

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COCAINE ANONYMOUS AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE SERVICE MANUAL

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OUR SECOND TRADITION

THE TWELVE STEPS OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS

1. We admitted we were powerless over cocaine and all other mind-altering substances — 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 addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon C.A. 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 membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.
4. Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or C.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the addict who still suffers.
6. A C.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the C.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every C.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Cocaine Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. C.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Cocaine Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the C.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, television and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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THE TWELVE CONCEPTS

1. The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for C.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
2. The C.A. Groups delegate to the World Service Conference the complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby make the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Fellowship.
3. As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the Groups, the Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees and its Service Corporation, staffs, and committees, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of World Service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”
4. Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
5. Throughout our World Service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.
6. On behalf of C.A. as a whole, our World Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the World Service Board of Cocaine Anonymous.
7. The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the World Service Board are legal instruments; that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Cocaine Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document; that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the C.A. purse for its final effectiveness.
8. The Trustees of the World Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all Directors of these entities.
9. Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety.
10. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority — the scope of such authority to be always well defined, whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.
11. While the Trustees hold final responsibility for C.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees and service boards, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the system of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers will always be matters for serious care and concern.
12. General Warranties of the Conference: In all its proceedings, the World Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the C.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power, that the sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally CA

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To: Area Service Committee and Area Service Board
From: SFVCA Structure and Bylaws Committee

- The SFVCA Service Manual is a manual of procedures, guidelines and role definitions. it is intended to provide trusted servants with a clear definition of service roles (job descriptions) and their related guidelines and procedures.
- The SFVCA Service Manual and the CA World Service Manual do not supersede the SFVCA Bylaws, the CA 12 Steps, CA 12 Traditions, CA 12 Concepts, current CA World Service Conference approved guidelines for Group accreditation, or local, state, and federal laws.
- The Area Service Committee's duly elected Area Service Board is the effective voice and conscience of the Area Service Committee when acting as the SFVCA Board of Directors.
- The service manual can, and should, grow as the SFVCA fellowship grows.

The SFVCA Service Manual was written utilizing the SFVCA Bylaws, the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the Cocaine Anonymous World Service Manual, Cocaine Anonymous World Service approved literature, and from SR/CA group conscience.

Nearly all of what is in print in the SFVCA Service Manual can be found in the above mentioned literature, or in the SFVCA Corporate archives as a vote by the group conscience of the Area Service Committee (GSRs, Standing Committee Chairs, Delegates), or the Area Service Board.

Those items that were not found in print are what the SFVCA Area, as a whole, has recognized as items that needed to be put into print as part of the Service Manual.

This SFVCA Service Manual was ratified by the Area Service Committee (GSRs, Standing Committee Chairs, and Delegates) in February 2002 as reflected in the ASC minutes.

About Footnotes:

These are the definitions for the footnotes in the Service Manual:

Adapted — means that the wording contained the word AA and was changed to CA

Excerpted — means that the wording is a quote from a portion of a sentence or paragraph.

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² Excerpted from the letter the CA World Service Office sends to new groups in the CA Meeting Starter Pack

PREFACE

This is the trusted servant Service Manual of the San Fernando Valley Cocaine Anonymous Area Service Committee. The SFVCA Service Manual is not a rulebook, it is a handbook of service role definitions and simple guidelines. This manual covers procedures and duties for those recovering cocaine addicts that have the time and ability, and choose to be of service to the Ninth Tradition formed Area Service Committee. In addition to various local, state and federal legal obligations, and certain CA World Service guidelines that apply to Area level service work, the guidelines in this Service Manual are a compilation of our experience and an extension of our failures and successes in creating a service organization that has as it's primary purpose making the message of 12 Step recovery available to the practicing addict that doesn't understand, or doesn't know, there is a solution to living without cocaine and all other mind altering substances.

Our Area service organization is a source of unity for the CA fellowship. Here is a place where we can each readily unify around one goal — maintaining a service organization that provides the needed public outreach to still suffering addicts and their families in our community that a Group, or an individual, may not have the means or ability to implement, as well as providing support of our local CA Group's common needs. The Area Service Committee service structure includes public service committees and fellowship service committees.

