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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 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 Three

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

'No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can't deny you AA. We don't *want* to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure you have the same great chance for sobriety that we've had.'

12 Steps and 12 Traditions Pg 139

There can be no compromise, no other agendas, no “rules” that violate this idea. In the last 10-15 years I have heard more and more reasons being read at beginnings of meetings, laying down the reasons you *can't* be here, usually preceded by this tradition. “...we're glad you're here, but...”, “...if you act a certain way we'll ask you to leave...”. There can be no reason strong enough, to make anyone an exception to this tradition, especially the needs of one being put in front of the needs of the many. If we are to accommodate every individual's request for safety, anonymity, personal opinions, likes or dislikes of people, there would be no one left to open the doors. If people do not use The Steps to recover, they simply cannot make demands as to how things can be and, certainly do not possess the spiritual enlightenment required to do so. This applies especially to those who “make the rules”. Most certainly you can run things as you wish, (at a group level), but not at the expense of the other Traditions.

The future of AA lies in our ability not to fall into social ladders, or clicks, as a way of life. We cannot judge who stays and goes according to individual values, or social standings. If we do we will fall into the “Yes sir, we'd cater *only* to pure and respectable alcoholics! Any others would surely destroy us. Besides, if we took in those odd ones, what would decent people say about us?” 12 Steps and 12 Tradition pg 140

By continually violating this Tradition, we will finally build that fine mesh fence around AA I hope I'm wrong. The question isn't who can stay or not. The question is who is going to make that call. We all should be grateful that we didn't get here with the rules that have been made since then: many of us would have been turned away.

Anonymous AA member

Step Three

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over the care of God as we understood him.

Reprinted from *The Grapevine* 1945

I was co-chairman of the Loop group a few months ago and the subject of religious experience was brought up. I answered this in my stumbling way by saying that each of us could have such an experience only when we 'got on center with ourselves'; if that were not clear we could express it thus: when we fully realized for the first time in our lives the essential dignity of ourselves as human beings. I also said that this realization could be achieved through return to the formal religion we once practiced but never knew, or by honest thought along our rough-hewn way.

I have lately come to think that the 3rd step on our guide post to the good life is the meat and drink of the twenty-four hour program. Without a complete, whole-hearted 'surrender' at the start of each day, much of the good that we think, or do, is lost to us. I must confess that in my own daily application of the program I had begun to slip on this point—if indeed I had ever really practiced it. But the tide of events swelled over me recently to wash this bad thinking away. Unsatisfactory events, however, do not seem to be without compensation. Out of this turmoil and confusion in my business affairs has come a deeper understanding, a peace and serenity, a clarity of outlook I never knew before.

I sometimes wonder how many of us, after early, diligent application to AA, coast along without getting wet solely because of a thoroughly house-broken habit as far as alcohol is concerned. I have always thought that the man who is thoroughly sickened of the stuff, when he learns of AA, has the best chance to pick up and go; but it seems to me that there is danger ahead for such a man sometime later, just because he won his 'strength' too easily at the start.

Walter L., Chicago, IL

AA GRAPEVINE
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Concept III for World Service

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

You essentially need two things in order to embrace Concept III in the way you live—trust and humility. You must be able to overcome your own pride and accept that it is not your right to control or manipulate others. You may not always agree with someone, but that does not give you the authority to violate their Right of Decision. And this doesn't just apply to other AA members. Most people in your life will at some point do something you'd rather not see them do, but everyone has their own Right of Decision. Do not treat your peers as if you were parenting a child. No one has the right to speak down to others in such fashion.

If you are to become a GSR or other service representative, then you must take Concept III to heart with even more gravity. Do not become the dictator of your group. Business meetings are a chance to give everyone a right to speak, and to vote on matters that affect the group as a whole. If one member attempts to run the group with an iron fist, they may soon find that their members will dwindle and they will be left alone. Control almost always results in isolation. No one wants to throw their lot in with someone who doesn't respect their rights.

LUCK O' THE SOBER

My Irish eyes will smile, and my heart will fill with love in deep gratitude this St. Patrick's Day for God who keeps me alive in truth. The truth being, I am an alcoholic, living with a fatal progressive disease that has no cure. One might ask, "How can a person feel gratitude living with a fatal disease?" I share with you I live with gratitude because of you and God. It was through hearing the truth about myself from my fellows in AA where I discovered I no longer walk alone anymore. I walk with God in His light feeling immense freedom living as "We."

