

**BYLAWS**  
**OF**  
**GREATER OKLAHOMA CITY INTERGROUP**  
**OF**  
**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

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**PREAMBLE**

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience and mutual support, are recovering from compulsive overeating.

We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. OA is not affiliated with any public or private organizations, political movement, ideology or religious doctrine; we take no position on outside issues.

Our primary purpose is to abstain from Compulsive Overeating and to carry this message of recovery to those who still suffer.

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**ARTICLE I – NAME**

- Section 1      Name
- A.      The name of this organization shall be Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous.
  - B.      The name of Overeaters Anonymous shall be used as the name of the fellowship.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

Section 1 – Purpose

- The specific and primary purpose of this organization is to aid those with the problem of compulsive eating overcome that problem; and the general purpose and power is to promote the public health, and to work with and furnish charitable and cultural assistance to those with problems of obesity
- This intergroup is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United states Internal Revenue Law).

## Section 2 – The Twelve Steps

The Twelve Steps suggested for recovery in the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. We admitted we were powerless over food – that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive overeaters and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

## Section 3 – The Twelve Traditions

The Twelve Traditions are:

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon OA unity.
2. 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.
3. The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.
6. An OA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the OA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every OA group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the OA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

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<sup>1</sup> Permission to use the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics for adaption granted by A.A. World Services, Inc.

11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television, and other public media of communication.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.<sup>2</sup>

#### Section 4- The Twelve Concepts of OA Service

The Twelve Concepts are:

1. The ultimate responsibility and authority for OA world service reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
2. The OA groups have delegated to World Service Business Conference the active maintenance of our world services; thus, World Service Business Conference is the voice, authority and effective conscience of OA as a whole.
3. The Right of Decision, based on trust, makes effective leadership possible.
4. The Right of Participation ensures equality of opportunity for all in the decision-making process.
5. Individuals have the right of appeal and petition in order to ensure that their opinions and personal grievances will be carefully considered.
6. The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees with the primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous.
7. The Board of Trustees has legal rights and responsibilities accorded to them by OA Bylaws Subpart A; The rights and responsibilities of the World Service Business Conference are accorded to it by tradition and by OA Bylaws Subpart B.
8. The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the responsibility to administer the World Service office.
9. Able trusted servants, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are indispensable for effective functioning at all service levels.
10. Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority; therefore duplication of efforts is avoided.
11. Trustee administration of the World Service Office should always be assisted by the best standing committees, executives, staffs, and consultants.
12. The spiritual foundation for OA service ensures that:
  - a. no OA committee or service body shall ever become the seat of perilous wealth or power;
  - b. sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, shall be OA's prudent financial principle;
  - c. no OA member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority;
  - d. all important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;
  - e. no service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; and
  - f. no OA service committee or service board shall ever perform any acts of government and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *Permission to used the Twelve Concepts of OA Service granted by OA World Services, Inc.*

## ARTICLE III – OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS GROUPS

### Section 1 – Definition

- a) These points shall define an Overeaters Anonymous group:
  - 1) As a group, they meet to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous, guided by the Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
  - 2) All who have the desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
  - 3) No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to have a voice (share at meeting).
  - 4) As a group they have no affiliation other than Overeaters Anonymous.
  - 5) It has affiliated as an Overeaters Anonymous group by registering with the World Service Office.
- b) Virtual groups (groups which replicate face-to-face meetings through electronic media) may be an Overeaters Anonymous group if they:
  - 1) otherwise meet the definition of Overeaters Anonymous groups;
  - 2) are fully interactive, and;
  - 3) meet in real time.

### Section 2 – Composition

- a) A group may be formed by two (2) or more persons meeting together as set forth in Article V.
- b) Groups compose the intergroup as set forth in Article VI hereof.

### Section 3 – Group Autonomy

Intergroup shall have no control over internal affairs or management of any affiliated group. The intent of these Articles and Bylaws is to gain strength and unity necessary to meet problems where group coordination is desired and at all times to preserve the complete independence of each individual group.

### Section 4 – Group Governance

Groups shall be governed by the Twelve Traditions of OA. This Intergroup shall have the right to notify affiliated groups when they are in violation of the Twelve Traditions.

### Section 5 – Spiritual Support

The affiliated groups pledge themselves to support in good spirit the activities undertaken by this Intergroup.

