

Preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Purpose:

- The purpose and mission of The Friendship Group of Alcoholics is to provide a place for AA's recovery program and fellowship to be practiced in non smoking facilities in Lewisville, Texas and the surrounding towns.
- The Friendship Group follows the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, the 12 Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous, and encourages recovery by working the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- The Friendship Group of Alcoholics Anonymous is part of the larger organization through active participation and support of the GSO service structure.

Membership:

- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- To be a voting member one must not be a voting member in any other group.

Quorum:

- The membership present at any scheduled Group Conscience of The Friendship Group of Alcoholics Anonymous shall constitute a quorum.

Steering Committee Meetings:

Steering Committee shall be bound by the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous when conducting the business of The Friendship Group.

- The Steering Committee will consist of a Coordinator, Secretary, GSR and two at large members. The term for a Steering Committee Member is 1 year.
- The Steering Committee will elect a Steering Committee Chairperson.
- The Steering Committee Chairperson will vote only in the event of a tie.
- Each member of the Steering Committee shall miss no more than 2 unexcused Steering Committee meetings per year. Absence from more than 2 unexcused meetings will be brought to Group Conscience and position holder may be asked to step down depending on review.
- Any meeting of the Steering Committee shall have 3 of the 5 members physically present before business can be conducted.
- Steering Committee members cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms on the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members can stand for election to offices not connected to the Steering Committee.
- The Steering Committee shall be responsible to conduct, manage, and direct the affairs of the Friendship Group subject to instruction by the Group Conscience. The Steering Committee shall

