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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.

Banishing Evil Spirits *Bill W. General Service Talk 1969*

The symbol for our Society is the circle which encloses the triangle. I don't know just why we chose that one, exactly. I remember fussing with it, discussing it with some people. We had to have some sort of symbol, you know, and the circle seemed to indicate the movement or the group. The triangle suggested the three principles aspects: recovery, unity, service. And after we came to the conclusion that this was the symbol we wanted, some student of ancient history came up with this very startling announcement: he said that, in times gone by, this identical symbol was used by medicine men, magicians, wise men, whatnot, and every time they wanted to get rid of evil spirits, they just brought it out and brandished this circle containing the triangle!

I thought, "How odd that we should've settled on this banishing of evil spirits!" But we sure have been in this business a while, and I guess it fits. I really think that we have, thought God's

grace primarily and the lessons of our experience of suffering, come such a distance in the banishment of evil spirits. I think that collectively we have seen about every brand of trouble there is, and we have had more than a nodding acquaintance with the undertaker. And, Consciously or unconsciously, we realize that men and women throughout the world seem to be on a great variety of colossal dry benders for the exact reason that almost shattered us individually – for reasons of power, for reasons of prestige, for reasons of fear and so on. We know the list. Now then, through the grace of God, we have been able to survive these calamities and near calamities, so I think that A.A. is apt to keep right on going, rain or shine. *Our Great Responsibility, Statement by Bill W. 1969*

The circle-and-triangle symbol was displayed as A.A.'s symbol at the International Convention in St. Louis in 1955. In the early 1990's, A.A.W.S. decided to discontinue the "official" and "legal" use of the difficult-to-trademark symbol, but it still has a special meaning for A.A.s all over the world

Spiritual Experience Of Light Saves Me Another 24 Hours

I turned to a spiritual journey in the fall of 2018, where I learned how to hear God's voice. I found out I couldn't do both the journey with God and still drink. I made a choice to leave a 39 year love affair with alcohol, full of abuse and countless near death experiences, behind me. Our family was in ruins from the ravages of active addiction and I had finally found true peace from this new voice.

I was around 6 months sober when an unexpected gift from God saved me in sobriety. I had been tempting fate on this summer day in June, choosing to be very close to alcohol around my friends who were in active alcoholism and didn't know I was in the program of AA.

It was after I had experienced these close calls in almost reaching for a drink, when I left on an evening walk with God. I was writhing in pain from abstinence from alcohol. My ego told me I was missing out. As I spun inside self pity, my eye caught the light of the sun through thick tree leaves. It looked like the image was twirling, so I stopped and took pictures from my cell phone.

I stood with tears in my eyes while I saw a

shape of a cross that got larger and larger. It was so beautiful. It took my breath away.

From 7:31 to 7:32 pm, God shone in His sun what looked like a cross to me. After this encounter, I journaled with God and asked, Why do you shine the light of Jesus's cross through the small opening in these trees?

I heard: "Your belief this is My son's cross overwhelms Me with great joy. His cross in My light is My gift to you for choosing Me and My enduring love. For you have been tempted to return to the lies of darkness all around you and you stay with Me here in My light. We carry the cross in joy and in turbulence together in My light. The cross is pure love from My son's heart to yours. Please share with your brothers and sisters, it's the togetherness as One with Me, who carries the light of the cross into eternity with Me."

And so it is, I am sharing with you my experience, strength and hope in a power greater than myself who saved me from drinking another day and every day I let my heart summon the strength to stay inside of His light, one day at a time.

Anonymous Member of A.A.