## Section 6 – Financial Support

Affiliated groups are encouraged to financially support Intergroup by contributions on a regular basis. Regular contributions to Intergroup assures regular contributions to Region III and WSO (See Article VIII)

### **ARTICLE IV – INTERGROUP MEMBERSHIP**

#### Section 1 – Membership

- A. Any group within the Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup geographic area registered with the World Service Office of OA, and holding regular meetings in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Steps, may have a group representative in the Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup, provided it is not registered with any other Intergroup.

The Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup geographic area shall be defined as Red Carpet Country, Great Plains Country, Frontier Country and Lake Country, as defined by the State of Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

- B. Each affiliated group shall elect one (1) Representative and one (1) Alternate; therefore, in accordance with the conscience of the said affiliated group, each group through their Representative shall have one (1) vote as a member of the Intergroup

#### Section 2 – Responsibilities:

- A. The primary responsibilities of group Representatives or Alternates are:  
To represent their group conscience at all Intergroup meetings.  
To act as liaison between the Intergroup and their group.  
To see that all Intergroup business is communicated to their group.
- B. Representatives or Alternates may resign at any time for any reason by giving their group notice of resignation. Each group is encouraged to elect a new representative as soon as possible in order to be represented at each Intergroup meeting.
- C. If a group fails to send a Representative to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without prior notice to chairperson of Intergroup, or four (4) meetings during the calendar year with prior notice, the Board shall inquire in writing whether the group is still active and whether it desires to remain affiliated with Intergroup. If no response is received from the group, Intergroup will drop the group from the Intergroup meetings list, and inform WSO that the group is no longer active.
- D. Any group affiliated with this Intergroup may be removed from the Intergroup meetings list for cause by a 2/3 vote of the Representatives at a meeting announced for that purpose.

### Section 3 – Voting

The voting membership of the Intergroup shall be comprised of:

1. A Representative or Alternate from each registered group
  2. All Officers, Region III Representatives/World Service Conference Delegates, Alternate Region III Representative/World Service Conference Delegates, and Chairperson of Standing Committees, excluding the Chairperson of Intergroup.
  3. The Chairperson of Intergroup, in case of a tie vote.
- B. Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote and when a member is serving in two or more capacities, that member is entitled to only one vote.
- C. The Chairperson or Officer presiding over the meeting is to remind the assembly, after each motion, before the vote is taken, that only qualified voters may vote.
- D. A typed form listing all groups is to be provided by the Recording Secretary and all Representatives and Alternates are to register by signing this form before taking their seat. Visitors and Alternates are encouraged to enter into all discussions and to express their opinions and shall be so recognized by the Chairperson or presiding Officer.
- E. The Alternate Representative may act with full authority for the Representative when the regular Representative is not present.

## **ARTICLE V - INTERGROUP BOARD**

### Section 1 – Formation

- A. Officers of Intergroup shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.
- B. The Intergroup Board shall include the officers and Region III Representatives/World Service Conference Delegates. The immediate past Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of the Board for one year.

### Section 2- Qualifications

- A. All Offices and Board members should be selected for judgment, experience, stability and willingness, and for faithful adherence to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of OA.
- B. Wherever possible, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson should have at least two (2) years of practicing recovery on all levels, (physical, emotional and spiritual) and one (1) year current service to OA at Intergroup level. They shall be regularly attending members of an active group in the Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup.
- C. Wherever possible, Officers (other than Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson), and all Board members should have at least one (1) year of practicing recovery on all levels (physical, emotional and spiritual) and six (6) months current service to OA at Intergroup level. They shall be regularly attending members of an active group in the Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup.

### Section 3 – Meetings

The Intergroup Board may meet once a month or as business warrants to correlate all correspondence as presented by the Corresponding Secretary; to update the agenda; to help facilitate the business to be presented at the monthly Intergroup meeting.

### Section 4 – Term of Office

- A. The term of office of all officers shall be two (2) years, or until a successor has been elected.
- B. No officer may serve more than one (1) consecutive term in any office.
- C. After the Chairperson's term of office expires, the Chairperson shall serve on the Board for one (1) additional year as an ex-officio member.
- D. In the event of a vacancy, a partial term of office will not be considered a term of office. A full term of office shall be considered serving one year plus one day.
- E. The term of office of a Representative/Delegate shall be two (2) years. A Representative/Delegate shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.
- F. The term of office of an Alternate Representative. Delegate shall be two (2) years. An Alternate Representative/Delegate shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