Before this revelation, I would revel in celebrations I could drink excessively through. Being of half Irish decent, St. Patrick's Day would fire me up to get really bombed. Although, on the last St. Patrick's Day I drank nothing and felt the same. Everything felt excruciatingly painful. At the time, I was watching how alcohol was destroying my daughter, a close friend of mine and without full realization alcohol was killing my own soul too. I did not drink like St. Patrick's Day celebrations of the past that night but instead I tried to control my drinking.

I had no idea I suffered from a physical allergy and a phenomenon of craving and a

mental obsession with alcohol. It wasn't until December of 2018, after I walked into the rooms of AA and heard my story when I began to understand I suffer from the disease of alcoholism.

Sure, there were many times in my life I was on a mission to drink myself into oblivion. Yet other times I couldn't fathom why I tried so hard not to drink too much, and I nearly drank myself to death. It was my fellows in AA who taught me about gratitude. You taught me "We" are the "lucky" ones who survive this disease one day at a time. You taught me through the big book: "The alcoholic at certain times has no effective mental defense against the first drink. Except in a few rare cases, neither he nor any other human being can provide such a defense. His defense must come from a Higher Power." And this is where the mystery of God has entered my heart.

Now I count myself blessed and through my surrender to God He takes care of me and "We" fly in freedom together. May God bless you this St. Patrick's Day and every day with the gift of sobriety and the promises o' the sober that truly do come true when "We" let them manifest in "Us."

Carol R.

An Excerpt from the original manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous

Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures before and after, have been designed to sell you three pertinent ideas:

- (a) That you are alcoholic and cannot manage your own life.
- (b) That probably no human power can relieve your alcoholism.
- (c) That God can and will.

If you are not convinced on these vital issues, you ought to re-read the book to this point or else throw it away!

If you are convinced, you are now at step three, which is that you make a decision to turn your will and your life over to God as you understand Him. Just what do we mean by that, and just what do we do? 1938

Tradition Three

Another Perspective

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Tradition Three is so important to AA members. When I look at tradition three in the short form, as it appears on the walls of almost every group in the world; it is easy to look at Tradition Three as simple, short and to the point. However, when I return to read the long form of this tradition, as well as some of Bill W's views as he expressed them through his grapevine writings, I am deeply grateful for this tradition and how it came about. I ask myself, "if the group that worked on these traditions had not created tradition three would I even be alive today? The answer came to me quickly and easily, "no I would not!". I would not have been allowed in AA prior to this tradition because I also struggled with other "outside issues ". The feeling in the first year or two of AA, was that the movement needed to be protected from anyone who could damage it. As such the rules for keeping the "undesirables" out, were created.

Once they recognized that these rules could send others to their deaths, they resolved to allow anyone with a desire to stop drinking to declare him or herself a

member. They came to this conclusion by trial and error. Learning from their mistakes in the self-righteousness of knowing what was best.

To create this tradition is the only way AA could follow its pledge to help anyone who asked for help to stop drinking.

Anyone, ANYONE is a member once they declare themselves so. No matter what!

This makes sure that regardless of anyone's opinion, that if you want help, you'll get it. Any group can make rules for themselves and repeat the mistakes of our forefathers if they choose. If they do intend to exclude anyone based on their fears, and personal biases they have not followed Tradition Three. What a crucial tradition! Everyone is welcome in AA. I hope if you've forgotten that, you remember. If you are new and still questioning whether or not you belong with us, I hope and pray if you need help with your problems with alcohol, you believe me when I say; you belong!

Kristi

Happy A.A. Birthday!

New Woman Group

Barbara S	34	Years
Noell W.	29	Years
Michelle C.	16	Years
Jennie C.	35	Years
Priscilla T.	8	Years
Trinidad M.	3	Years
Veronica P.	2	Years
Stephanie C.	1	Year

Steel Magnolias:

Camille	2	Years
Nicole T.	7	Years
Rochel Z.	5	Years

Walk The Talk

Jennifer C.	1983
Erin B.	1988
Anthony A.	1983
April A.	2016
Glenn G.	2020
Anja	2015
Gary K.	2003
Gary H.	2013
Don F.	

