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By Laws of Narcotics Anonymous

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1. This society or movement shall be known as Narcotics Anonymous and the name may be (used) by any group which follows the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous.

2. Service Committee shall consist of five (5) members and Secretary. Eligibility is based on length of abstinence and activity in group.

A. (illegible)office: to be elected to serve as Chairman

B. (illegible)of office: Chairman and secretary to be active on year and many be selected to serve successive terms.

C. Two members to serve for three months of time on a rotating committee and serve as 3 month committee members.

D. Two members to serve for six months period of time on a rotating committee.

E. Duties of Chairman: The duties of the chairman will be to (illegible) at all (illegible) committee, to appoint co (illegible) are required. In the absence of the chairman or in the event of his inability to act, the co chairman in priority shall act as chairman pro tem.

F. Duties of the secretary: The duties of the secretary shall be to keep a full and complete record of the business transactions of the group and the service committee meetings. Supervise the keeping of the books as may be prescribed by the committee.

The secretary shall also receive and safely keep all funds of the group and deposit same in such bank or banks as may be designated by said committee. Such funds shall be paid out on the check of the group, signed by the chairman and countersigned by the secretary. The secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the service committee.

3. Any committee members however which in continual disagreement with the majority voice in committee to the point of departure from the traditional and accepted welfare of the fellowship may be asked to resign from the committee. On refusal to resign, such member may be removed by a majority vote of the committee. This in no way affects membership and acceptance of such member within the fellowship.

4. The regular meeting of this group (Berkeley Tuesday night Narcotics Anonymous) shall be held at 8:30 P.M. on every Tuesday evening. Subject to change for welfare of group.

A. The governing or service committee shall meet on the third Saturday of the month at 2:00 P.M. In case of holiday the meeting shall fall on the following Saturday.

B. Following Tradition Seven, it shall be the policy of the group to pay for facilities and refreshments provided.

C. All meetings shall be closed. Subject to waiver in future by group conscience.

D. Speaking shall be narcotics addicts, alcoholics.

5. For Twelfth Step work in institutions and hospitals, the recovered member should have at least one year or more abstinence from narcotics, sedatives, alcohol and/or chemicals as a whole, and will be screened to protect N.A. as a whole.

6. All laws or amendments thereto pertaining to the society as a whole, all business matters, publicity, etc. must require a majority vote of the governing committee for enactment.

Any suggested changes pertaining to the fellowship or amendments to the By-Laws by the group shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Any suggested changes by four or more members active in the fellowship may be presented to the committee meeting through the service group secretary.

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