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# THE PIKES PEAK PINT

A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

Please remember the Area Service Office is open only  
because of your continued financial support.

Our Primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Group contributions to the ASO are down significantly due to the COVID restrictions.

Contributions can be made on the homepage of our CSASO website: [www.coloradospringsaa.org](http://www.coloradospringsaa.org) or mailed or dropped off at the Area Service Office located at 1353 S 8th Street Suite 209, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Or feel free to call the office and we can take your contributions over the telephone and charge manually whatever amount you wish to your debit or credit card. This option is available Tuesday—Fridays 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

## Tradition Four

*Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.*

*With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.*

Autonomy means "self-governing", which implies no interference from others. Each A.A. group can make their own decisions as to meeting times, places, and formats. Some groups may meet once a week, others may have multiple meetings each day. Some groups choose to only use Conference-approved literature, while others might use any number of other sources for their meetings. Some groups may place an emphasis on group sharing, while others might spend more time on reading or listening to A.A. speakers - either live or recorded. The group conscience is the determining factor in each case. As long as these decisions do not affect other groups or A.A. as a whole, the choice is up to them. Of course, all groups should do their best to observe and uphold the all twelve Traditions, and carry the message of A.A.'s program of the Twelve Steps to recovery from alcoholism. But each group is entitled to decide for themselves the way they think best to do that. And that gives rise to the wonderful variety of A.A. meetings we have today. I sincerely hope that everyone can find a group that fits their personal needs and desires - where they can find the love and support that A.A. has to offer.

A Nony Mouse

# Step Four

*“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves”*

My first two attempts at sobriety were halted abruptly by the first step in the recovery of self. Step Four was a “checkmark” I would need to glaze over to protect my pride and the image I had created for myself. The words “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves” were easy to read, but the work to complete that task would likely have to be exclusionary at best. How fearless of me, indeed. I tried to placate my sponsor and sooth my ego until I realized my lies would never get e to the coveted Step Four “checkmark”.

It wasn't until I found the bottom of my existence, realizing I was completely broken and fake that I decided to give completely to doing what God was requiring of me. Step Four didn't take long to complete, but it was like enduring a gauntlet of ghosts bent on humiliating me. The things I had excused away as just part of life and the damage done to coworkers and loved ones became clear. Depression came in again nearly snuffing out my hope for sobriety. Without the constant support of my sponsor and trusted friends. I was surely going to quit. Support of my fellow alcoholics kept the ship righted and on course with only a few deviations created by my own doubt. I finally found my North Star and focused on the promise of God-given peace and new life in fellowship with Him as my guide. With Step Four complete, I had come too far and faced too many insecurities to back down from the program. I had been revitalized in my journey and began to enjoy the challenges of Steps Five through Nine. I knew I could be a renewed and truly recovered being with Him. Fearless and moral are not usually the best character traits of an alcoholic, except in their own minds. Today my mind has been changed. I have my fellows, a seemingly endless stream of newcomers, and the ability to progress in this sober journey.

Les T.



## Concept IV for World Service

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

There are no second class members of AA, from the newest members making coffee for the meeting to the Chairperson of a large group, we all have the right to speak and be heard. Bill W. wrote that “It is vital, to preserve the traditional ‘Right of Participation,’ in the face of every tendency to whittle it down.”

In practice it seems that this is much harder than it would seem. It is human nature to listen to the people we see every day, the ones who week after week show up and participate month after month at the same meeting we attend. We see others who we do not know, maybe from other meetings, or other towns and we must remember that they are part of our tribe as well. This Concept insures that every

participant in the World Service Conference has a voice. It respects and empowers delegates, trustees, directors and staff members of A.A. World Services and the Grapevine.

New trustees on the General Service Board and New Directors of the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine boards are sometimes surprised to see paid executives, staff members, and outside accountants attending the board meetings. They are invited because of A.A.s “Right of Participation.” Thus, the trustees and directors “are put into direct communication with these workers, who... feel wanted and needed. Although they do not vote

## Springs Time Awakening

As our pioneering brothers and sisters of AA must have experienced the pain of new growth, I too understand pain as a necessary ingredient to new growth. The authors of the big book tell us entering into this new dimension of peace and serenity comes with a price yet the reward is priceless. The big book illuminates this truth: "Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the process requires for its successful consummation. But we saw that it really worked in others, and we had come to believe in the hopelessness and futility of life as we had been living it. When, therefore we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed."