### Section 5 – Responsibilities of the Intergroup Board

- A. Chairperson
  - 1. shall preside at all meetings and shall perform such acts and duties as are customary to such office.
  - 2. may call a special meeting at any reasonable time with consent of a majority of the Board and in accordance with Article VI (2).
  - 3. shall vote at all Intergroup meetings only in case of a tie.
  - 4. shall be an ex-officio member of all committees without a vote.
  - 5. shall be an alternate co-signer on all bank accounts.
  - 6. shall provide an agenda at Intergroup meetings.
  - 7. shall appoint the Chairpersons of all Standing Committees.
  - 8. shall determine the advisability of a bank account for a Standing Committee.
- B. Vice-Chairperson
  - 1. shall perform chairperson duties in the absence of the Chairperson.
  - 2. shall perform assignments made by the Chairperson.
  - 3. shall be the contact person to assist new groups getting started and work with groups outside of Metropolitan Oklahoma City.
  - 4. shall be the Intergroup liaison with the Twelfth Step Committee.
- C. Treasurer
  - 1. is entrusted with all funds and securities belonging to Intergroup and shall deposit the same in the name of Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup in such financial institution that the Intergroup shall choose.
  - 2. shall pay all authorized obligations of Intergroup by check and keep vouchers of all disbursements.

3. shall present a detailed, itemized report on all financial transactions of Intergroup at all regular meetings.
4. Shall be co-signer on all bank accounts.
5. shall arrange for an audit of all finances at the end of each calendar year as set forth in Article IX.
6. shall turn over to the new Treasurer all records pertinent to that office.
7. should the office of Treasurer become vacant, the Treasurer shall turn over all pertinent records to an auditor for audit.

D. Recording Secretary

1. shall keep a current master list of all groups registered to the Intergroup with the name, address and telephone number of each group secretary, Intergroup representative and alternate, and provide a copy of updated master list of officers only.
2. will report all meeting changes to World Service for meeting directory.
3. shall also keep a meeting list containing meeting locations, times, contact persons and telephone numbers. This list shall be distributed to all Intergroup meeting representatives and Board members.
4. shall see that minutes are kept of all Intergroup meetings and distributed to Board members, standing Committee Chairperson and Meeting Representatives.
5. shall provide a form for all representatives and alternates to sign at each meeting of the Intergroup.

E. Corresponding Secretary

1. shall keep a list of all Board members and Standing Committee Chairpersons and distribute it to all Board members and Standing Committee Chairpersons.
2. shall send out announcements of Intergroup meetings seven (7) days prior to regular or special meetings.
3. shall be responsible for all correspondence for the Intergroup.
4. shall read important correspondence or give the import of such correspondence at Intergroup meeting.
5. shall distribute mail to appropriate persons.

F. Region III Representatives/Alternates

1. shall attend Region III Assembly meetings
2. shall meet all qualifications and requirements as outlined in the Region III Bylaws, and shall function under the Bylaws of Region III and World Service Conference.
3. shall vote the conscience of Intergroup.
4. shall make a written report to Intergroup of proceedings at Conference and Region III meetings and file same with Recording Secretary.
5. shall attend Intergroup meetings as required in accordance with Section 8 of this Article.
6. may attend all standing committee meetings.

7. shall serve no more than four (4) consecutive years, except for reasons to be decided by the group conscience of the Intergroup with respect to the Representative.
8. shall also function as World Service Conference Delegates.
9. may be reimbursed for all or part of their expenses by approval of Intergroup. Funding will be contingent upon availability of funds. Itemized bills and receipts shall be submitted to Intergroup Treasurer.
10. may also serve as Intergroup Officer.
11. shall relinquish the position of Region Representative if elected to a Region III or WSO office.

G World Service Conference Delegate(s):

1. Shall attend World Service Conference of Overeaters Anonymous.
2. In all aspects, the WS Conference Delegate shall meet qualifications and requirements as outline and defined in Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws Subpart B.
3. Shall have (a) one year of current abstinence and (b) emotional and spiritual recovery as a result of incorporation into their lives the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Each person shall be the judge of his/or her own recovery.
4. Shall serve Overeaters Anonymous and the World Service Conference until the following Conference.
5. Shall serve no more than two consecutive years, unless an exception is made by the group conscience of the Intergroup with respect to the delegate.
6. Shall report, either orally or in writing as required by the Intergroup, the actions of the Conference to all groups the Intergroup represents; keep the Intergroup and represented OA groups aware of WSO information' and communicate important information to the area.
7. May attend all standing committee meetings.

