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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.

## The Truest of All Love Is “We” CJR 2021

I suffered a great deal of my life living as “Me” before I embarked on a spiritual journey of hearing God, that led me to the truth. I was an alcoholic who needed the collective love of “We.” I needed A.A. and God, as “We.” After a dark day of suffering as “Me” in my ego, this is what I heard from God about the journey of “We.”

“There is no need to call for Me. I have been with you all along. Please let your tears of joy mix with your tears of pain and fall down the face I created for you. I am inside the center of your tears opening your heart further to the truth of the flight of “We.”

I see you have stopped mourning the loss of control this disease was trying to use against Our love as “We.” It is truth for you to fight against your alcoholism alone without your Creator as “We,” you suffer. Today is a new day where I see you living in the present moment where I live. You choose the freedom of the flight of “We”- you and me- together, when you open your heart to the joy and the pain of each present moment you choose in love. I know your suffering from this disease is

real, yet I ask you to let Me put My arms around you, as our One heart beats to the rhythm of true love in “We.” We together can live in the infinite possibilities of freedom I give you for choosing to walk as “We.” As you walk as “We,” you will see great things through the eyes I give you. For you will hear things from your fellow brothers and sisters as they speak from their hearts where I live within them, and their stories will astound you and fill your heart with hope. As you turn your back on the darkness of a disease that harms you and turn towards My light in “We” your heart awakens to deep love. The journey of life is meant to be lived in the truest of all love as “We.” For in your sorrows and joy, choose to listen and feel and see with senses that enliven the beauty of life. Life lived as “We” is My promise I whisper to all souls’ who join each other as “We,” for a life lived deeply and richly in true love. The human hearts’ greatest wish is to be loved, as they live in true freedom to fly higher in My sky of hope with Me, as One living inside as, “We.”

# Step Two

Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves  
could restore us to sanity.

“We needed to ask ourselves but one short question. ‘Do I now or am I even willing to believe, that there is a Power greater than myself? As soon as a man can say that he does believe, or is willing to believe, we emphatically assure him that he is on his way. It has been repeatedly proven among us that upon this simple cornerstone a wonderfully effective spiritual structure can be built.” <sup>A.A. p47</sup>

This they say is the second step question, if a member of Alcoholics Anonymous can answer **YES** to this question, then they have taken step two. This seems simple, can it really be that easy? It most assuredly can and has been for many who have come before. It is so easy to get caught up in the idea that taking steps is a difficult and complex process, but when we get right down to it, the book is very clear about how to take each step, there are questions to answer, actions to take, prayers to pray. Our job is to take the action suggested and to help others take it after us. This is indeed a simple program of small steps on a long journey into sobriety.

## Tradition Two: Questions to Ask

**Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

### THE SECOND CONCEPT OF SERVICE:

*“We develop discipline in order to serve the group conscience by obeying it as a trusted servant. We do what god delegates to us through the group.”*

We do not often talk about discipline directly in the program of AA, even though it is a critical component in the successful completion of the 12 steps. Can anyone who is not disciplined actually complete the work required, or perhaps, it is through the working of the steps that we develop the discipline required to truly live in service. This is indeed the promise of the 12 steps. That completion will bring about a spiritual experience and psychic change sufficient to recover from alcoholism, carry the message of recovery to other alcoholic and practice these principles in all of our affairs.

We alcoholics are undisciplined. So we let God discipline us in the simple way we have just outlined. <sup>AA p.88</sup>

Can you imagine yourself in 10 years if instead of avoiding the things you know you should do, you actually did them every single day – that’s powerful. Jordan Peterson

Discipline is more reliable than motivation. One is consistent the other is fleeting. Shane Parrish

Be tolerant with others and strict with yourself. Marcus Aurelius

## Tradition Two

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

How in the world is that supposed to work, and, perhaps more importantly, WHY would the “organization” of AA be so seemingly loose and casual? Doesn't it go against all we know from governments, businesses, even non-profit organizations? Where is the clear hierarchy to follow, and how can we control the behavior of the group if there are no leaders that govern? Who's in charge? Well, “First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work.” (BB, p 62) The traditions are to the group as the steps are to the individual. The change that takes place in the heart and life of someone who actively follows the 12 steps is nothing short of revolutionary; the character of the group that follows the 12 traditions is no less radical.