A springtime day felt like heaven when God revealed he is changing my new heart in him to the beauty of his hope and his promise within his nature growing all around me. "I am the promise that is coming true within you as your new heart listens and watches for me in the sound of my springtime runoff. We feel my cool wind touch your face that feels my light warm you and you no longer need to look away from my light in shame or pain for where your disease has taken you. I live and breathe in the newness of your heart I am changing in the present moment. I ask you to stay with your heavenly Father where I live. For the change I give you in hope and promise is being reflected to you with the sound of my springtime water flowing as a gift to renew and refresh your spirit that chooses life. It is truth I give my spirit of newness in all the colors of my springtime growth that is here as my gift to eat and drink of as true life for all my children. Please let your senses in your feelings truly feel the beauty and joy through feeling how love can range from joy to pain as "We," with me and your brothers and sisters. There is no need to drink away your feelings of new life. As dulled emotions from your heart will not let me work to change where you long to live and be rocketed into a heaven on earth existence with me you had only dreamed of."

What do we do about resentments? This is what the book says.

This is our course: realize at once that the people who wrong you are spiritually sick. Though you don't like their symptoms and the way these disturb you, they, like yourself, are sick, too. Ask God to help you show them the same tolerance, pity, and patience that you would cheerfully grant a friend who has cancer. When a person next offends, say to yourself "This is a sick man. How can I be helpful to him? God save me from being angry. Thy will be done."

# Happy A.A. Birthday!

### New Woman Group

MaryAnne S.	9 years
Jules	29 years

### Steel Magnolias:

Cindy F.	4 years
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### Friday Womens:

June W.	39 years
Amber S.	3 years

### Walk The Talk

Bob O.	2015
Rick B.	2020
Allan S.	2003
Philip S.	2016
Ryan M.	2014
Patty T.	2017
Rachel	2020
Annette G.	2016

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### Serenity Riders

Jenn R.	2007
Buzz B.	1984
Dan D.	2003
Dave B.	2006
Lonnie P.	2018

### New Beginners

Cameron M.	2006
Mike H.	2018

**LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE**

Open: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed: Saturday - Monday  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

**Consider JOINING A COMMITTEE MEETING!**

These are suspended until further notice.

**BRIDGING THE GAP**

**PIKES PEAK PINT**

**CORRECTIONS**

**PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

**CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)**

**PROGRAMS**

**NIGHTWATCH**

**DISTRICT 7**

**WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please include your group name and group number on the check

~ **AREA SERVICE OFFICE** ~

Payable to: Colorado Springs Area Service Office  
1353 South 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 209  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

~ **GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE** ~

Payable to: GSO  
P.O. Box 459/Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

~ **AREA 10** ~

Payable to: Area 10 Treasurer  
12081 W. Alameda Parkway, #418  
Lakewood, CO 80228

~ **DISTRICT 7** ~

Payable to: District 7,  
P.O. Box 26252,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

~ **PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS** ~

Payable to: Area 10 Corrections Committee  
P.O. Box 40368,  
Denver, CO 80204

**How much did YOU spend on a drink?**

**Please help others.....**

Consider putting \$2 in a jar/cup/basket each time you log onto a Zoom Meeting.

Then consider splitting the money accumulated and give 1/2 to your group when they begin meeting again, and 1/2 to your Service Office.

