the Intergroup from among the experienced members of the SAA fellowship. The length of this term shall be 18 months; and shall be suggested both to have a minimum of one year sobriety and to have been in the Southern California SAA program for a minimum of one year. The Parliamentarian may participate in the Intergroup discussions but shall not be a voting member of the Intergroup.
2. The Parliamentarian shall be familiar with parliamentary procedure, the Bylaws, and the Standing Rules of this Intergroup, and shall advise the Trusted Servant and the meeting participants in matters relating to parliamentary procedure.

E. If at all possible, no officer's term shall expire less than three months after the expiration of another officer's term.

F. In the event that any officer should slip in their sobriety, that officer must give up his/her position.

1. At that point, the officer is suspended from his/her duties for a period of one month (until the next scheduled Intergroup meeting) to give the membership and that officer a chance to consider whether or not that officer may continue in his/her duties.

2. If the officer is willing to continue, a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the voting Intergroup representatives present is required to reinstate.

IX. OUTSIDE ISSUES

SCISAA has no opinion on outside issues, hence its name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

X. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our public relations policy and program shall be based on attraction rather than promotion. Personal anonymity is to be maintained at the level of press, radio, television and films.

XI. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws, representing our table of organization, may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Group Delegates present at any regular meeting of the Intergroup and discussed at the preceding two regular Intergroup meetings. Changes of a purely clerical nature (spelling errors) reported to the Trusted Servant may be made without a vote.

XII. ADOPTION

These Bylaws become effective when approved by the majority of the voting members at a regular Intergroup meeting.

XIII. BENEFITS AND DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of SCISAA, after paying or adequately providing for the obligations of the Intergroup, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the International Service Office of Sex Addicts Anonymous if still in existence or, if not in existence, then to its heirs or assignees or, if not, then to such other non-profit fund, association, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

a/o 10.1.00