Power is attractive to most humans. Control is intoxicating. Even the best of us in the rooms might not be able to stop at a little bit of power, similar to the way many of us had trouble stopping with one beer, or one shot. We see this tendency in even the most moral and kindest people on the planet. We humans just don't like to give up control. Good motives do not stop the desire for control; they can often increase the urge to make sure something is “done right”, and how is one to decide whose individual idea is best? This

problem was encountered at the very infancy of AA, and is documented in early AA literature. Just as we, at the individual level, need to have our focus on our Higher Power and not blindly follow self, we at the group level must look to how God expresses Himself in the group conscience, not just carry measures and pass motions based off everyone's idea of how things should work. Personal agendas do not apply at the group level, neither should any trusted servant think they have been promoted to a position of personal power. In fact, there is a decided clue to how things should operate in the very title “trusted servant”. Every task and responsibility in AA, from cleaning the bathrooms to paying the bills, is an act of service, not authority.

By maintaining this second tradition, an AA group is able to operate more fully with the whole group's best interests at heart and stay intentionally set apart from outside organizations in which there is a hierarchy of authority and power. We stay at an even keel, with not a one of us more important or influential than the next, humbly seeking God's will in our group conscience. So how does it work? Actually pretty well for many decades! This tradition keeps us disciplined to both service and humility, ensuring the health of AA for many decades to come...God willing.

Happy Birthday Don R.

Years ago in 2005, I had the privilege of meeting a very kind man. It was at the service office when he came in to buy chips for this group, "Thursday Night Big Book Study". He was so full of life that you were drawn to him. So I had to ask him the name of the group, date and time so I could attend!

From that point on, I learned how the program works, and that people really care about you. I did not know at the time, but he was 84 years young. He is now celebrating "100" years. What a blessing he is, smart, drives, lives alone, cooks, writes poems, and still has a strong AA program. He has 36 years in AA and there is no telling how many more years to come!

Happy 100th Birthday!

Sharon

To show you his sense of humor, here is one of his poems:

**Happy Birthday to Me  
Growing Old Among the Young  
(Some thoughts on attaining ancient status)**

There is a message longevity sends  
When growing old among your friends.  
Like, this guy's been around the block;  
In fact, He's damn near run out the  
clock!

As I grow more and more old  
Many are surprised that I'm not yet cold.  
While others obviously stare  
Expecting either white or no hair.

"My, you look fine today".  
It has been cheerfully said  
While a hidden thought is trying to say  
"Why, oh why, aren't you dead?"

Being old does have its advantages  
With help to apply awkward bandages.  
Plus, although fun came in the teen  
years  
It's great cheaper prices are for  
seniors.

Because many wasted years  
Drowned some of my peers  
I'm always thanking and thinking  
Of being blessed by not drinking.

My past holds a few days of glory  
But the present is a different story.  
For example, I can barely remember  
Proudly sporting a rigid member.

Ancient status among my friends -  
The wonder never ends!  
While I'm nearly on the skids  
You all seem a bunch of kids.

I realize being ninety--four  
Has never happened to me before.  
But don't make any rash bets  
I still have a lot of yets.

I surely hope to be alive  
When the page is turned to 95.  
Some day you will be as old as me  
Which day, of course, I plan to see.

God Bless You





## WSO Press Release about World Service Meeting.

December 21, 2020

Attention: Journalists, Producers, Editors, News Media

Subjects: Alcoholism and Addiction, Global Health and Wellness, Recovery

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alcoholics Anonymous Holds Virtual World Service Meeting - First time in History Delegates representing Alcoholics Anonymous from around the world gathered via videoconference November 28-30th for the 26th World Service Meeting (WSM), hosted by the trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in the U.S. and Canada. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the three day event was held virtually for the first time in its history, attended by 69 delegates from 44 countries.

Originally scheduled as a face-to-face event, numerous logistical and technical challenges had to be overcome once the shift to a virtual meeting had been determined in response to the global pandemic. Since its inauguration in 1969, the WSM has provided a continuing international forum for sharing experience and ideas on carrying the Alcoholics Anonymous message of recovery around the globe. Its success in bringing together A.A.'s far-flung service centers reflects a final vision of A.A. co-founder Bill W., who believed that there could be "one world for A.A." to assure that help would be available to suffering alcoholics, no matter where they are or what language they speak. Currently, an A.A. presence can be found in more than 180 nations worldwide with membership estimated at over two million.

Traditionally, the meeting alternates on a bi-yearly basis between New York and locations as diverse as Durban, South Africa and Cartagena, Colombia. Circumstances, however, ushered in an historic opportunity this year and, despite being multiple time zones apart, most delegates found fellowship and connection via their computer screen, a sense that, as Toby D., a first-term delegate from Denmark, said, "We are not alone with the problems of the pandemic. You see that the feelings of the Fellowship in each particular country are felt all over the world, and it's good to know we are trying to figure things out together."

