

By-laws Review

January 25, 2026

Purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee

The purpose of the ad hoc committee is to ensure that the existing Bylaws designating authority to the Steering Committee and/or the Intergroup Office to act without the input from the Intergroup Reps are in compliance with the Bylaw Article 6 section A number 4 which states that the Steering Committee is responsible to the MAIA Representative in all matters.

The ad hoc committee will present any bylaws that need to be changed and will recommend the changes that need to be made.

The members of the ad hoc committee are:

Jim C., Winchester Group

Linda B. , SATSO Group

Sharon L., Into Action-Midtown.

Ralph M. , Downtown Thursday

Proposed Change #1

ARTICLE TWO Purpose

Recommendation

Remove sections B, C, D, and E as they are not a part of the purpose of MAIA

Reword these items that were removed as Section B DUTIES

1. To receive and distribute funds from membership. To perform any acts necessary to carry out the MAIA purpose while staying within the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

2. To carry on the everyday activities and to purchase or acquire property for the transaction of its business.

3. To (take out the word acquire and replace it with ACCEPT) property by grant, gift or bequest which shall not exceed the amount prescribed by the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous.

4. To pay reasonable compensation for services necessary to carry out the purpose of MAIA.s

Proposed Change #2

ARTICLE THREE MEMBERSHIP Sections A,B,C

States that membership includes groups and meetings. It does not however specify that a meeting can vote

Recommendation:

Include the word MEETING in Section C

Proposed Change # 3

ARTICLE FIVE MAIA REPRESENTATIVES Section A and B

Recommendation:

Change the first statement to say “The MAIA shall be managed as described below

B) The Everyday operation of the Intergroup Office as defined below and all commitments required to perform these activities that are less than \$3,000 are delegated to the Steering Committee.

Add this that “Unless there is an emergency that will shut down the Intergroup office in a time frame that does not allow for consultation with the Intergroup Representatives to occur, all commitments above \$3,000 require the review and approval by the Intergroup Representatives”

Add definition of everyday operations as stated below

The everyday operations of the office which includes

-Recruit, train and schedule volunteers to staff the M.A.I.A. Office

-Maintain a neat and tidy overall appearance in the M.A.I.A. Office

- Coordinate spaces for M.A.I.A. meetings and events
- Ensure M.A.I.A. Office security procedures are followed
- Maintain office equipment and machines, ordering parts or new products when necessary
- Have an “open door policy” to all A.A. members as well as to the general public
- Administers and supervise all general clerical and record keeping procedures
- Obtain, and keep all office equipment and machines maintained
- Coordinates meeting space and events
- Maintain security system and procedures.
- Make timely receipts for contributions and all sales
- Make bank deposits three times a week.
- Maintain consistent inventory of all AAWS/AA Grapevine items and other approved merchandise
- Semi-Annual Inventory June/December
- Supervise and/or assist in stocking merchandise
- Publish and distribute current price list
- Establish daily sales procedures and operation
- Provide input to Steering committee on the development of policies and procedures.
- Implement new Policies and Procedures.
- Maintain an “open door” policy to all A.A. members and the public Work confidentially with AA members and non AA members
- C) Change to state “Representatives to the MAIA shall be elected by the groups/meetings.”
- Remove Section E in its entirety

Proposed Change #4

ARTICLE SIX STEERING COMMITTEE Section A

Section 2 currently states that The Steering Committee shall have responsibility and the right to select where the Intergroup Office is located

Recommendation

Revised to say “In the case of an emergency as defined in in Article 5 B, The Steering Committee shall have responsibility and the right to select where the Intergroup Office is located

Proposed Change #5

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section A item 8

Recommendation:

change to read that the Chairperson is to conduct all meeting in Accordance with the Twelve Traditions and in Accordance with the MAIA ByLaws

Section C item 1 and D item 1

Recommendation:

We should state that the Treasurer and assistant treasurer shall have a minimum of five(5) years of continuous sobriety

Section G item 3

States For any At-Large Steering Committee vacancy, the remaining Steering Committee members will elect an individual to fill the unserved portion of the vacated position’s term. The selection is to be confirmed by the MAIA Representatives

Recommendation:

For any At-Large Steering Committee vacancy, the remaining Steering Committee members will elect an individual to fill the unserved portion of the vacated position’s term. The selection is to be approved by the MAIA Representatives before appointing the new member.