In the Introduction to the 12 Concepts of World Service Bill Wilson wrote that each new generation of trusted servants would be eager to make operational improvements... 'Unforeseen flaws in the present structure will doubtless show later on. New service needs and problems will arise that may make structural changes necessary. Such alterations should certainly be effected, and these contingencies squarely met. Yet we should always realize that change does not necessarily spell progress. We are sure that each new group of workers in world service will be tempted to try all sorts of innovations that may often produce little more than a painful repetition of earlier mistakes. Therefore it will be an important objective of these Concepts to forestall such repetitions by holding the experiences of the past clearly before us. And if mistaken departures are nevertheless made, these Concepts may then provide a ready means of safe return to an operating balance that might otherwise take years of floundering to rediscover.'¹

One of the most important principles contained in every CA Service Manual is the principle of Definition. Without definitions our service roles would have no boundaries. No one would know exactly what his or her service duties are, or what procedures to use to carry them out successfully. This manual provides some of those definitions.

The SFVCA Service Manual also fills the important need of providing our Area Service Committee structure with a "safe return to an operating balance that might otherwise take years of floundering to rediscover" should we make a mistake in the changing or rearranging of operational guidelines or duties.

In some instances the SFVCA Bylaws will contain more specific definitions and guidelines than this manual and should be referred to when necessary or appropriate. This Service Manual does not supersede the SFVCA Bylaws, the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, or any local, state, or federal laws.

Over the years we, in Cocaine Anonymous, have learned that the same basic principles for being of service at the World level apply in exactly the same manner for being of service not only at the Area level but also at the Group level, so you will find principles in this manual that can also be helpful at the Group level.

Well-structured service helps us learn to define our service role responsibilities so that each of us may rightly relate to the other as a worker among workers and a friend among friends. We then see the benefit of learning to define our roles in our daily lives, whatever the role may be at the moment; husband, wife, son, daughter, employee, employer, church member, recovering addict, trusted servant, etc. This relating rightly to ourselves, to the Higher Power of our own understanding, and to other human beings is the essence of the 'emotional sobriety' referred to in Step 10 and Step 12 of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

We have learned that with a proper definition of his/her role in the lives of others, recovering addicts will relate rightly to those around them and be that much closer to becoming "...happily and usefully whole"

In practicing Step 12 through being of service, at any level, we have been given the opportunity to learn to relate rightly not just to each other but to our own selves. We cheerfully accept our obligation in the part of Step 12 that says "... We tried to carry this message to other addicts". We have found being of service to be a valuable teacher. We hope the same for you.

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INTRODUCTION

The fellowship, as a whole, of Cocaine Anonymous is not “organized” in the formal sense because there are no rules or regulations for membership. No one can be “thrown out” of CA because the only requirement for CA membership is the desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.

As a fellowship we do unanimously agree that to effectively carry our message of CA 12 Step recovery to all who have the desire to recover from addiction to cocaine and all other mind altering substances, there must necessarily be a well-structured service organization with effective leadership: This is where Tradition 9 comes in — “CA, as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve”.

Ninth Tradition service boards and committees require organization and leadership. In order for CA’S lifesaving message of 12 Step recovery to successfully reach the still suffering addict, community outreach services and support services to the local Groups must be organized. These services must be guided not only by group conscience but by carefully chosen leaders. These leaders are trusted servants. We count on them to help us carry out our grateful hope that as many as may need it will receive the opportunity to hear the message of CA 12 Step recovery.

The need for well-structured services and effective leadership is not always easily understood until we realize that there are many opportunities for Cocaine Anonymous to carry the lifesaving message of 12 Step recovery into places that aren’t always accessible to a Group or an individual.

The excerpts on the following pages are adapted from the AA service literature CA trusted servants at the World Service level use as a guide much as the CA individual uses the AA Big Book and the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions as a guide to recovery.

Hopefully the following excerpts will provide some basic understanding regarding both the need to create well-structured Area services that will ensure successful outreach to the still-suffering addict in our community, and the equally important necessity of defining the delegated operational authority required to ensure effective leadership at all levels of service.