BY: JUDY M. | BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

A woman discovers a way to practice conscious contact while she goes about the business of the day

I got up this morning, and rolled off the bed to my knees to get the day off the ground right like it says to do on pages 86 and 87 of the Big Book. I felt disorganized and disgruntled. I knew from past experience that if I let this thinking continue that it was going to screw up my day. It is always best for me to get my head right by following these directions. I am not sure all of what the day has in store for me, other than plans that I made yesterday. But at least I am making a good attempt for positive outcomes for my endeavors. *2011 Grapevine*

Step One

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable

Admitting that I was an alcoholic was never my problem - I knew that I was an alcoholic years before I was willing to make any changes in my life. Admitting that my life was unmanageable, however, was something I could not do. Throughout my drinking career I managed to climb the ladder of societal success – I finished high-school as Valedictorian with a full ride academic scholarship, I obtained my undergraduate degree, I always maintained consistent employment with upward mobility, I had a safe home with reliable means of transportation. How could my life be unmanageable if I am successful by all of societies measurements?

The truth is that I was very rarely a successful member of society, I just had enough material achievements to look good from an outside perspective. In my real life, I was in and out of jail. I couldn't maintain meaningful relationships. I resorted to

violence and verbal destruction nine times out of ten. I constantly felt at war with my own thoughts. I hated everything about my world and my existence.

On my last night of drinking, my circumstances didn't look much different than they did any other night. I found myself in the back of a cop car being transported to jail, again. Something about that night was different. I felt so much internal disgust that it consumed me. I was overwhelmed with feelings I had never felt before – guilt, remorse, gut-wrenching fear. These feelings were enough to make me willing. it was not only clear to me that I was an alcoholic, but it was clear to me that I was an alcoholic that could not manage my own life.

Admittance wasn't the only key for me – I had to be completely ready to surrender. I waived the white flag with no reservation of any kind. I had no desire to try to beat the game or prove that I could live an even remotely normal life that included alcohol.

I was done.

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Tradition One

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

In simple practice, Tradition One, sets our course for personal action around the fellowship. It is a reminder that as members of A.A. we our primary purpose is stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. This is only possible as long as A.A. continues to function. This is the tradition behind putting some money in the basket, making coffee, cleaning up, doing service work, and every other simple chore required to keep the lights on and the doors open. It also speaks to an equally important role for the group member. To carry a message of depth and weight to the newcomer. The Big Book and other A.A. literature gives us a guide to the message we are to carry and again insures A.A. continued survival. Just as much as we allow our meetings to get mired in personal opinions, war stories, judgment and exclusion do we threaten the very existence of A.A. as a whole. It is important that we always remember, we may be the only voice a newcomer hears when they come into a meeting! Are we insuring the common welfare, or are we just dumping our garbage on the table?

Tradition One: Questions to Ask

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

Concept I for World Service

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because the "ultimate responsibility and final authority for . . . world services" resides with the groups — rather than with the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York. In Concept I, Bill traces how this came to be. The first step in 1938 was "the creation of a trusteeship," first called the Alcoholic Foundation, renamed in 1954 the General Service Board. Why? To perform the services the groups could not do for themselves: e.g., uniform literature, uniform public information about A.A., helping new groups get started, sharing with them the experience of established groups, handling pleas for help, publishing a national

magazine, and carrying the message in other languages and in other countries. A service office was formed to carry on these functions under the board's direction. Both the board and the office looked to the co-founders, Bill and Dr. Bob, for policy leadership.

In the midst of the "exuberant success" of early A.A., Dr. Bob became fatally ill and Bill asked, "When Dr. Bob and I are gone, who would then advise the trustees and the office?" The answer, Bill felt, was to be found in the collective conscience of the A.A. groups. But how could the autonomous, widely scattered groups exercise such a responsibility?

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Happy A.A. Birthday!

We Are Not Saints

2020

October

- Amy C 1987
- Dawn B 1992
- Nadine H. 2018
- Sandy D. 1982
- Joe E. 2019
- Lee W. 1989
- Lou A. 2017

November

- Adrienne 2009
- Kim R. 2018
- Manuela 2017
- Craig V. 2015

December

- Connie W. 2017
- Kelly R. 1998
- James M. 1993
- Bill M. 1981

New Beginners

January

- Deron H. 2012
- Mark S. 1987

New Woman

Group

2021

January

- Sharon W 21 years
- Cathy P. 30 years
- Kristen F. 9 years
- Beth H. 7 years
- Jazmin M. 1 years
- Melody M. 1 year