"This has been such a challenging year for everyone," says Mary C., acting international desk coordinator at the A.A. General Service Office in New York, who led the team which hosted the virtual WSM. Nevertheless, she noted, "It's especially important to communicate openly with each other and to share ways in which we can keep A.A. sustainable and available to everyone."

Simultaneously translated in Spanish and Japanese, workshops, presentations and general sharing sessions addressed such issues as developing A.A. literature in multiple languages; the importance of women's participation in A.A.'s service structure; and maintaining A.A.'s traditional anonymity in an age of social media. A strong focus of delegates was on the effect the pandemic has had on Alcoholics Anonymous in terms of members' ability to meet face-to-face as well as the ability of newcomers to find and connect with A.A. In some countries, the virtual meetings that have become a staple of pandemic era A.A. are not possible due to lack of consistent Internet connectivity, creating new challenges for A.A.'s existing structures to reach those who are still suffering.

In large measure, however, the rise of virtual meetings has allowed thousands of people to find help from Alcoholics Anonymous during the current crisis and many of these virtual meetings are expected to continue when the pandemic is over.

Trish L., a delegate and A.A. trustee from Canada, adds that how A.A. carries the message and how we best structure ourselves and are using technology to connect will be one of the most important issues discussed across the A.A. universe as Alcoholics Anonymous moves forward into a fast-changing future.

Nevertheless, with the onrush of technology and its impact, it was hoped by many delegates that the next World Service Meeting, scheduled for 2022, will be taking place in person. As selected at the 26th WSM, the 27th meeting of delegates from around the world will be taking place in Japan, the first time this meeting will have been held in Asia.

For more information, contact the International desk at the General Service Office at [international@aa.org](mailto:international@aa.org) or call (212) 870-3021.

# Happy A.A. Birthday!

## January

### Clean Slate Women's

Kathleen P. 01/01/2013

### Steel Magnolias

Dana R. 24 Years

Elizabeth D. 15 Years

Rachel E. 1 Year

## February

### Serenity Riders

Bill M. 1993

Pete B. 1989

Patsy P. 2016

### New Beginners

Dana R. 1997

Patsy P. 2016

### Friday Womens

Lynn E. 11 Years

Lori W. 4 Years

### New Woman's Group

Caren L. 15 Years

Amy M. 9 Years

Star W. 32 Years

Sharon H. 1 Year

Congratulations and prayers to all of the anniversaries and all of the ones that did not get to us in time.



**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	\$413			\$103			160		\$150				
4	A Common Solution	\$150		\$150										
5	All Are Welcome LGBTQ													
6	APEX	\$276			\$91				\$185					
7	Back to Basics	\$1,060	\$116			\$199	56	155	\$158	\$115	\$164	\$97		
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 Go	\$75						\$75						
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	\$1,032	\$117				\$422			\$493				
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.	\$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	\$32		\$32.00										
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	\$83				\$83								
44	One Day At A Time	\$130				\$130								
45	Pathfinders	\$71										71		
46	Pre-Dawn	\$1,000							\$1,000					
47	Recovery In Action	\$259	\$168					37					54	
48	Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100											
49	Red Cloud											100		
50	Saturday Early Morning	\$368					\$253				\$115			
51	Serenity Hour	\$16		\$16										
52	Serenity Riders	\$1,142				\$646		20		\$476				
53	Steel Magnolias	\$228		\$106					\$122					
54	Sought Thru Prayer	\$16					16							
55	Sunday Speakers													
56	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$451			\$114					\$237	\$100			
57	Sunset Sobriety													
58	Taking Steps													
59	Talking Circles	\$25				\$25								
60	Thursday Night Men's	\$2,628	\$1,834	\$40				204		\$500		\$50		
61	Tuesday New Beginners													
62	Turning Point													
63	Walk the Talk	\$7,432	\$1,607	\$425	\$425	\$2,850	\$425	\$425		\$850	425			
64	We Are Here	\$155	\$45						\$68			\$42		
65	We Are Not Saints	\$1,891	\$748			\$573			\$570					
66	WOW	\$100								\$100				
67	WP Book Study	\$638		\$176			397			\$65				
68	WP Women's Step Stud	\$20					20							
69	WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19											
70	WP Tuesday Women's	\$522		\$108			\$154			\$140		\$120		
71	Young People's													
72	<b>Monthly Totals</b>	\$36,793	\$5,705	1505	1043	5538	3516	2190	8961	3882	2893	1660	0	0



