

Area 45 Bylaws

Preamble

Southern New Jersey General Service Area 45 of Alcoholics Anonymous shall be a service body which serves the collective conscience of the AA groups in Southern New Jersey whose General Service Representatives attend the Area Assembly of Area 45.

The Assembly is specifically charged with the election of a Delegate to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous and the provision of that Delegate with the support necessary to carry out their duties.

The Area shall be guided by the principles embodied in the *Twelve Concepts for World Service, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous*. The Area shall respect and protect the anonymity of individual members and the autonomy of members and groups.

Article I

The Area General Service Representatives and District Committee Members shall meet in General Assembly every other year to elect a Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar.

The duties, requirements and method of election for each of these offices are described in the *Area 45 Handbook*.

Article II

The Area shall designate standing and select committees that it deems necessary and wise. These committees shall include but are not limited to those described in the *Area 45 Handbook*.

Article III

The Area Committee shall consist of all Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and District Committee Members.

The General Assembly shall consist of all District Committee Members and General Service Representatives.

Article IV

The Area Committee and Assembly meet on a combined quarterly schedule each year. Meetings will be held in February, May, August and November.

The Area Committee shall set the agenda for the assembly immediately following. The Area Committee will vote on submitted agenda items. A simple majority will place any item directly on the next assembly agenda. The Area Chair may send issues or problems to a committee for study and recommendations. The positive recommendation of any committee that was referred to the committee will be sufficient for placement on the Assembly agenda following the

Area Committee meeting to which the positive recommendation was made. The Area budget and Area Handbook by nature are positive recommendations from the respective committees for placement on the agenda. Voting at Assemblies will be by substantial unanimity: a two-thirds affirmative vote being necessary for any action to be passed.

Article V

Area 45 shall maintain a prudent reserve of approximately six (but not to exceed twelve) months' projected expenses.

Article VI

In the event of the dissolution of Area 45, all funds in excess of those needed to satisfy the Area's obligations will be returned to the AA groups that contributed them.

Article VII

Where these By-Laws are not specific, the *Area 45 Handbook* and then *The AA Service Manual* are deemed authoritative.

NOTE:

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY AREA GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC. is a New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation that complies with New Jersey's corporate law governing nonprofits. Copies of up-to-date corporate bylaws for nonprofits can be made available upon request.

Adopted by:

Southern New Jersey Area 45 General Service Assembly on August 16, 1998.

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