Friday Womans

January

- Jackie D. 4 years
- Delores N. 32 years
- Molly W. 15 years
- Marti B. 36 years
- Maile L. 15 years
- Beth L. 40 years
- Martha K 1 year

Steel Magnolias

January

- Cathy C. 10 years
- Julie A 1 year

Serenity Riders

January

- Ron D. 2012
- Brittane W. 2012
- John B. 1992
- Shellie T. 2015
- Elizabeth D. 2019
- Jacqui J. 2010

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

Please send you groups birthdays and to the ASO so we can get them in next months Pint!

pint@coloradospringsaa.org



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 | APEX | \$276 | | | \$91 | | | | \$185 | | | | | |
| 6 | Back to Basics | \$963 | \$116 | | | \$199 | 56 | 155 | \$158 | \$115 | \$164 | | | |
| 7 | Beacon Light | \$200 | | | | | | | | \$200 | | | | |
| 8 | Big Book Action | \$200 | | | | | | | \$200 | | | | | |
| 9 | Black Forest Group | \$466 | \$205 | | | \$131 | | | \$130 | | | | | |
| 10 | Broadmoor Step | \$67 | | | | | \$67 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | But For the Grace of Go | \$75 | | | | | | \$75 | | | | | | |
| 12 | Clean Air | \$125 | | | | | | \$125 | | | | | | |
| 13 | District 7 | \$4,662 | | | | | | | \$4,662 | | | | | |
| 14 | Don't Worry Be Happy | \$867 | \$60 | | | \$96 | \$151 | \$195 | \$146 | \$114 | \$105 | | | |
| 15 | Downtown Group | \$1,000 | | | | | | | \$1,000 | | | | | |
| 16 | Easy Does It | \$1,032 | \$117 | | | | \$422 | | | \$493 | | | | |
| 17 | Ellicott | \$101 | | | | | | | | | \$101 | | | |
| 18 | Florissant Step Study | \$100 | | | | | | | | | \$100 | | | |
| 19 | Foxhall | \$195 | | | | | | | | | \$195 | | | |
| 20 | Friday Night Live | \$300 | \$50 | | | \$250 | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Friday Women's | \$943 | | \$80 | | \$20 | \$479 | \$20 | | \$227 | \$117 | | | |
| 22 | Happy Destiny | \$150 | | | | | | | \$150 | | | | | |
| 23 | Happy Heathens | \$86 | | | | \$86.00 | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | High Nooners | \$100 | | | \$100 | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | H.O.W. | \$100 | \$100 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Into Action | \$457 | \$100 | | | \$149 | \$208 | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Keytone to Recovery | \$440 | | | \$130 | | | \$160 | | | \$150 | | | |
| 28 | Language of the Heart | \$61 | | | | | \$14 | 31 | \$16 | | | | | |
| 29 | Let Go Let God | \$150 | | | \$75 | | | | \$75 | | | | | |
| 30 | Little Log Cabin | \$1,324 | \$320 | | | | | | | | \$1,004 | | | |
| 31 | Living Sober South | \$32 | | \$32.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | M.A.G. | \$550 | | | | \$300 | | | \$250 | | | | | |
| 33 | Men's Anonymous | \$730 | | | | | \$400 | | \$200 | | \$130 | | | |
| 34 | Monday Path Finders | \$199 | | | | | | 199 | | | | | | |
| 35 | New Beginner's | \$540 | | \$185.00 | | | | 355 | | | | | | |
| 36 | New Woman | \$595 | | \$144 | | | \$120 | | | \$215 | \$116 | | | |
| 37 | Northwester's | \$192 | | \$43 | | | \$120 | | \$29 | | | | | |
| 38 | Off the Wall | \$34 | | | \$5 | | | 29 | | | | | | |