Serenity Riders

MJ	2011
Ben S.	1991
Franco	2017
Patrick H.	2015

New Beginners

Susan M.	2016
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**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 8th 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

	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	\$413			\$103			160		\$150				
4	A Common Solution	\$150		\$150										
5	All Are Welcome LGBTQ													
6	APEX	\$344			\$91				\$185				\$68	
7	Back to Basics	\$1,177	\$116			\$199	56	155	\$158	\$115	\$164	\$97	\$117	
8	Beacon Light	\$200								\$200				
9	Big Book Action	\$200							\$200					
10	Black Forest Group	\$601	\$205			\$131			\$130			135		
11	Broadmoor Step	\$67					\$67							
12	But For the Grace of God	\$120						\$75					\$45	
13	Clean Air	\$125						\$125						
14	District 7	\$4,662							\$4,662					
15	Don't Worry Be Happy	\$956	\$60			\$96	\$151	\$195	\$146	\$114	\$105	\$89		
16	Down by the Creek	\$29										\$29		
17	Downtown Group	\$1,000							\$1,000					
18	Easy Does It	\$1,534	\$117				\$422			\$493			\$502	
19	Ellicott	\$101									\$101			
20	Florissant Step Study	\$100									\$100			
21	Foxhall	\$195									\$195			
22	Friday Night Live	\$300	\$50			\$250								
23	Friday Women's	\$943		\$80		\$20	\$479	\$20		\$227	\$117			
24	Grace Primary Purpose													
25	Happy Destiny	\$150							\$150					
26	Happy Heathens	\$186				\$86.00						100		
27	High Nooners	\$100			\$100									
28	H.O.W.	\$200	\$100										\$100	
29	Into Action	\$637	\$100			\$149	\$208					180		
30	Keytone to Recovery	\$440			\$130			\$160			\$150			
31	Language of the Heart	\$61					\$14	31	\$16					
32	Let Go Let God	\$150			\$75				\$75					
33	Little Log Cabin	\$1,324	\$320								\$1,004			
34	Living Sober South	\$74		\$32.00									\$42	
35	M.A.G.	\$550				\$300			\$250					
36	Men's Anonymous	\$930					\$400		\$200		\$130	\$200		
37	Monday Path Finders	\$199						199						
38	Morning Trudge													
39	New Beginner's	\$704		\$185.00				355				164		
40	New Woman	\$824		\$144			\$120			\$215	\$116	\$229		
41	Northwester's	\$192		\$43			\$120		\$29					
42	Off the Wall	\$34			\$5			29						
43	Old North End	\$180				\$83							\$97	
44	One Day At A Time	\$130				\$130								
45	Pathfinders	\$71										71		
46	Pre-Dawn	\$1,000							\$1,000					
47	Recovery In Action	\$232	\$168					37				27		
48	Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100											
49	Red Cloud	\$100										100		
50	Saturday Early Morning	\$368					\$253				\$115			
51	Serenity Hour	\$16		\$16										
52	Serenity Riders	\$1,142				\$646		20		\$476				
53	Sober Sisters	\$30											\$30	
54	Steel Magnolias	\$228		\$106					\$122					
55	Sought Thru Prayer	\$16					16							
56	Sunday Speakers	\$100											\$100	
57	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$478			\$114					\$237	\$100	27		
58	Sunset Sobriety													
59	Taking Steps													
60	Talking Circles	\$25				\$25								
61	Thursday Night Men's	\$2,628	\$1,834	\$40				204		\$500		\$50		
62	Tuesday New Beginners													
63	Turning Point													
64	Walk the Talk	\$7,857	\$1,607	\$425	\$425	\$2,850	\$425	\$425		\$850	425		425	
65	We Are Here	\$155	\$45						\$68			\$42		
66	We Are Not Saints	\$2,034	\$748			\$573			\$570				\$143	
67	WOW	\$100								\$100				
68	WP Book Study	\$725		\$176			397			\$65			87	
69	WP Women's Step Stud	\$20					20							
70	WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19											
71	WP Tuesday Women's	\$522		\$108			\$154			\$140		\$120		
72	Young People's													
73	Monthly Totals	\$38,649	\$5,705	1505	1043	5538	3516	2190	8961	3882	2893	1660	1756	0

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INTERGROUP CHARTER OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA

Update following the 1.12.2021 Intergroup Meeting

Emailed to Intergroup Representatives on 1.14.2021

Updated following the 2.9.2021 Intergroup Meeting

**Emailed to Intergroup Representatives on 2.24.2021 along with
redlined version**

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20 **Article I. Definitions**