Section 6 – Elections

- A. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, half of the Region III Representative/World Service Conference Delegates, and Half of the Alternate Region III Representative/Worlds Service Conference Delegates shall be elected in even numbered years.  
The corresponding secretary, Recording Secretary, half of the Region III representatives/World Service Conference Delegates, and half of the Alternate Region III Representative/Worlds Service Conference Delegates shall be selected in odd number years.
- B. At the October meeting, a Nominating Committee (minimum of three persons) shall be appointed or elected.
- C. At the November meeting, the following shall occur:
  1. The Nominating Committee will submit their nominations.
  2. Opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor, from self or a second party. If the nomination is made by a second party, the person nominated must be present to accept the nomination.

3. Nominations shall be closed at November meeting.
  4. After the November Intergroup Meeting, it is suggested that Representatives discuss the nominees at their group meeting; therefore, the vote will be truly representative of the local fellowship.
- D. At the December meeting, the following shall occur:
1. Nominees are introduced and permitted to speak a maximum of three (3) minutes.
  2. Board members, Group Representatives or their Alternates shall vote as set forth in Article IV Section 3.
  3. Balloting shall be by secret ballot.
  4. Two (2) members of Intergroup shall be designed to count ballots.
  5. Election will be determined by a majority of ballots cast.
  6. Chairperson shall submit a sealed ballot to be opened only in case of a tie.
- E. Upon election to the Board, a Board member (if that person has been up to this point a Group Representative) must resign as a Group Representative, enabling that group to elect a new Representative, thus ensuring all OA groups equity of representation.
- F. When only one person is nominated for an office, normal voting procedures may be suspended and vote by acclamation is in order requiring 2/3 vote.

#### Section 7- Absences

- A. In the absence of the Chairperson, the duties of the chairperson shall be performed by the next available officer in this order: Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary.
- B. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Treasurer.
- C. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall assume the duties of the Recording Secretary.

#### Section 8 – Vacancies and Resignations

- A. Any officer or Board member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the Chairperson of Intergroup written notice of resignation.
- B. If an Intergroup board Member fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without prior notice to the Chairperson of Intergroup, or four (4) meetings during the calendar year with prior notice, the Board shall request the resignation of such Board member. For good cause shown the Board member may appeal the requested resignation to the Board as a whole.
- C. An Officer or Board member of this Intergroup may be removed from Office for cause by 2/3 vote of the Representatives at a meeting announced for that purpose.

#### Section 9 – Filling of Vacancies

- A. Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at the next regular meeting or special meeting of the Intergroup. Persons chosen to fill such vacancies shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term.

- B. A person chosen to fill any vacancy on the Board shall meet the qualifications as defined in Section 2 of this Article

## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

### Section 1 – Regular Meetings

- A. The regular meetings of the Intergroup shall be monthly on the second Saturday of the month.
- B. Notification of the regular meetings of the Intergroup shall consist of written notice seven (7) days prior to the next meeting sent by the Corresponding Secretary.

### Section 2 – Special Meetings

- A. A special meeting may be called at any time, other than regular meetings, by a majority vote of the Intergroup board.
- B. Wherever possible one (1) week notice in writing shall be given each Group Representative of a special meeting.

### Section 3 – Quorum

- A. At an Intergroup meeting held upon proper notification, those voting members present shall constitute a quorum and a majority shall govern for voting purposes.

### Section 4 – Emergency Decisions

- A. When an emergency decision must be made, the Chairperson of Intergroup will contact enough Board members to determine the issue by a majority vote. The decision should then be addressed at the next Intergroup meeting and ratified by Intergroup.

## **ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES**

### Section 1 – Formation

The Intergroup Board shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary for the welfare and operation of the Intergroup. Such committees may include, but not be limited to: Public Relations, Newsletter, Twelve Step, Special Events, and Literature.

### Section 2 – Qualifications

Wherever possible, Standing Committee chairperson should have at least one (1) year of practicing recovery on all levels (physical, emotional and spiritual) and six (6) months current service to OA at Intergroup level. They shall be regularly attending members of an active group in the Greater Oklahoma City Intergroup.

### Section 3 – Term of Office

The term of office of a Standing Committee chairperson or member shall be one (1) year with consecutive terms being acceptable.

#### Section 4 – Responsibilities

- A. The particular committee may prescribe its own rules for calling and holding meetings and its method of procedures subject, however, to the guidelines of the Twelve Traditions of OA.
- B. The committee Chairperson shall submit a written report to Intergroup at the end of any specific event coordinated by the committee or at least quarterly. If any monies are expended, an itemized report shall be submitted to the Intergroup Treasurer.