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N |
|----|------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|---|---|---|
| 39 | Old North End | \$83 | | | | \$83 | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | One Day At A Time | \$130 | | | | \$130 | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | Pre-Dawn | \$1,000 | | | | | | | \$1,000 | | | | | |
| 42 | Recovery In Action | \$205 | \$168 | | | | | 37 | | | | | | |
| 43 | Recovery Systems | \$100 | \$100 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Saturday Early Morning | \$368 | | | | | \$253 | | | | \$115 | | | |
| 45 | Serenity Hour | \$16 | | \$16 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | Serenity Riders | \$1,142 | | | | \$646 | | 20 | | \$476 | | | | |
| 47 | Steel Magnolias | \$228 | | \$106 | | | | | \$122 | | | | | |
| 48 | Sought Thru Prayer | \$16 | | | | | 16 | | | | | | | |
| 49 | Sunlight of the Spirit | \$451 | | | \$114 | | | | | \$237 | \$100 | | | |
| 50 | Talking Circles | \$25 | | | | \$25 | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | Thursday Night Men's | \$2,578 | \$1,834 | \$40 | | | | 204 | | \$500 | | | | |
| 52 | Walk the Talk | \$7,432 | \$1,607 | \$425 | \$425 | \$2,850 | \$425 | \$425 | | \$850 | 425 | | | |
| 53 | We Are Here | \$113 | \$45 | | | | | | \$68 | | | | | |
| 54 | We Are Not Saints | \$1,891 | \$748 | | | \$573 | | | \$570 | | | | | |
| 55 | WOW | \$100 | | | | | | | | \$100 | | | | |
| 56 | WP Book Study | \$638 | | \$176 | | | 397 | | | \$65 | | | | |
| 57 | WP Women's Step Stud | \$20 | | | | | 20 | | | | | | | |
| 58 | WP Thursday Noon | \$19 | \$19 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | WP Tuesday Women's | \$402 | | \$108 | | | \$154 | | | \$140 | | | | |
| 60 | Monthly Totals | \$35,233 | \$5,705 | 1505 | 1043 | 5538 | 3516 | 2190 | 8961 | 3882 | 2893 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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INTERGROUP CHARTER OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA

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11 **Article I. Definitions**

12 INTERGROUP

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

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

19 THE AREA SERVICE OFFICE

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

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

26 AA GROUPS

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

32 AA MEETINGS

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

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

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40 **Article II. CS Intergroup**

41 PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

42 The purpose of CS Intergroup is to support local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous to
43 carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. CS Intergroup is responsible to the groups it
44 serves. In turn, the groups offer financial contributions to the ASO and GSO and provide a
45 volunteer base for Twelfth-Step work.

46 In the course of its deliberations, CS Intergroup shall be guided by the Twelve Traditions,
47 the Twelve Concepts, and the AA Service Manual.

48 FUNCTIONS

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

70 MEMBERSHIP

- 71 1. Any local AA group may be a member of CS Intergroup. It is suggested that groups
72 register with the CS Intergroup Registrar – providing the name of the group, the place
73 and time of meetings, and the name, phone number, and e-mail address of a contact
74 person and alternate.

75 2. CS Intergroup representatives are selected by their respective groups. It is suggested
76 that a representative be an active member of the group she/he represents and have at
77 least one year of continuous sobriety at the time of selection. The suggested term of
78 service is one year.

79 MEETINGS

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

87 VOTING

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

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

106 a. **Chairperson**, whose duties include: presides at monthly CS Intergroup meetings and
107 CS Intergroup Board meetings; appoints Service Committee chairpersons, the Third Legacy
108 Chairperson and oversees Committee activities; oversees the functioning of the ASO;
109 supervises the ASO Manager; evaluates performance of the ASO Manager as stipulated in
110 the personnel policy guidelines; calls for interim elections as required; maintains liaison
111 with local District Committee Members (DCMs); and attends District 7 meetings.

112 i. Suggested Requirements: At least 6 years sobriety; business experience
113 with leadership and management skills as well as good people skills.

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

117 i. Suggested Requirements: At least 5 years sobriety; business experience
118 with leadership and management skills as well as good people skills.

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

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

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

- 138 i. state, county and city sales tax;
- 139 ii. unemployment tax;
- 140 iii. state and federal payroll withholding; and
- 141 iv. worker’s compensation insurance.

