**Nassau General Service Group of Alcoholics Anonymous**

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS OF THE

NASSAU GENERAL SERVICE GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Article I

The name of the organization shall be the Nassau General Service Group of Alcoholics Anonymous (hereinafter referred to as NGSG).

Article II

The purpose of the organization is to serve the needs of the Alcoholics Anonymous® (AA) groups within its geographical area and to act as a constituent part of South Eastern New York Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous. It shall function within the guidelines and spirit of:

• The AA Service Manual

• The Twelve Concepts for World Service

• The Twelve Steps and The Twelve Traditions of AA, and

• The General Warranties of the General Service Conference of AA

• SENY Service Handbook

Article III

The area served by the NGSG shall be Nassau County, New York , USA.

Article IV

The members of the NGSG shall be:

• The District Committee Member Chairperson (DCMC),

• The Alternate District Committee Member Chairperson (Alt. DCMC),

• The Treasurer,

• The Secretary,

• The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees,

• The District Committee Members (DCMs), and

• The General Service Representatives (GSRs)

Article V

The terms of office of NGSG officers (except for the appointed Chairperson of the ad hoc Unity Breakfast Committee, and the Co-Chairperson of the ad hoc Big Meeting) shall be two years. The duties of the NGSG officers (with the exception of the appointed Chairperson of the ad hoc Unity Breakfast Committee, and the Co-Chairperson of the ad hoc Big Meeting Committee) shall be as specified in the AA Service Manual.

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Article VI

The Standing Committees shall be:

• Archives

• Cooperation with the Professional Community

• Correctional Facilities

• Grapevine/La Viña

• Gazette

• Intergroup Liaison

• Literature

• Public Information

• Special Needs Committee

• Treatment Facilities

The ad hoc Committees shall be:

• Unity Breakfast

• Big Meeting

Article VII

The NGSG shall be divided into geographical districts consisting of varying numbers of AA groups (approximately 15 groups per district). Each district is entitled to be represented at the NGSG by a DCM elected by the GSRs within each district. The DCM shall serve as a link between the NGSG and the GSRs. When the number of groups within a district exceeds 15 the DCM in the district may choose to redistrict (see pages S51, and S52 in the AA Service Manual for recommended procedural suggestions) with the consent of the DCMC and neighboring districts. If a DCM is not active in the Committee and fails to attend three or more NGSG meetings in succession the GSRs in the district may elect another DCM on their own initiative or at the request of the NGSG or DCMC.

Article VIII

The GSRs are to be elected by their AA groups and serve for a term of two years . The GSR’s duties are to serve as a link between the group and AA as a whole. The GSR represents the group conscience, reporting the group’s wishes to the DCM and to the DCMC, who pass them on to the South Eastern New York Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In all matters brought before the NGSG, the voting members shall be limited to:

• The Alt. DCMC, Treasurer and Secretary shall each have one vote,

• The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall each have one vote,

• The DCM, and GSR shall each have one vote,

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Article VIII (Cont’d)

• The Alt. DCM shall each have one vote IF their respective DCM is not present,

• The Alt. GSR shall each have one vote IF their respective GSR is not present,

• The DCMC shall have one vote ONLY to break a tie,

• One vote per group, and

• No proxy vote.

Article IX

The NGSG shall meet at least five (5) times per year. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the DCMC. Every even numbered year, at the next-to-last scheduled meeting, the NGSG shall elect its DCMC and officers for a term to commence January 1 following the election.

The order of business shall be at the Chairperson’s discretion and will generally be as follows:

• Call to order/Preamble/ “I am responsible... “ Declaration (Optional),

• Reading and approving the minutes of the previous meetings,

• Reading and approving the Treasurer’s report,

• Reports of the remaining Officers and Standing Committee shall be presented,

• Reports of the ad hoc Committees, shall be presented,

• Reports from invited guests (at the discretion of the DCMC) shall be presented,

• Old (unfinished) business,

• New business,

• Open discussion,

• Adjournment/Serenity Prayer (Optional).

Article X

Every AA group in Nassau County is entitled to choose a GSR to be sent the NGSG meeting for the purpose of representing their group and electing new NGSG officers. Unless otherwise amended by the by-laws, the process of electing NGSG officers and the related officer’s qualifications shall be as outlined in Chapter IV of the AA Service Manual.

Article XI

A quorum for a NGSG meeting shall consist of the following:

• The meeting Chairperson can only be the current elected DCMC, Alt. DCMC, Treasurer, or Secretary,

• At least one other elected officer shall be present, and a Recording Secretary appointed if necessary,

• At least one or two registered DCMs shall be present, and

• At least 10 registered GSRs shall be present,

• A quorum may conduct all NGSG business and approve all financial expenditures.

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Article XII

• The financing of NGSG activities shall be primarily from voluntary contributions of the groups and organizations within AA; and, secondarily be the net surplus derived from such projects and activities as authorized by the NGSG.

• Personal and in-memoriam donations by individual AA members may be accepted to the extent of the maximum annual amount suggested by AA’s General Service Conference .

• Outside contributions from any non-AA source are prohibited.

• The NGSG shall not accumulate funds beyond those needed for current necessities, a stated AA purpose, and a prudent reserve (generally four month’s expenses).

• Excess funds may be distributed to the Districts (geographical districts, consisting of varying numbers of AA groups) in Nassau County, the South Eastern New York Area 49 Committee and Assembly of AA, the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, or such other AA service entity as the NGSG shall designate.

• The NGSG shall not act as a trustee of any trusts or funds; nor shall the NGSG participate in such trusts or funds.

• No debt, or continuing obligation, shall be incurred without NGSG consent.

• If, for any reason, the NGSG shall cease to function, all moneys, records, and other property held in its name shall become the property of South Eastern New York Area 49 Committee and Assembly of AA or the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Article XIII

The GSRs of primarily Spanish speaking groups and the DCM elected by them constitute the Hispanic District Committee of the General Service Conference of South Eastern New York, Area 49 of Alcoholics Anonymous and may elect a Spanish DCMC. The Spanish DCMC shall be invited to coordinate matters of interest with the NGSG.

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Article XIV

• The NGSG does not generally participate in non-AA events, however through Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Standing Committee service activities NGSG voluntarily offers assistance to individuals who are referred to AA; is available to help professionals in correctional, educational and treatment facilities interested in learning about AA; upon invitation attend health fair events; and bring awareness to the general public of what AA is and what AA does not do;

• The NGSG shall not place any of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others;

• Will not perform any acts of government or be involved with any political activities whatsoever .

• The Articles of Association and By-laws can only be amended by a two-thirds vote of NGSG voting members.

• By-laws amended and adopted this day: April 21, 2008.

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DCMC Nassau 2007/2008 Alt. DCMC Nassau 2007/2008

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Secretary 2007/2008

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