

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
DISTRICT 06 MISSISSAUGA
AREA 83**

OPERATING PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of these Operating Procedures is to provide guidance for the continuing effective operation of District 06 Mississauga. These procedures set out what the groups in the District have agreed upon and not what anyone has committed them to do. All provisions of these Operating Procedures and all actions of the District ought to conform to the principles of the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and *The A.A. Service Manual* and adhere to the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous - to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

SECTION I – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

1. COMPOSITION

The District Committee will be known as the “District Table” and will include

- a. General Service Representatives (GSR) from each registered group in the District
- b. Committee Chairs and Liaisons
 - Access Ability
 - Archives
 - Co-operation with the Processional Community (CPC)
 - Correction Facilities(CF)
 - Grapevine (GvR)
 - Public Information (PI)
 - Self-Support
 - Treatment Facilities (TF)
 - Intergroup Liaison
- c. District Officers
 - District Committee Member (DCM)
 - Alternate District Committee Member (Alternate DCM)
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 - Registrar/Webmaster

2. MEETINGS

- a. Monthly Meetings

District meetings will be held once a month on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the designated location or such other time or place as agreed upon by the District Table.

Meetings will be chaired by the DCM. In the absence of the DCM, the Alternate DCM will chair the meeting. In case both are absent, the Secretary/Treasurer will chair the meeting.

b. District Inventory

The District shall hold a "District Inventory" meeting in May of the second year of the term. It is to be led by the Delegate or the Alternate Delegate.

The minutes will be prepared and held by the Secretary and will be reviewed by the District Table prior to the end of the term of the District Table conducting the review.

SECTION II – RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

The duties of the GSR are laid down in *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter Two.

2. DISTRICT OFFICERS

a. DCM duties are laid down in *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter Three.

b. Alternate DCM duties are laid down in *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter Three.

c. Secretary/Treasurer duties include:

- as Secretary, recording and distributing minutes of District meetings and distribution of other items as required;
- as Treasurer, maintaining a bank account in the name of the District, responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all monies on behalf of the District in accordance with the guidelines in Section V and presenting a report to each District meeting.

d. Registrar/Webmaster duties include:

- As Registrar, maintaining District records and group registration forms and submitting all requested information to the Area Registrar in a timely manner.
- As Webmaster, maintaining and updating the District website in a timely manner and in accordance with established District web guidelines.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Committee Chairperson responsibilities include:

- Be familiar with the GSO Service Workbook
- Attend monthly meetings of their respective GTA Intergroup Service Committee
- Liaise with the Area Chairperson of their respective Service Committee
- Ensure District 06 meets its service commitments for which the Service Committee is responsible
- Provide a report to each District meeting on Committee activities
- Return the GSO Service Workbook at the conclusion of their term.

4. INTERGROUP LIAISON

The Intergroup Liaison will attend monthly meetings of GTA Intergroup and report to District meetings.

5. SOBRIETY REQUIREMENTS

If not provided in *The A.A. Service Manual*, sobriety requirements for District Officers will be 2 years and for Committee Chairpersons will be one year unless otherwise determined by the District Table.

6. TERM OF OFFICE

District Officers and Committee Chairpersons will serve a 2 year term commencing on January 1st and running concurrently with the term of Area 83 officers.

SECTION III – VOTING AND MOTIONS

1. QUORUM

A quorum will be fifty per cent plus 1 of GSRs (or their alternates in their place) from registered groups. If a quorum is not in attendance, no votes will be held,

2. VOTING

Voting privileges on motions at the District Table will be as follows and there is one vote per group:

- All GSRs, or in the absence of the GSR, the Alternate GSR, or in the absence of both the GSR and Alternative GSR, a representative of the group who is present at the table.
- Committee chairpersons who do not otherwise have a vote on the motion as GSR or Alternate GSR or representative of their group in the absence of the GSR or Alternate GSR
- District Officers who do not otherwise have a vote on the motion as GSR or Alternate GSR or representative of their group in the absence of the GSR or Alternate GSR, with the exception of the DCM who can only vote in the event of a tie.

3. MOTIONS

- a. Motions may be made verbally at any time during the District meeting by a voting member of the District Table or in writing submitted to the Secretary.
- b. Voting will take place immediately following discussion unless the group conscience of the District Table decides that the motion should take place at a subsequent meeting to allow discussion by groups.
- c. Motions will require a simple majority vote to be carried unless otherwise agreed upon.

4. VOICE

All members of the District Table and any person attending the District meeting will be heard unless otherwise agreed upon.