142 i. Suggested Requirements: At least 5 years sobriety; familiarity with
143 bookkeeping, accounting, and budgets; fluency in QuickBooks and
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- 145 ii. Microsoft Excel; Must have a computer and be familiar with Microsoft
146 Word.
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- 148 e. **Vice Treasurer**, whose duties include: assists the Treasurer in the duties described
149 above; and assumes the duties of the Treasurer if he/she is unable to serve.
- 150 i. **Suggested Requirements**: At least 4 years sobriety; familiarity with
151 bookkeeping, accounting, and budgets; fluency in QuickBooks and
152 Microsoft Excel; Must have a computer and be familiar with Microsoft
153 Word.
- 154 f. **Registrar**, whose duties include: compiles and/or maintains a current file of CS
155 Intergroup member groups, including the name of group, time and place of meetings, and
156 name, phone number, and e-mail address of CS Intergroup representative or contact person
157 and alternate; coordinates efforts to contact new groups and provide information about CS
158 Intergroup; encourages groups to join CS Intergroup and select a representative; and
159 prepares and distributes packets of information for new CS Intergroup representatives.
160 Information packets will include the most recent version of the CS Intergroup Charter.
- 161 i. **Suggested Requirements**: At least 3 years sobriety; familiarity with
162 Microsoft Excel and Word; must keep accurate records; and must have a
163 computer.
- 164 g. **Member-at-Large**, whose duties include: is literature coordinator to carry out
165 purchasing and pricing as directed by the CS Intergroup officers; works in coordination with
166 the ASO Manager and volunteers as needed to maintain adequate stock; conducts the
167 required quarterly inventory, keep inventory records up to date, and assure timely orders;
168 and carries out other responsibilities as directed by the CS Intergroup Chairperson.
- 169 i. **Suggested Requirements**: At least 3 years sobriety.
- 170 h. **Third Legacy Chair**, whose duties include: maintaining board operations remain
171 consistent and follow the Charter; conducts and facilitates CS Intergroup elections. This
172 position has a voice in matters, but no vote. The term is three years.
- 173 i. **Suggested Requirements**: At least 18 years sobriety; should have served as
174 a CS Intergroup board member at one time; should have experience with
175 CS Intergroup committees; should have served at the district level as a
176 DCM or Alternate DCM (District Committee Member)
- 177 2. CS Intergroup Officers oversee CS Intergroup programs and activities, with the detailed
178 work completed by volunteer committees. Collectively, CS Intergroup officers will serve
179 as the board of directors responsible for the administration of The Corporate Body of the
180 Colorado Springs Area Service Office.
- 181 3. CS Intergroup Officers shall meet monthly, during the week prior to the regular CS
182 Intergroup meeting, to review pending matters and prepare the agenda for the upcoming
183 meeting. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
- 184 4. Using contributions, it is suggested a prudent reserve be maintained of no less than 6
185 months, with the goal of being fully funded at 13 months.

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

201 **Article IV. Nominations for CS Intergroup Officers**

202 1. It is strongly recommended that there be a slate of at least two nominees for each
203 vacancy.

204 2. CS Intergroup representatives and officers are responsible for identifying candidates who
205 are willing and eligible to stand for election as an CS Intergroup officer and for
206 encouraging them to do so. Currently serving representatives and committee chairpersons
207 are also urged to take this opportunity for further service. It is recommended that all who
208 stand have a minimum of 2 years of continuous sobriety.

209 3. Names of nominees should be submitted to the chairperson of CS Intergroup in time to be
210 announced at the February meeting. Candidates may also stand for a position or be
211 nominated from the floor at the March meeting.

