

BYLAWS OF THE MONTEREY BAY AREA ROUNDUP

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the MONTEREY BAY AREA ROUNDUP also known as MBAR.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The main purpose of the MONTEREY BAY AREA ROUNDUP is to provide an annual or bi-annual conference for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and members of Al-Anon Family Groups to bring in speakers from around the country and to provide a place for fellowship and unity.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1 - Membership

Membership of MONTEREY BAY AREA ROUNDUP includes any member of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A) or Al-Anon Family Groups who wish to attend and pay the registration fee.

Members with voice and vote include the following:

- A) The MBAR Steering Committee.
- B) MBAR volunteers, all of which will have one vote after attending at least one Committee Meeting.

Section 2 - Qualifications

- A) Qualifications for MBAR membership are only to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous or of Al-Anon Family Groups.

ARTICLE IV - THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Section 1- The Steering Committee

- A) The Steering Committee consists of the following officers: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- B) Meetings shall be chaired by the Chairperson. In the event the Chairperson is unable to chair any meeting, the Co-Chairperson will lead the meeting. In the event the Co-Chairperson is not available, the Recording Secretary will lead the meeting.

Section 2- Nominations to the Steering Committee

Nominations to the Steering Committee may be made from the floor at the time of election.

Section 3 - Qualifications for the Steering Committee

To qualify for election to the Steering Committee, an individual must:

- A) Be actively working the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of AA to the best of his/her ability.
- B) Have a minimum of one year sobriety.
- C) Have been on an MBAR Committee in a prior year.
- D) Be willing to attend both Steering and Regular Committee meetings.

Section 4 - Election of the Steering Committee

- A) Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of election.
- B) Nominees must be present at the election meeting.
- C) The candidate must receive a majority of votes.
- D) Voting will be by show of hands, tallied by the Recording Secretary.

Section 5 - Term of Office

- A) The term of office for a Steering Committee member is two years, or until the end of the year following the conference.
- B) Steering Committee members do not serve more than one term in the same position. They advance to another position on the Steering Committee. The Chairperson becomes next year's Host.
- C) No member of the Steering Committee or in fact any MBAR member will be compensated for their work. All work is done on a voluntary basis.

Section 6- Responsibilities of the Steering Committee

- A) Serve as guardians of the A.A. Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts with respect to the functions of the committee.
- B) Perform the duties of their offices in accordance with MBAR policies and procedures.
- C) Serve as guardian of MBAR funds.
- D) Provide a forum for the interchange of ideas and information among members.
- E) Meet once a month prior to the Regular Committee meeting.

Section 7 - Vacancies and Resignations

- A) Any MBAR member may resign at any time for any reason by giving the Chairperson written notice.
- B) Any Steering Committee member of MBAR may be removed from office for due cause by a majority vote at a Regular or Special meeting announced for that purpose.

Section 8 - Filling of Vacancies

- A) Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at the next Regular or Special meeting of MBAR after the vacancy occurs. Such persons chosen to fill said vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- B) A person chosen to fill any vacancy on the Steering Committee shall meet the qualifications as defined in Article IV, Section 3.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular Meetings

MBAR will meet every month at a time and place designated by a majority of the voting members.

Section 2 - Special Meetings

A Special meeting may be called at any time by a majority vote of the Steering Committee, or by a quorum of committee members, provided sufficient notice is provided to the membership.

Section 3 - Method of Notification

MBAR will provide at least fourteen days' notice to each member.

Section 4 - Quorum

The quorum for voting purposes shall be, at a minimum, two Steering Committee members and at least one other voting member.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

MBAR may establish committees as needed for the welfare and operation of MBAR. Each committee is responsible to the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE VII - PRUDENT RESERVE

MBAR treasurer will maintain a prudent reserve, the amount of which will be determined by the Steering Committee, to cover expected operational needs. Excess funds will be contributed to A.A. service bodies as determined by MBAR.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The Steering Committee may conduct the business of MBAR using the parliamentary procedure commonly used throughout Alcoholics Anonymous which is the most current available edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at any Regular or Special meeting of MBAR. The proposed amendment must be communicated in writing to each member group at least thirty days prior to the voting meeting.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - Dissolution

In order to dissolve MBAR, there must be a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at any Regular or Special meeting of MBAR. The proposed dissolution must be communicated in writing to each member at least thirty days prior to the voting meeting.

Section 2 - Disbursement of Remaining Funds

When MBAR ceases operation and all debts have been paid, all remaining funds, if any, shall be distributed to other Alcoholics Anonymous service bodies.

Section 3- US Non-Profit with 501c (3) Status

Upon the dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to other Alcoholics Anonymous associations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In accordance with Alcoholics Anonymous Traditions, such non-profit fund, association, foundation, or corporation should be either the A.A. General Service Office or another A.A. service body.

No part of the net earnings of this association shall ever inure to be or be used for benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private person, except that the association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the expressed purpose for which it was formed.

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Chairperson of the association MONTEREY BAY AREA ROUNDUP, an association in the state of California, that the accompanying bylaws are the bylaws of this association as adopted by the Steering Committee, and that they have not been modified or amended since this date.

Executed on _____ (date),

At _____ (County), _____ (State),

Chairperson

