

Bylaws of Kauai Intergroup

Preamble

In all its proceedings, Intergroup shall observe the spirit of A.A. Tradition, taking great care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of its members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and whenever possible by substantial unanimity; that no committee action ever be personally punitive, or any incitement to public controversy; that though it may act in the service of Alcoholics Anonymous groups of the Island of Kauai it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the society of Alcoholics Anonymous, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

(The above is adapted from the Third Legacy Manual of Services and A.A. co-founder Bill W's Twelve Concepts of World Service as adopted by the General Service Conference on April 26, 1962. The adoption of copy-righted material has been approved by the General Service Board)

1. Name and Purpose of Organization

The name shall be KAUAI INTERGROUP, and shall for convenience be referred to as "INTERGROUP".

The Purpose of INTERGROUP shall be the administration and coordination of A.A. activities common to the various groups comprising its membership. These activities include:

- a. Furthering the A.A. program in accordance with the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- b. Maintaining a Telephone Answering Service for A.A. on the Island of Kauai.
- c. Providing a printed schedule of all functioning AA meetings known to Intergroup.
- d. Maintaining an inventory of General Service Office and Grapevine Literature, Pamphlets and other items of group interest.
- e. Providing means of Inter-fellowship communications not limited to a Newsletter, Website, Mail and Email as well as a Monthly Meeting.
- f. Coordinating events to which the entire fellowship is invited.

- g. Ensuring the availability of services to members with Special Needs.
- h. Providing meetings inside Medical and Correctional Institutions.
- i. Providing information about our fellowship and its purpose to the Professional Community and the Public.

Specifically excluded from the objectives of INTERGROUP are the operation of any club, clubhouse, or drying-out place, and the endorsement of any public or private projects on alcoholism as outlined in Tradition Six.

2. Membership

The Voting Membership of INTERGROUP shall consist of a representative or an alternate representative from each A.A. group. New groups shall attend one meeting prior to being allowed to vote. Each group representative shall serve until replaced by his/her group, shall be entitled to one vote in the meeting of INTERGROUP, and shall vote his/her group conscience. The District Committee Member (DCM) or Alternate District Committee Member, shall also be a voting member of INTERGROUP.

3. Steering Committee

The officers of INTERGROUP shall be referred to as the "Steering Committee" and shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Each member of the Steering Committee shall be entitled to one vote in the meetings of Intergroup. The Basic Duties and Authority of the Steering Committee shall be as follows:

- A. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, create the meetings agenda, and make a written report to the Garden Island Sobriety on a monthly basis.
- B. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairman in all matters where practical, and shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the chairperson. In the event the Chairperson fails to fulfill their elected term of office, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the office of Chairperson.
- C. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, and keep the records of Intergroup in good order at all times.
- D. The Treasurer shall monitor all funds of Intergroup. They shall maintain adequate financial records and furnish monthly reports to Intergroup.

The Steering Committee officers shall serve for two years, or until their successors are duly elected. No officer shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Any member of A.A. may be nominated for office provided that the nominee shall have at least two years of continuous sobriety in A.A. when nominated for office. Broken sobriety during tenure of office will automatically disqualify any officer for continued service in the elected position.

Nominations of officers shall be closed at the October Intergroup meeting preceding the election meeting. Election of officers shall be held every even year in the month of November by secret ballot. Officers shall take office on January 1.

In the event that an officer other than the Chairperson resigns prior to the election of a successor, the Steering Committee as a whole shall appoint a temporary replacement to serve until such time as nomination and election of a successor can be held.

The Steering Committee is responsible to pay all monthly, semi-annual and annual bills incurred by Intergroup as they are received. The Steering Committee may also authorize unexpected expenditures up to 100 dollars, only in cases of emergency and after attempting to contact as many representatives as possible.

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4. Meetings

Intergroup shall meet a minimum of once a month at the same time and place throughout the two year panel. If the selected location is not available the Steering Committee may select an alternate location, making every effort to inform all members of Intergroup.

Intergroup shall elect a Coordinator to organize and report on each function of Intergroup; Section one, a-i. It is suggested that a Coordinator have one year of uninterrupted sobriety, however exceptions may be made if a member with more than one year agrees to be an Alternate Coordinator.

Matters which relate to policy affecting the groups or A.A. as a whole shall automatically be tabled for thirty days by the chairperson and referred for group conscience.

5. Finance

Intergroup may accept donations from A.A. members conforming with the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous and consistent with GSO Guidelines. Intergroup

shall not accept the responsibility of, Trusteeship for, or enter into the distribution or allocation of any funds set up outside of Intergroup.

This Association is organized exclusively for purposes withing the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Not withstanding any other provisions of these articles, 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 section 501(c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue law) or (B) by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, 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.

6. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any time by a two thirds majority vote of the group representatives present at any regular meeting of Intergroup, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been submitted to each group at least thirty days before the meeting at which action is to be taken on the amendment.

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Lu A Chairperson
The Steering Committee and Intergroup Representatives of Kauai County.