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# **INTERGROUP CHARTER OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA**

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**Update following the 1.12.2021 Intergroup Meeting**

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**Emailed to Intergroup Representatives on 1.14.2021**

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19 **Article I. Definitions**

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21 INTERGROUP

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

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

28 THE AREA SERVICE OFFICE

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

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

35 AA GROUPS

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

41 AA MEETINGS

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

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

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53 **Article II. CS Intergroup**

54 PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

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

60 FUNCTIONS

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

81 MEMBERSHIP

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

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

90 MEETINGS

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

98 VOTING

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

113 RECALL

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



124 **Article III. Officers**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

165 Microsoft Excel; Must have a computer and be familiar with Microsoft  
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168 e. **Vice Treasurer**, whose duties include: assists the Treasurer in the duties described  
169 above; and assumes the duties of the Treasurer if he/she is unable to serve.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 206 5. Except for decisions upon matters of policy, finance or AA Traditions liable to affect the  
207 Colorado Springs area AA groups, the officers shall have freedom of action in the routine  
208 conduct of the business affairs of the ASO.
- 209 6. The term of the Chairperson is two years; the term of office for all other offices is one  
210 fiscal year (April 1 through March 31). Elections for officers shall be conducted at the  
211 Annual Meeting of CS Intergroup in March. CS Intergroup members will be reminded at  
212 the January meeting of the pending election.
- 213 7. To honor the AA spirit of rotation, CS Intergroup members may serve a maximum of two  
214 consecutive terms in any given office and a maximum of four consecutive years as an CS  
215 Intergroup Officer in any capacity. A member is eligible to serve again as an officer after  
216 one year.
- 217 8. If a board member serves 180 days or more in one office within a given fiscal year, she/he  
218 shall be considered to have served a term. Service of less than 180 days within a fiscal  
219 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.

270 **Article V. Interim Vacancies**

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

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

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338 **Article VII. Literature**

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

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

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

346 4. In addition, the Service Office will continue to stock other items such as: Sobriety  
347 medallions (chips); meditation books; and other recovery items.

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371 **Article VIII. Service Committees**

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

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

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

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449 **Article IX. Website Editorial Policy**

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

455 2) It is Colorado Springs Area Website editorial policy that:

456 a. The site will not contain links to any other site unless it is one is approved by  
457 GSO, i.e., the GSO or Grapevine sites already link to it;

458 b. Names, phone numbers or street addresses of fellowship members will not be  
459 posted on the site;

460 c. The website will post only AA and CS Intergroup activities;

461 d. No AA trademarks will be used on the site unless approved by GSO/Grapevine;

462 e. Copyright credit will be given to GSO/Grapevine as appropriate; and

463 f. The site will not be used for personal purposes.

464 3) The Webmaster may make updates to the site in order to keep it current, but  
465 substantial updates in design or content must be approved by the CS Intergroup Board  
466 of Directors. “Substantial” is meant to include updates in overall website design,  
467 major additions or deletions of web pages, etc.

468 4) Site content will not be a statement of AA policy or AA as a whole. The content is  
469 provided solely by CS Intergroup. The CS Intergroup Board is ultimately responsible  
470 for website content and ensuring that the Website Editorial Policy is followed.  
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484 **Article X. Dissolution**

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

- 511 1. Any member of CS Intergroup may propose an amendment to this Charter. Proposed  
512 amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson with a copy to the  
513 Secretary. Proposed amendments shall be written into the particular paragraph, and the  
514 entire paragraph rewritten to reflect the desired change.
- 515 2. Upon receipt of the proposal, the Chairperson shall include it in the agenda for the next  
516 meeting. The author of the proposed amendment shall present it to CS Intergroup for  
517 consideration. If affirmed by a simple majority of voting members present, the proposed  
518 amendment will be submitted to member groups for their consideration.
- 519 3. The vote on such proposals will take place at the CS Intergroup meeting approximately 60  
520 days following the meeting at which it is determined to submit the proposal to the group  
521 conscience.
- 522 4. Amendments to the Charter requires approval by two-thirds of the voting CS Intergroup  
523 members present at the time the vote is called.

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531 **Article XII. Charter History**

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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>

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## Article XIII. Changes and Deletions History

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<b>Section</b>	<b>Description / Comment</b>	<b>Date Approved by Intergroup</b>
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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539 **Article XII. Authorization**

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

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