Contribute Here  
[coloradospringsaa.org](http://coloradospringsaa.org)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Group 2020-2021	Fiscal YTD	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2	12 Steps from the Morg	\$401	\$116				214				\$71			
3	164 Group	\$483			\$103			160		\$150				70
4	A Common Solution	\$150		\$150										
5	APEX	\$344			\$91				\$185				\$68	
6	Back to Basics	\$1,341	\$116			\$199	56	155	\$158	\$115	\$164	\$97	\$117	164
7	Beacon Light	\$300								\$200				\$100
8	Big Book Action	\$200							\$200					
9	Black Forest Group	\$601	\$205			\$131			\$130			135		
10	Broadmoor Step	\$67					\$67							
11	But For the Grace of Go	\$120						\$75					\$45	
12	Clean Air	\$125						\$125						
13	District 7	\$4,662							\$4,662					
14	Don't Worry Be Happy	\$1,106	\$60			\$96	\$151	\$195	\$146	\$114	\$105	\$89		\$150
15	Down by the Creek	\$29										\$29		
16	Downtown Group	\$1,000							\$1,000					
17	Easy Does It	\$1,534	\$117				\$422			\$493			\$502	
18	Ellicott	\$436									\$101			335
19	Florissant Step Study	\$100									\$100			
20	Foxhall	\$195									\$195			
21	Friday Night Live	\$300	\$50			\$250								
22	Friday Women's	\$943		\$80		\$20	\$479	\$20		\$227	\$117			
23	Happy Destiny	\$150							\$150					
24	Happy Heathens	\$186				\$86.00						100		
25	High Nooners	\$100			\$100									
26	H.O.W.	\$300	\$100										\$100	\$100
27	Into Action	\$712	\$100			\$149	\$208					180		\$75
28	Keytone to Recovery	\$440			\$130			\$160			\$150			
29	Language of the Heart	\$61					\$14	31	\$16					
30	Let Go Let God	\$150			\$75				\$75					
31	Little Log Cabin	\$1,324	\$320								\$1,004			
32	Living Sober South	\$74		\$32.00									\$42	
33	M.A.G.	\$550				\$300			\$250					
34	Men's Anonymous	\$930					\$400		\$200		\$130	\$200		
35	Monday Path Finders	\$199						199						
36	Morning Trudge	\$250												\$250
37	New Beginner's	\$704		\$185.00				355				164		
38	New Woman	\$824		\$144			\$120			\$215	\$116	\$229		
39	Northwester's	\$192		\$43			\$120		\$29					
40	Off the Wall	\$34			\$5			29						
41	Old North End	\$180				\$83							\$97	
42	One Day At A Time	\$130				\$130								
43	Pathfinders	\$71										71		
44	Pre-Dawn	\$1,000							\$1,000					
45	Recovery In Action	\$232	\$168					37				27		
46	Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100											
47	Red Cloud	\$216										100		\$116
48	Saturday Early Morning	\$697					\$253				\$115			329
49	Serenity Hour	\$16		\$16										
50	Serenity Riders	\$1,800				\$646		20		\$476				658
51	Sober Sisters	\$30											\$30	
52	Steel Magnolias	\$228		\$106					\$122					
53	Sought Thru Prayer	\$16					16							
54	Sunday Speakers	\$100											\$100	
55	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$478			\$114					\$237	\$100	27		
56	Talking Circles	\$25				\$25								
57	Thursday Night Men's	\$2,822	\$1,834	\$40				204		\$500		\$50		194
58	Unnamed Group	\$150												150
59	Walk the Talk	\$8,282	\$1,607	\$425	\$425	\$2,850	\$425	\$425		\$850	425		425	425
60	We Are Here	\$155	\$45						\$68			\$42		
61	We Are Not Saints	\$2,034	\$748			\$573			\$570				\$143	
62	WOW	\$100								\$100				
63	WP Book Study	\$725		\$176			397			\$65				87
64	WP Women's Step Stud	\$20					20							
65	WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19											
66	WP Tuesday Women's	\$522		\$108			\$154			\$140		\$120		
67	<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$41,765</b>	<b>\$5,705</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>5538</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>2190</b>	<b>8961</b>	<b>3882</b>	<b>2893</b>	<b>1660</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>3116</b>

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

# Colorado Springs Area Intergroup Charter

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## **Article I                      Definitions**

### **Intergroup**

Intergroup, hereinafter referred to as CS Intergroup, is a service organization formed by the AA groups of the greater Colorado Springs area and consists of:

- One representative from each group, which signified its desire to join by registering with the Intergroup Registrar.
- Intergroup Officers; and
- Service Committees Chairpersons.

### **The Area Service Office**

The Area Service Office is a legal entity. Its full legal name is The Corporate Body of the Colorado Springs Area Service Office. Herein referred to as the ASO, the Area Service Office is a 501c (3) non-profit organization.

The ASO is established by CS Intergroup to handle financial matters and to serve as the local AA communications center. The ASO is staffed by a paid Manager, other paid staff as required, and volunteers.

### **AA Groups**

Any two or three alcoholics gathered for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation. AA groups generally exist outside prescribed meeting hours, ready to provide Twelve-Step help when needed. It is suggested that AA groups register with the General Service Office as well as with their local offices: area; district; and ASO.