SECTION IV – ELECTIONS

1. DISTRICT OFFICERS

a. Elections

The DCM and the Alternate DCM will be elected in the month of June prior to the January start of the 2 year term unless an election is required in an earlier month to accommodate travel arrangements for the incoming DCM to attend the Regional Forum.

The Secretary/Treasurer and the Registrar/Webmaster will be elected in the month of October prior to the January start of the new 2 year term.

b. Eligibility

DCM and Alternate DCM eligibility will be in accordance with *The A.A. Service Manual*, Chapter Three.

Secretary/Treasurer and Registrar/Webmaster will be elected from outgoing GSRs.

2. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

a. Elections

Committee Chairpersons and Alternate Chairpersons will be elected in the January at the start of the new 2 year term.

b. Eligibility

Eligibility will be

- first, from currently serving GSRs, but if no one is prepared to stand
- second, from currently serving Alternate GSRs, but if no one is prepared to stand,
- third, from outgoing GSRs, but if no one is prepared to stand,
- fourth from outgoing Alternate Committee Chairs, but if no one is prepared to stand,
- fifth, nominations from the floor of a member of a group in the District.

3. VOTING

Voting privileges for elections will be as follows, thus ensuring only 1 vote per group:

- All GSRs, or in the absence of the GSR, the Alternate GSR, or in the absence of both the GSR and Alternative GSR a representative of the group who is present at the table.

- Committee chairpersons who do not otherwise have a vote as GSR or Alternate GSR on the motion or representative of their group in the absence of the GSR or Alternate GSR
- District Officers who do not otherwise have a vote as GSR or Alternate GSR or representative of their group in the absence of the GSR or Alternate GSR, with the exception of the DCM who can only vote in the event of a tie.

4. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

All elections will be conducted in accordance with AA's Third Legacy procedures as laid out in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

Elections will be conducted by the outgoing DCM unless otherwise agreed by the District Table.

Candidates eligible for election must be present or must have given permission in writing for their names to stand. If the person is not present a written resume must be provided.

Election of District Officers will be by closed ballot. Election of Committee Chairpersons will be by show of hands unless the District Table agrees to have a closed ballot.

5. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

If an elected member of the District Table misses 3 consecutive meetings a vote may be called to replace the person in that position.

6. VACANCIES

a. DCM

If the DCM position becomes vacant, the Alternate DCM will assume the DCM position for the balance of the term.

b. Other District Officers

If a District Officer position, other than DCM, or a Committee Chairperson position becomes vacant, nominations will be invited and an election held at the meeting following the announcement of the vacancy and conducted in accordance with 4. above.

SECTION V – FINANCES

1. ACCOUNTS

a. Financial Reserve

District 06 Mississauga will keep a financial reserve of 3 to 4 months expenses (approximately \$1,300.00 in 2011) in a separate account.

b. Audit

A 'spiritual audit' will be conducted on the District's books when the Treasurer's position changes at the end of each term.

c. Bank Reconciliation

The reported balance maintained by the Treasurer shall be reconciled with the true bank balance on a monthly basis.

d. Required Signatures and Signing Officers

Two signatures will be required on all cheques. Signing officers will be DCM, Alternate DCM, and Secretary/Treasurer.

2. EXPENSES

District will, subject to availability of funds, and provided the recipient has attended 2 of the 4 meetings immediately prior to the Area Assembly pay the following travel expenses of attendance at Area Assembly, Area Committee meetings and Regional Forum.

a. DCM and Alternate DCM

Pay travel expenses to Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies for the DCM and Alternate DCM;

b. Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar/Webmaster and Service Committee Chairs

Pay travel expenses to attend Area Assemblies for the Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar/Webmaster and Service Committee Chairs who are not GSRs;

c. GSRs and Alternate GSRs

Assist with travel expenses, up to \$150, for any GSR (or Alternate GSR if the GSR is unable to attend) to attend the Area Assemblies if that GSR's group cannot afford to send him or her;

d. Regional Forum

Pay travel expenses for the DCM elect for the new term to attend the Regional Forum.

If a District Officer or Committee Chairpersons is also a GSR, it is expected that the group concerned will fund that person's attendance at Area Assemblies. If the group is not in a financial position to do so, the provisions of paragraph b. above apply.

Expenses will be reimbursed by the District on submission of receipts.

3. EXCESS FUNDS

Excess funds will be passed on to Eastern Ontario International Area 83 and/or the General Service Office in New York in amounts and splits approved by the District Table.

SECTION VI – AMENDMENTS TO OPERATING PROCEDURES

Amendments to these Operating Procedures require a 2/3 majority of the voting members of the District Table following written notice of motion to the Secretary. The motion will be tabled for vote at the next District meeting.