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22 INTERGROUP

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

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

29 THE AREA SERVICE OFFICE

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

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

36 AA GROUPS

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

42 AA MEETINGS

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

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

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54 **Article II. CS Intergroup**

55 PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

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

61 FUNCTIONS

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

82 MEMBERSHIP

- 83 1. Any local AA group may be a member of CS Intergroup. It is suggested that groups
84 register with the CS Intergroup Registrar – providing the name of the group, the place
85 and time of meetings, and the name, phone number, and e-mail address of a contact
86 person and alternate.
- 87 2. CS Intergroup representatives are selected by their respective groups. It is suggested
88 that a representative be an active member of the group she/he represents and have at

89 least one year of continuous sobriety at the time of selection. The suggested term of
90 service is one year.

91 MEETINGS

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

99 VOTING

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

114 RECALL

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

125 **Article III. Officers**

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

127 a. **Chairperson**, whose duties include: presides at monthly CS Intergroup meetings and
128 CS Intergroup Board meetings; appoints Service Committee chairpersons and the Third
129 Legacy Chairperson and oversees Committee activities; oversees the functioning of the
130 ASO; supervises the ASO Manager; evaluates performance of the ASO Manager as
131 stipulated in the Personnel Policy Handbook (which was adopted by the Board Oct. 5, 2020
132 and is attached as Appendix I); calls for interim elections as required; maintains liaison with
133 local District Committee Members (DCMs); and attends District 7 meetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 160 i. state, county and city sales tax;
- 161 ii. unemployment tax;
- 162 iii. state and federal payroll withholding; and
- 163 iv. worker’s compensation insurance.

164 i. **Suggested Requirements**: At least 5 years sobriety; familiarity with
165 bookkeeping, accounting, and budgets; fluency in Quickbooks and

166 Microsoft Excel; Must have a computer and be familiar with Microsoft
167 Word.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

198 2. CS Intergroup Officers oversee CS Intergroup programs and activities, with the detailed
199 work completed by volunteer committees. Collectively, CS Intergroup officers will serve
200 as the board of directors responsible for the administration of The Corporate Body of the
201 Colorado Springs Area Service Office.

202 3. CS Intergroup Officers shall meet monthly, during the week prior to the regular CS
203 Intergroup meeting, to review pending matters and prepare the agenda for the upcoming
204 meeting. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

205 4. Using contributions, it is suggested a prudent reserve be maintained of no less than 6
206 months, with the goal of being fully funded at 13 months.

- 207 5. Except for decisions upon matters of policy, finance or AA Traditions liable to affect the
208 Colorado Springs area AA groups, the officers shall have freedom of action in the routine
209 conduct of the business affairs of the ASO.
- 210 6. The term of the Chairperson is two years; the term of office for all other offices is one
211 fiscal year (April 1 through March 31). Elections for officers shall be conducted at the
212 Annual Meeting of CS Intergroup in March. CS Intergroup members will be reminded at
213 the January meeting of the pending election.
- 214 7. To honor the AA spirit of rotation, CS Intergroup members may serve a maximum of two
215 consecutive terms in any given office and a maximum of four consecutive years as an CS
216 Intergroup Officer in any capacity. A member is eligible to serve again as an officer after
217 one year.
- 218 8. If a board member serves 180 days or more in one office within a given fiscal year, she/he
219 shall be considered to have served a term. Service of less than 180 days within a fiscal
220 year shall not be counted as a term.

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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 an 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.

271 **Article V. Interim Vacancies**

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

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305 **Article VI. Finance**

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

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339 **Article VII. Literature**

340 1. The CS Intergroup will determine the policy for the purchase and sale of alcoholism-
341 related literature and materials. The Member-at-Large will serve as literature
342 coordinator.

343 2. Responsibility for day-to-day sales of literature and materials rests with the ASO
344 Manager, in cooperation with the Member-at-Large.

345 3. Inventory of these materials should include literature and materials published by
346 Alcoholics Anonymous World Services and Grapevine, Inc.