### **AA Meetings**

Some AA members hold meetings that differ from the common understanding of a group. These members simply gather at a set time and place for a meeting, perhaps for convenience or other special situations. Meetings are regular gatherings of alcoholics for the purpose of staying sober.

AA meetings are not registered with GSO or ASO and do not have a vote on business matters for either entity.

## Article II CS Intergroup

### **Purpose and Principles**

The purpose of CS Intergroup is to support local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. CS Intergroup is responsible to the groups it serves. In turn, the groups offer financial contributions to the ASO and GSO and provide a volunteer base for Twelfth-Step work. In the course of its deliberations, CS Intergroup shall be guided by the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts, and the AA Service Manual.

### **Functions**

1. CS Intergroup shall encourage and foster participation by local AA groups, meetings and individuals in service activities, social programs, and financing.
2. One of the principal responsibilities of CS Intergroup is to establish Service Committees to help AA carry the message. The GSO offers backup support in the form of literature, films, videos, and workbooks for each committee. These service committees are of two types: Standing service committees, which correspond to committees established under the General Service Conference structure; and Local service committees as needed.
3. CS Intergroup shall maintain, supervise, and support an ASO which coordinates activities common to local groups, acts as an information clearing house, and serves as a point of contact with the general public. As part of the services provided, the ASO shall:
  - a. Publish a schedule of local meetings.
  - b. Assist in the preparation and publication of a monthly newsletter.
  - c. Make alcoholism-related materials available for sale to the public.
  - d. Maintain the CS Intergroup website.
4. CS Intergroup shall elect a slate of officers.
5. CS Intergroup shall approve appointments of committee chairpersons and vice-chairpersons and review committee reports at monthly CS Intergroup meetings.
6. CS Intergroup shall approve the annual budget before each fiscal year begins. The fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31.
7. CS Intergroup shall review and act upon proposed amendments to this Charter.

### **Membership**

1. Any local AA group may be a member of CS Intergroup. It is suggested that groups register with the CS Intergroup Registrar – providing the name of the group, the place and time of meetings, and the name, phone number, and e-mail address of a contact person and alternate.
2. CS Intergroup representatives are selected by their respective groups. It is suggested that a representative be an active member of the group she/he represents and have at least one year of continuous sobriety at the time of selection. The suggested term of service is one year.

### **Meetings**

1. Regular meetings of CS Intergroup will be held monthly at a firmly established time and place.
2. The regular meeting in March of each year shall be designated the Annual Meeting, at which time officers are elected for the next fiscal year. Special meetings of CS Intergroup may be convened by the chairperson or by a majority of the other officers if the need arises. The CS Intergroup Secretary or the ASO Manager is responsible for notifying members at least one week in advance of the special meeting date.

### **Voting**

1. Each group representative to CS Intergroup shall have one vote. No representative may vote on behalf of more than one group. CS Intergroup officers, committee chairpersons, and the ASO Manager shall not have a vote. If an officer, Chairperson or ASO Manager also represents a group, she/he is entitled to one vote for that group. If the alternate group representative is standing in for the principle, he/she may exercise that group's vote.
2. Following discussion of an issue, an initial vote by show of hands will be taken. Minority opinion will then be heard, and the issue taken to a second vote which determines the outcome. A simple majority decides, unless otherwise stated in this Charter.
3. Elections will be conducted according to the Third Legacy procedure outlined in the AA Service Manual. Candidates must be present at the time of the election.
4. In the event that there is only one candidate for any position, she/he must receive affirmative votes cast by written ballot from two-thirds of the voting members present in order to be elected.
5. On all matters requiring a vote, quorum shall consist of 12 CS Intergroup representatives.

### **Recall**

1. CS Intergroup may remove any officer from the duties of office for just cause, as determined by CS Intergroup.
2. Recall procedure may be initiated by any CS Intergroup member or officer by making a motion for consideration by CS Intergroup. Such motion must be supported by a clear presentation of cause. If the motion to recall is approved by a simple majority, recall will be placed on the agenda for the following CS Intergroup meeting and member groups will be notified by their CS Intergroup representative. The recall vote shall be by written or electronic polling and shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote.
3. The approved recall is effective *immediately*.