#### Section 5 – Membership

- A. Standing Committee chairperson shall be appointed by the Chairperson of Intergroup.
- B. Standing Committee chairpersons appoint members to their committees.
- C. The Intergroup Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees without a vote.

#### Section 6 – Fiscal Management of Committees

- A. The Intergroup Chairperson shall decide on advisability of a bank account for a committee.
- B. If it is necessary for a committee to open a bank account, the following procedure shall be followed:
  - 1. The Chairperson of the Committee and Treasurer of Intergroup shall be co-signers on the account.
  - 2. The Chairperson of the Committee shall keep all financial records, and shall present an itemized report of transactions to Intergroup one (1) month following any event for which monies were expended.
  - 3. The Chairperson of the Committee shall turn over the bank statements, canceled checks and bank deposit receipts to the Intergroup Treasurer at the end of the calendar year. These records shall be included in the yearly audit of finances.
  - 4. At the expiration of the committee Chairperson's term of service or if the Chairperson's office becomes vacant, all records and pertinent data shall be turned over to the Chairperson of Intergroup.

### **ARTICLE VIII - SOURCE OF FUNDS**

#### Section 1 – The source of finances shall be as follows:

- A. Voluntary contributions of the affiliated groups shall be the primary source of funds.
- B. Secondary source of financial income may be from such occasional projects or activities as may be authorized by Intergroup.
- C. The Intergroup may accept donations from OA members, conforming with the general practice of OA.

- D. The Intergroup shall not accept the responsibility, trusteeship or enter into the distribution or allocation of funds set up outside of Overeaters Anonymous.

## Section 2 – Reserves

It is suggested that there be no accumulation of funds beyond current necessities, with a retention of only a prudent reserve for contingencies. A prudent reserve shall be 3 or 4 months expenses. Funds in excess of prudent reserve shall be donated to Region III and World Service Office on a quarterly basis as directed by Intergroup conscience.

## **ARTICLE IX – AUDIT**

### Section 1 – Regular Audits

- A. During the month of January, all of the bank accounts and finances of Intergroup shall be audited by a person or persons designed by Intergroup.
- B. Results of the audit shall be submitted at the February meeting.

### Section 2 – Special Audits

A special audit shall be conducted for the general account upon vacancy of the office of Treasurer and for any special account on vacancy of the office of the Standing Committee Chairperson.

### Section 3 – Results

The financial status and results of the last audit shall be open to public examination.

## **ARTICLE X – BANKING AND CONTRACTS**

### Section 1 – Banking

The funds of Intergroup shall be deposited in one (1) or more banks as designated by the Intergroup Board and shall be withdrawn upon the signature of two (2) persons, one of which shall be the Treasurer of Intergroup. The Intergroup Chairperson shall be an alternate co-signer on all bank accounts.

### Section 2 – Contracts

Upon direction of the Board of Intergroup, the Chairperson and Treasurer shall sign and execute for and on behalf of Intergroup, as necessary, any contracts, notes, leases or other documents of every kind or nature that may be necessary in the pursuance of the business of Intergroup, provided that such matters are in keeping with the Twelve Traditions of OA.

## **ARTICLE XI – MAJOR POLICY MATTERS**

### Section 1 – Break of Traditions

- A. Matters which relate to a break of the Twelve Traditions of OA shall be referred to the Intergroup Board first and may then be brought to the attention of the OA World Service Board of Trustees.
- B. Matters which relate to OA as a whole shall be referred to the OA World Service Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this Intergroup in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Twelve Traditions or any special rules of order the Intergroup may adopt. Furthermore, the Intergroups Bylaws must conform to OA, Inc. Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION**

### Section 1 – Distribution of Assets

- A. Upon dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the World Service Office of Overeaters Anonymous, or to a nonprofit fund association, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operates exclusively for charitable, educational or religious and / or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. No part of the net earnings of this association shall inure to or be used for the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the express purposes for which it is formed.

## **ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws, with the exception of Article II, Sections 2, 3, and 4, may be amended or revised at any time by a majority of the Representatives and Board members present at any regular or special meeting of Intergroup, provided a copy of the proposed amendment or revision has been submitted to group representatives affiliated with Intergroup, each Board Member and each Standing Committee Chairperson at least (20) days before the meeting at which time action is to be taken.

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