



**BY-LAWS
PITTSBURGH AREA
STEERING COMMITTEE OF
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

April 1987-Article VII & IX Amended.
September 2001-Article XV Amended.

ARTICLE I The committee shall be known as "Pittsburgh Area Steering Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous".

ARTICLE II The purpose of the Steering Committee shall be to conduct such affairs that are pertinent to the operation and continued growth of AA in the Pittsburgh Area, and to establish an office, committees and other activities that will serve AA according to our traditions.

ARTICLE III The committee shall be composed of an elected representative from each group of the Pittsburgh Area; past experiences indicate that AA is best served when, if possible, the committee person has a minimum of two years sobriety: usually someone who has served in other group offices. The term of office shall be one year and it is further recommended each group elect an alternate Steering Committee representative; however, each group is entitled to one vote only.

ARTICLE IV The Steering Committee shall serve the Greater Pittsburgh Area.

ARTICLE V An interruption in sobriety shall impose an automatic resignation from the office of committee person.

ARTICLE VI The conduct of business of the Steering Committee shall be at regularly stated meetings to be held every 3 months, other special meetings may be held when it is deemed necessary, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Steering Committee, of the Chairman of the Pittsburgh Intergroup Committee.

ARTICLE VII At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year the Steering Committee shall elect from its members a person to serve as Steering Chairperson for the ensuing year. This nominee must have at least two (2) years of continuing sobriety, and should be a person chosen for leadership and devotion to AA; the length of office shall be one year, the chairperson may not succeed him/her self. The method of election should be by plurality vote.

ARTICLE VIII The Steering Committee chairperson shall be responsible for the scheduling and conduct of all Steering Committee meetings, and shall select a Recording Secretary for the purpose of keeping minutes of all Steering Committee Meetings. Parliamentary procedures for the conduct of business of the Steering Committee shall be guided by the "Roberts Rules of Order".

ARTICLE IX In order to conduct the every day business of AA in the Pittsburgh Area, the Steering Committee shall elect nine (9) persons from the committee, or AA as a whole, to serve on a operating committee, to be herein known as the "Pittsburgh Intergroup". Their term of office shall be for a period of three (3) years and the terms so arranged that (3) three terms shall expire each year. This will require the election of three (3) new members each year.

The requirement for serving on the "Pittsburgh Intergroup" shall be:

1. Continuing sobriety of at least two (2) years at the time of nomination.
2. Willingness to serve in accordance with the high standards of Alcoholics Anonymous.
3. Presence at the Steering Committee meeting at which elections take place.
4. Not a retiring member of the "Pittsburgh Intergroup Committee". However, a person filling an unexpired term may be qualified to be elected to the Intergroup Committee for a full term.
5. The Steering Committee shall conduct an election to fill any vacancy created on the Intergroup.
6. At no time may more than one member of any group serve on the Intergroup Committee. The method of election should be by plurality vote.

ARTICLE X An interruption in sobriety shall impose and automatic resignation from the Intergroup Committee.

ARTICLE XI A member of the Pittsburgh Intergroup Committee who fails to perform his duties in a satisfactory manner or because of conduct unbecoming the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous shall be subject to the right of recall from office by a two-thirds majority of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE XII Members elected to serve on the Pittsburgh Intergroup committee shall also serve as Directors of the "Pittsburgh Area Central Office, Inc." The legal registered name of this organization, located in Pittsburgh, PA.

ARTICLE XIII In order that the Pittsburgh Intergroup may better serve the Steering Committee and AA as a whole, the Chairperson of the Pittsburgh Steering Committee shall become an ex-officio member of the member of the Pittsburgh Intergroup.

ARTICLE XIV The Intergroup Committee shall have the responsibility for the overall supervision of the affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Greater Pittsburgh Area according to the traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Intergroup Committee is specifically requested to:

1. Supervise the management of the Central Office, its location, personnel, its services(including Telephone Answering Service) and to perform such other duties as may be deemed necessary to provide help and direction in further developing the good of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.
2. To select and supervise committees for the conduct of the Metropolitan Meeting and AA Banquet, including location, speakers and to take any other action as circumstances may require.
3. Supervise and select committees for other AA events such as anniversaries, Christmas Party, picnics and to conduct any other business that the Pittsburgh Steering Committee may require.
4. It shall be the duty of the Intergroup Committee to report to the Steering Committee concerning its activities progress, finances and any other pertinent reports of information concerning the operations of the Intergroup. It is further directed that these reports are to be prepared ten(10) days prior to a Steering Committee Meeting.

ARTICLE XV The nine (9) members of the Intergroup Committee serving shall meet prior to January 1st of each year for the purpose of electing an Intergroup Chairperson for the ensuing year. The newly elected Chairperson shall appoint a Co-Chairperson, as well as a Treasurer and two other members of Intergroup to serve with the Treasurer on a Finance Committee, as well as the Chairperson, shall have the authority to sign checks of the organization.

ARTICLE XVI To amend the By-Laws, the following procedure must be followed: First, the exact wording must be agreed to by a majority of the Steering Committee. This, then would take the form of a proposal. This action must take place at a regularly stated meeting. Secondly, each member will take the proposal back to his/her home group for its approval or disapproval. Thirdly, at the next regularly stated meeting, the Steering Committee members will vote the wishes of their home group, and by a two-thirds majority of the vote the amendment shall be approved or rejected. Action on amendments can only take place at a regular stated meeting.