## Article III Officers

1. To carry out its responsibilities, CS Intergroup will elect eight officers, as follows:

a. **Chairperson**, whose duties include: presides at monthly CS Intergroup meetings and CS Intergroup Board meetings; appoints Service Committee chairpersons and the Third Legacy Chairperson, these appointments to be ratified by the body of intergroup representatives, and oversees Committee activities; oversees the functioning of the ASO; supervises the ASO Manager; evaluates performance of the ASO Manager as stipulated in the Personnel Policy Handbook (which was adopted by the Board Oct. 5, 2020 and is available for review at the Area Service Office); calls for interim elections as required; maintains liaison with local District Committee Members (DCMs); and attends District 7 meetings.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 6 years sobriety; business experience with leadership and management skills; and good people skills.

b. **Vice-Chairperson**, whose duties include assists the Chairperson in the duties described above; assumes the duties of the Chairperson if she/he is unable to serve; and performs such other duties as the Chairperson may direct.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 5 years sobriety; business experience with leadership and management skills; and good people skills.

c. **Secretary**, whose duties include takes roll call at monthly CS Intergroup meetings and records attendance. On the basis of the roll call, declares whether or not there is a quorum; prepares written minutes of CS Intergroup meetings and makes a copy of the minutes available in a timely manner; provides a copy of the minutes to the ASO for distribution and for the archives; and takes minutes of CS Intergroup Board meetings; and makes a copy of the minutes available to the Board and ASO Manager.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 3 years sobriety; the ability to transcribe a recording of a meeting; ability to produce accurate minutes of the meeting in a timely manner.

d. **Treasurer**, whose duties include: prepares the proposed Annual Budget in consultation with CS Intergroup Officers; presents proposed Annual Budget to CS Intergroup at the December meeting, and sees it through the approval process at the February meeting; presents monthly financial statements at the regular meetings of CS Intergroup; prepares payroll; delegates the preparation of annual income tax return and oversees this process; oversees a CPA's quarterly review of the finances; monitors expenditures for programs in accordance with the approved budget; delegates the preparation and payment of monthly Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to pay federal taxes; and delegates the preparation of the quarterly reports and oversees this process for:

- i. state, county and city sales tax.
- ii. unemployment tax.
- iii. state and federal payroll withholding; and
- iv. worker's compensation insurance.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 5 years sobriety; familiarity with bookkeeping, accounting, and budgets; fluency in QuickBooks and Microsoft Excel; Must have a computer and be familiar with Microsoft Word.

e. **Vice Treasurer**, whose duties include assists the Treasurer in the duties described above; and assumes the duties of the Treasurer if he/she is unable to serve.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 4 years sobriety; familiarity with bookkeeping, accounting, and budgets; fluency in QuickBooks and Microsoft Excel; Must have a computer and be familiar with Microsoft Word.

f. **Registrar**, whose duties include: compiles and/or maintains a current file of CS Intergroup member groups, including the name of group, time and place of meetings, and name, phone number, and e-mail address of CS Intergroup representative or contact person and alternate; coordinates efforts to contact new groups and provide information about CS Intergroup; encourages groups to join CS Intergroup and select a representative; and prepares and distributes packets of information for new CS Intergroup representatives. Information packets will include the most recent version of the CS Intergroup Charter.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 3 years sobriety; familiarity with Microsoft Excel and Word; must keep accurate records; and must have a computer.

g. **Member-at-Large**, whose duties include literature coordinator to carry out purchasing and pricing as directed by the CS Intergroup officers; works in coordination with the ASO Manager and volunteers as needed to maintain adequate stock; conducts the required quarterly inventory, keep inventory records up to date, and assure timely orders; and carries out other responsibilities as directed by the CS Intergroup Chairperson.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 3 years sobriety.

h. **Third Legacy Chair**, whose duties include: maintaining that board operations remain consistent and follow the Charter; conducts and facilitates CS Intergroup elections. This position has a voice in matters, but no vote. The term is three years.

**Suggested Requirements:** At least 18 years sobriety; should have served as a CS Intergroup board member at one time; should have experience with CS Intergroup committees; should have served at the district level as a DCM or Alternate DCM (District Committee Member)

2. CS Intergroup Officers oversee CS Intergroup programs and activities, with the detailed work completed by volunteer committees. Collectively, CS Intergroup officers will serve as the board of directors responsible for the administration of The Corporate Body of the Colorado Springs Area Service Office.
3. CS Intergroup Officers shall meet monthly, during the week prior to the regular CS Intergroup meeting, to review pending matters and prepare the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
4. Using contributions, it is suggested a prudent reserve be maintained of no less than 6 months, with the goal of being fully funded at 13 months.
5. Except for decisions upon matters of policy, finance or AA Traditions liable to affect the Colorado Springs area AA groups, the officers shall have freedom of action in the routine conduct of the business affairs of the ASO.
6. The term of the Chairperson is two years; the term of office for all other offices is one fiscal year (April 1 through March 31). Elections for officers shall be conducted at the Annual Meeting of CS Intergroup in March. CS Intergroup members will be reminded at the January meeting of the pending election.