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213 **Article V. Interim Vacancies**

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

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

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

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

- 271 1. Programs: Organizes and manages the social activities of CS Intergroup such as:
272 Alcathon; Founders' Day; Annual Picnic; and Longtimers' Dinner.
- 273 2. Nightwatch: Organizes and coordinates a network of volunteers to answer phones and
274 coordinate 12-Step calls after business hours and on weekends.
- 275 3. The Pikes Peak Pint newsletter: CS Intergroup publishes the Pint, the monthly newsletter
276 of the Pikes Peak Region. The editor and volunteers produce the Pint. The CS Intergroup
277 Board determines the editorial policy of *The Pint*, which follows:
- 278 a. The CS Intergroup Board of Directors is responsible for newsletter content and
279 ensuring that the editorial policy is followed;
- 280 b. The newsletter shall be guided by the spirit of the Twelve Traditions of
281 Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 282 c. Items submitted for publication may be edited for clarity, content, and
283 appropriateness.
- 284 d. AA-related items may be published as they relate to the fellowship and to the
285 extent that they are consistent with our primary purpose.
- 286 e. Articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of
287 any article imply endorsement by CS Intergroup or AA as a whole; and
- 288 f. Announcements of a general interest to the fellowship are presented not as an
289 endorsement of the *Pikes Peak Pint*.
- 290 4. Volunteers: The Volunteer Coordinator recruits and helps train volunteers to assist in the
291 daily operation of the Area Service Office under the supervision of its manager.

- 292 5. Special Needs: Identifies and supports meetings that provide for the needs of AA
 293 members with disabilities and encourages AA members to visit those who are
 294 hospitalized or ill at home.
- 295 6. Website: Is responsible for the content of the site but not necessarily the development and
 296 maintenance of its technical aspects. The Website committee is not required to have this
 297 technical expertise; it may have in place a technical adviser to develop and implement
 298 technical, structural updates. The Website technical adviser may be a member of the
 299 fellowship or not. The Chairperson, with the committee members, is responsible for:
- 300 a. Making every effort to keep the site as technically simple as possible;
- 301 b. Obtaining approval from the Board of Directors for proposed significant updates
 302 in content or design;
- 303 c. Ensuring that the Area Service Office pays the hosting company/ISP on time as
 304 per contract;
- 305 d. Ensuring that the *coloradospringsAA.org* domain name is renewed, and
 306 registration is paid by the Area Service Office.
- 307 e. Ensuring the content information is current, i.e., performing regular meeting
 308 schedule updates, local events, etc.
- 309 f. Ensuring that all email links in the site are kept current and pointing to the correct
 310 chairperson’s contact information.
- 311 6. Archives: To conduct a working Archives Program under the guidelines of the GSO
 312 Archives workbook.
- 313 7. Bridging the Gap: To help those who are emerging from jails, prisons, and treatment
 314 centers transition to sober living. It is the responsibility of the BTG Committee to create
 315 and maintain a current Bridger list as well as ensure that those on the list are trained how
 316 to be a Bridger. The Committee chairperson will:
- 317 a. Appoint both a Treatment liaison and Correction liaison who will attend their
 318 respective committee meetings to maintain cooperation with District 7
 319 committees;
- 320 b. Update the Bridgers list every 6 months;
- 321 c. Keep the Area Service Office current with Bridgers list;
- 322 d. Host two Bridger training workshops a year; and
- 323 e. Coordinate with District 7 committees to do BTG presentations within facilities.
- 324 f. It is suggested that Placement Coordinators be appointed to maintain positive
 325 relationships with facilities.
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327 **Article IX. Website Editorial Policy**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 361 1. Any member of CS Intergroup may propose an update to this Charter. Proposed updates
362 shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson with a copy to the Secretary. Proposed
363 updates shall be written into the paragraph, and the entire paragraph rewritten to reflect
364 the desired change.
- 365 2. Upon receipt of the proposal, the Chairperson shall include it in the agenda for the next
366 meeting. The author of the proposed update shall present it to CS Intergroup for
367 consideration. If affirmed by a simple majority of voting members present, the proposed
368 update will be submitted to member groups for their consideration.
- 369 3. The vote on such proposals will take place at the CS Intergroup meeting approximately 60
370 days following the meeting at which it is determined to submit the proposal to the group
371 conscience.
- 372 4. Updates to the Charter requires approval by two-thirds of the voting CS Intergroup
373 members present at the time the vote is called.
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375 **Article XII. Authorization**

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

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380 CS Intergroup Chairperson

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