347 4. In addition, the Service Office will continue to stock other items such as: Sobriety
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372 **Article VIII. Service Committees**

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

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

- 391 1. Programs: Organizes and manages the social activities of CS Intergroup such as:
392 Alcathon; Founders' Day; Annual Picnic; and Longtimers' Dinner.
- 393 2. Nightwatch: Organizes and coordinates a network of volunteers to answer phones and
394 coordinate 12-Step calls after business hours and on weekends.
- 395 3. The Pikes Peak Pint newsletter: CS Intergroup publishes the Pint, the monthly newsletter
396 of the Pikes Peak Region. The editor and volunteers produce the Pint. The CS Intergroup
397 Board determines the editorial policy of *The Pint*, which follows:
- 398 a. The CS Intergroup Board of Directors is responsible for newsletter content and
399 ensuring that the editorial policy is followed;
- 400 b. The newsletter shall be guided by the spirit of the Twelve Traditions of
401 Alcoholics Anonymous;
- 402 c. Items submitted for publication may be edited for clarity, content, and
403 appropriateness;
- 404 d. AA-related items may be published as they relate to the fellowship and to the
405 extent that they are consistent with our primary purpose;
- 406 e. Articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of
407 any article imply endorsement by CS Intergroup or AA as a whole; and
- 408 f. Announcements of a general interest to the fellowship are presented not as an
409 endorsement of the *Pikes Peak Pint*.

- 410 4. Volunteers: The Volunteer Coordinator recruits and helps train volunteers to assist in the
411 daily operation of the Area Service Office under the supervision of its manager.
- 412 5. Special Needs: Identifies and supports meetings that provide for the needs of AA
413 members with disabilities and encourages AA members to visit those who are
414 hospitalized or ill at home.
- 415 6. Website: Is responsible for the content of the site but not necessarily the development and
416 maintenance of its technical aspects. The Website committee is not required to have this
417 technical expertise; it may have in place a technical adviser to develop and implement
418 technical, structural updates. The Website technical adviser may be a member of the
419 fellowship or not. The Chairperson, with the committee members, is responsible for:
- 420 a. Making every effort to keep the site as technically simple as possible;
- 421 b. Obtaining approval from the Board of Directors for proposed significant updates
422 in content or design;
- 423 c. Ensuring that the Area Service Office pays the hosting company/ISP on time as
424 per contract;
- 425 d. Ensuring that the *coloradospringsAA.org* domain name is renewed, and
426 registration is paid by the Area Service Office.
- 427 e. Ensuring the content information is current, i.e., performing regular meeting
428 schedule updates, local events, etc.
- 429 f. Ensuring that all email links in the site are kept current and pointing to the correct
430 chairperson's contact information.
- 431 4. Archives: To conduct a working Archives Program under the guidelines of the GSO
432 Archives workbook.
- 433 5. Bridging the Gap: (BTG) is an AA program to help people leaving correctional or
434 treatment facilities become acquainted with AA and attend AA meetings to get and
435 remain sober after they are released. It is the responsibility of the BTG Committee to
436 create and maintain a current Bridger list as well as ensure that those on the list are
437 trained how to be a Bridger. The Committee chairperson will:
- 438 a. Appoint both a Treatment liaison and Correction liaison who will attend their
439 respective committee meetings to maintain cooperation with District 7
440 committees;
- 441 b. Update the Bridgers list every 6 months;
- 442 c. Keep the ASO current with Bridgers' list;
- 443 d. Host two Bridger training workshops a year; and
- 444 e. Coordinate with District 7 committees to do BTG presentations within facilities.
- 445 f. It is suggested that Placement Coordinators be appointed to maintain positive
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Article IX. Website Editorial Policy

- 1) 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>.
- 2) It is Colorado Springs Area Website editorial policy that:
 - a. The site will not contain links to any other site unless it is one is approved by GSO, i.e., 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.
- 3) The Webmaster may make updates to the site in order 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.
- 4) 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.

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Article X. Dissolution

1. If for any reason CS Intergroup must provide 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.

511 **Article XI. Amendments**

512 1. Amendments to the Charter

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

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

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

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

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

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530 2. Amendments to Appendices

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

534 • Any member of CS Intergroup may propose an amendment to an Appendix. The
535 proposed amendment should be presented in writing at a regular meeting for
536 inclusion by the Chairman in the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

537 • The proposed amendment will become effective if affirmed by a simple majority
538 of voting members present when the vote is taken.

539 b) The present Charter supersedes all previous CS Intergroup Procedure Guides and
540 Charters.

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545 **Article XII. Charter History**

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

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550 **Article XIII. Changes and Deletions History**

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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

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553 **Article XII. Authorization**

554 The present Charter supersedes all previous CS Intergroup Procedure Guides and Charters.

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