7. To honor the AA spirit of rotation, CS Intergroup members may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in any given office and a maximum of four consecutive years as an CS Intergroup Officer in any capacity. A member is eligible to serve again as an officer after one year.
8. If a board member serves 180 days or more in one office withing a given fiscal year, she/he shall be considered to have served a term. Service of less than 180 days within a fiscal year shall not be counted as a term.

## Article IV Nominations for CS Intergroup Officers

1. It is strongly recommended that there be a slate of at least two nominees for each vacancy.
2. CS Intergroup representatives and officers are responsible for identifying candidates who are willing and eligible to stand for election as a CS Intergroup officer and for encouraging them to do so. Currently serving representatives and committee chairpersons are also urged to take this opportunity for further service. It is recommended that all who stand have a minimum of 2 years of continuous sobriety.
3. Names of nominees should be submitted to the chairperson of CS Intergroup in time to be announced at the February meeting. Candidates may also stand for a position or be nominated from the floor at the March meeting.

## Article V Interim Vacancies

1. Interim vacancies in the offices of Chairperson and Treasurer will be filled automatically by the Vice-Chairperson and Vice Treasurer respectively for the balance of the term.
2. All other interim vacancies will be filled by special election. The election will be held at the regular CS Intergroup meeting one month following the meeting at which the interim vacancy is announced. Groups will be advised of the pending election by their CS Intergroup representatives, the newsletter, and the website prior to the date of the election.
3. If no candidate has been proposed, CS Intergroup may leave that post vacant until the annual meeting.
  - a. Or the Chairperson may postpone the election until the following month.
  - b. Or may appoint a person to fill the interim vacancy for the remainder of the term.
  - c. Such authority shall be granted by a simple majority vote of those present. (See Concept Three – Right of Decision).



## Article VI Finance

1. There are no dues or fees in Alcoholics Anonymous. The activities of CS Intergroup and the ASO shall be financed **solely** through the voluntary contributions of member groups and individuals, the sale of literature and affiliated products, and by occasional projects or events.
2. Under the direction of the Treasurer, the officers will present a proposed yearly operating budget to CS Intergroup at the December meeting. The proposed budget shall be discussed with the respective groups and voted on at the February meeting.
3. All funds will be maintained in accounts of insured financial institutions. Expenditures will be by check (requiring two authorized signatures) or by debit card. Check-signing authorization is delegated to the CS Intergroup Chairperson, Treasurer, and Vice Treasurer. The ASO Manager and other employees are not authorized to sign checks.
4. Current reports on income and expenditures will be presented by the Treasurer at regular monthly meetings of CS Intergroup.

## Article VII Literature

1. The CS Intergroup will determine the policy for the purchase and sale of alcoholism-related literature and materials. The Member-at-Large will serve as literature coordinator.
2. Responsibility for day-to-day sales of literature and materials rests with the ASO Manager, in cooperation with the Member-at-Large.
3. Inventory of these materials should include literature and materials published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services and Grapevine, Inc.
4. In addition, the Service Office will continue to stock other items such as: Sobriety medallions (chips); meditation books; and other recovery items.

## Article VIII Service Committees

1. Chairpersons of Service Committees shall be appointed by the CS Intergroup Chairperson and approved by a simple majority of the voting members present. Two years of continuous sobriety is recommended as a qualification. Service Committee Chairpersons will be appointed for one year and may serve a maximum of two terms in succession. For purposes of continuity and to utilize their in-service training, it is desirable for the Vice Chair to succeed to Chairmanship when the incumbent rotates out.
2. If a Service Committee Chairperson serves 180 days or more in one office within a given fiscal year, he/she shall be considered to have served one term. Service of less than 180 days within a fiscal year shall not be counted as a term.
3. For the Service Committees that deal directly with the public or are of a technical nature (Webmaster), the Committee Chairperson will appoint a Vice-Chairperson to be ratified by CS Intergroup.
4. Service Committee members may volunteer and/or be selected by the Committee chairs. Committee Chairpersons shall present monthly oral reports at regular CS Intergroup meetings.

### LOCAL SERVICE COMMITTEES

Committee chairs have the ASO as a resource for administrative support.

1. **Programs**: Organizes and manages the social activities of CS Intergroup such as: Alcothon; Founders' Day; Annual Picnic; and Longtimers' Dinner.
2. **Nightwatch**: Organizes and coordinates a network of volunteers to answer phones and coordinate 12-Step calls after business hours and on weekends.
3. **The Pikes Peak Pint newsletter**: CS Intergroup publishes the Pint, the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Region. The editor and volunteers produce the Pint. The CS Intergroup Board determines the editorial policy of *The Pint*, which follows:
  - a. The CS Intergroup Board of Directors are responsible for newsletter content and ensuring that the editorial policy is followed.
  - b. The newsletter shall be guided by the spirit of the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.
  - c. Items submitted for publication may be edited for clarity, content, and appropriateness.
  - d. AA-related items may be published as they relate to the fellowship and to the extent that they are consistent with our primary purpose.
  - e. Articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of any Article imply endorsement by CS Intergroup or AA as a whole; and
  - f. Announcements of a general interest to the fellowship are presented not as an endorsement of the *Pikes Peak Pint*.
4. **Volunteers**: The Volunteer Coordinator recruits and helps train volunteers to assist in the daily operation of the Area Service Office under the supervision of its manager.
5. **Special Needs**: Identifies and supports meetings that provide for the needs of AA members with disabilities and encourages AA members to visit those who are hospitalized or ill at home.
6. **Website**: Is responsible for the content of the site but not necessarily the development and maintenance of its technical aspects. The Website committee is not required to have this technical expertise, it may have in place a technical adviser to develop and implement

technical, structural updates. The Website technical adviser may be a member of the fellowship or not. The Chairperson, with the committee members, is responsible for:

- b. Making every effort to keep the site as technically simple as possible.
  - c. Obtaining approval from the Board of Directors for proposed significant updates in content or design.
  - d. Ensuring that the Area Service Office pays the hosting company/ISP on time as per contract.
  - e. Ensuring that the *coloradospringsAA.org* domain name is renewed, and registration is paid by the Area Service Office.
  - f. Ensuring the content information is current, i.e., performing regular meeting schedule updates, local events, etc.
  - g. Ensuring that all email links in the site are kept current and pointing to the correct chairperson's contact information.
4. **Archives**: To conduct a working Archives Program under the guidelines of the GSO Archives workbook.
5. **Bridging the Gap**: (BTG) is an AA program to help people leaving correctional or treatment facilities become acquainted with AA and attend AA meetings to get and remain sober after they are released. It is the responsibility of the BTG Committee to create and maintain a current Bridger list as well as ensure that those on the list are trained how to be a Bridger. The Committee chairperson will:
- a. Appoint both a Treatment liaison and Correction liaison who will attend their respective committee meetings to maintain cooperation with District 7 committees.
  - b. Update the Bridgers list every 6 months.
  - c. Keep the ASO current with Bridgers' list.
  - d. Host two Bridger training workshops a year; and
  - e. Coordinate with District 7 committees to do BTG presentations within facilities.
  - f. It is suggested that Placement Coordinators be appointed to maintain positive relationships with facilities.

## Article IX Website Editorial Policy

Guidance for website content and policy is provided by the GSO on <http://www.AA.org> and suggests we follow the Twelve Traditions and the group conscience. The editorial philosophy for the Colorado Springs Area website is based on that guidance, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for the Website <http://www.ColoradoSpringsAA.org>

1. It is Colorado Springs Area Website editorial policy that:
  - a. The site will not contain links to any other site unless it is approved by GSO. For example, the GSO or Grapevine sites already link to it.
  - b. Names, phone numbers or street addresses of fellowship members will not be posted on the site.
  - c. The website will post only AA and CS Intergroup activities.
  - d. No AA trademarks will be used on the site unless approved by GSO/Grapevine.
  - e. Copyright credit will be given to GSO/Grapevine as appropriate; and
  - f. The site will not be used for personal purposes.
2. The Webmaster may make updates to the site to keep it current, but substantial updates in design or content must be approved by the CS Intergroup Board of Directors. “Substantial” is meant to include updates in overall website design, major additions, or deletions of web pages, etc.
3. Site content will not be a statement of AA policy or AA as a whole. The content is provided solely by CS Intergroup. The CS Intergroup Board is ultimately responsible for website content and ensuring that the Website Editorial Policy is followed.

## Article X      Dissolution

1. If for any reason CS Intergroup must file for dissolution of The Corporate Body of the Colorado Springs Area Service Office, appropriate counsel (legal and/or CPA) may be retained to oversee payment of debts and liabilities, and fulfillment of obligations as an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) entity.
2. All assets remaining after payment of liabilities should be converted to cash and donated to a body within the General Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Article XI Amendments

### 1. Amendments to the Charter

a. Any member of CS Intergroup may propose an Amendment to this Charter. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson with a copy to the Secretary. Proposed changes (additions and/or deletions) shall be written into the particular paragraph, and the entire paragraph rewritten to reflect the desired change.

b. Upon receipt of the proposal, the Chairperson shall include it in the agenda for the upcoming meeting. The author of the proposed amendment shall present it to CS Intergroup for consideration. If affirmed by a simple majority of voting members present, the proposed amendment will be submitted to member groups for their consideration.

c. The vote on such proposals will take place at the CS Intergroup meeting approximately 60 days following the meeting at which it is determined to submit the proposal to the group conscience.

d. Notice of the proposed amendment will be published on the website and in the newsletter for two consecutive issues prior to the vote. Notice will include the text of the proposed amendment and the date on which the vote will be taken.

e. Amendment of this Charter requires approval, via written ballot, by two-thirds of the voting Intergroup members present at the time the vote is called.

### 2. Amendments to Appendices

a. The Appendices which accompany this Charter supplement or clarify points included in the main body of the document. Because they cover information, which may be revised or updated periodically, a simpler amendment process will apply, as follows:

- Any member of CS Intergroup may propose an amendment to an Appendix. The proposed amendment should be presented in writing at a regular meeting for inclusion by the Chairman in the agenda for the next monthly meeting.
- The proposed amendment will become effective if affirmed by a simple majority of voting members present when the vote is taken.

b. This Charter supersedes all previous CS Intergroup Procedure Guides and Charters.

## Article XII Charter History

Original	June 10, 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original Charter signed by Chairperson Mel Davis</li> </ul>
Amendment 1	Sept. 9, 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editorial Policy for Pikes Peak Pint</li> </ul>
Amendment 2	May 9, 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendment to Appendix 1 to give Service Office Manager a vote on Board and at Intergroup</li> </ul>
Amendment 3: Charter Articles	June 10, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergroup Officer Term Clarified</li> <li>• Quorum Clarified</li> <li>• Service Committee Vice-Chairperson positions created</li> </ul>
Amendment 4: Charter Appendices	June 10, 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website Service Committee Created</li> <li>• Editorial Policy for Website Added</li> <li>• Calendar Deleted</li> <li>• Guide for Intergroup Reps Deleted</li> <li>• Duties of Intergroup Officers and Service Office Manger updated</li> </ul>
Amendment 5: Modify Article X1.2 and 3	Dec. 14, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define terms for committee chairs</li> </ul>
Amendment 6: Appendix III	July 9, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of Bridge the Gap Committee to Service Committees</li> </ul>
Charter Revision and Rewrite	May 11, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and rewrite of the entire charter. Incorporation of previous amendments, changes, and deletions.</li> </ul>



## Article XIII Charter Changes and Deletion History

Section	Description / Comment	Date Approved by Intergroup
Appendix I.4	Modification of duties of Treasurer	April 11, 2006
Appendix III.6	Modification of requirements and duties of Website committee	August 8, 2006
Appendix III.7	To add Archives to Local Service Committees	August 14, 2007
Appendix VI.2	Change website policy on fliers and personal information	December 11, 2007
Article XI.2&3	Modify .2 and add .3 to define term for committee chairs	December 14, 2010
Appendix III	Addition of Bridge the Gap to Local Service Committees	July 9, 2019
Charter Revision and Rewrite	Review and rewrite of the entire charter. incorporation of previous amendments, changes, and deletions.	February XX, 2021

## Article XIV Authorization

The CS Intergroup Chairperson signature signifies the approval date by the body of CS Intergroup.

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CS Intergroup Chairperson

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