SERVICE

¹ ‘Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message — is the basic service that CA’s Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, CA is more than a set of principles; it is a Society of cocaine addicts *in action*. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t been given the truth will die.

LEADERSHIP

² Therefore some traditional and practical principle has to be devised which at all levels *will continuously balance the right relation between ultimate authority and delegated responsibility*. How, then, are we going to accomplish this?

There are three possible attitudes that we might take toward such a state of affairs. We could, for instance, throw away all corporate charters, bylaws, job definitions, and the like. This would leave it entirely to each group of trusted servants to figure out what its authority and responsibility really is. But such an absence of any chartered structure would be absurd; nothing but anarchy could result.

Then of course we could take the opposite tack. Refusing to give our leadership any worthwhile discretion at all, we could add to our present Charters great numbers of rules, regulations, and bylaws that would attempt to cover every conceivable action or contingency. That would be altogether too much red tape — more than we CA’S could stand.

The right CA solution for this problem is to be found, however, in the latter part of Tradition Two, which provides for “trusted servants’ This really means that we ought to trust our responsible leaders *to decide*, within the understood framework of their duties, *how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises*. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of “*The Right of Decision*,” and I am certain that we need not have the slightest fear of granting this indispensable privilege at nearly every level of service.

STRUCTURE

³ ...we really do have a business to conduct as well as a cooperative spiritual enterprise to foster. Therefore a reasonable amount of discipline and direction is a necessity. Those who cannot or will not see this are not well suited for [organized service] work.

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FOREWORD

The SFVCA service structure was created under the Ninth Tradition. It is an incorporated non-profit organization. We generate revenue to provide outreach services to our community and support services to our local Groups. There are other specific details in the SFVCA Bylaws regarding sobriety requirements and the responsibilities and duties of Area trusted servants and committees. In some cases money is being handled, or a particular service committee is dealing with a business or an institution such as a jail, a hospital, or a treatment center, and in other cases the Area service structure is carrying out the will of the fellowship as a whole as voiced by their Group Service Representatives. For these reasons much of what is contained in the SR/CA Bylaws and this Service Manual is direction rather than suggestion. The Bylaws and the Service Manual are based on the Traditions, Concepts, certain CA World Service Manual guidelines, etc., and the Area Service Committee's approved guidelines as reflected by vote or group conscience agreement, as well as certain local, state, and federal legal requirements.

The incorporated Area service structure is not connected to the personal program of recovery in the sense that to stay sober it is not necessary to volunteer for an Area level service commitment, although at the Group level it may be very rewarding to accept the commitment of GSR (Group Service Representative) and participate in the Area Service Committee as the Group's voice and conscience at the Area level. There are many commitments at the Group level that are just as personally rewarding as Area level commitments. And of course there are the ultimately rewarding gifts of sponsorship and working with newcomers.

Area level service work is instead an extension of 12th Step work that is often able to reach beyond the scope of an individual, or a single Group. A recovering addict's personal 12th Step work and service commitments at the Group level are equally as important as the community outreach services and fellowship-wide activities and Group support the Area's Standing Committees provide. But for many of us Area service work offers an extra opportunity to give back by reaching out and carrying the message of CA 12 Step recovery to places where it otherwise might not be heard.

Those of us that have the time and desire to be of service at the Area level are grateful for the service examples that the greeter offered us when we first came into the rooms of Cocaine Anonymous and for the hot cup of coffee the coffee-person had ready for us at our first CA meeting.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Who may use the name "COCAINE ANONYMOUS," the block letters "C.A.," the official COCAINE ANONYMOUS LOGO* (hereinafter "logo"), future variations of the logo, the book title "HOPE, FAITH & COURAGE: STORIES FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS," and the motto "WE'RE HERE AND WE'RE FREE":

A. A Cocaine Anonymous "Group" as defined herein, for its function of organizing and operating a regularly scheduled C.A. meeting. A CA. Group may not use the name, letters or logo for any other purpose (including without limitation, dances, conventions, memorabilia, or fund raising events) without the prior written consent of its Area/District Chairperson after a vote taken by the Area/District Service Committee.

B. A Cocaine Anonymous "District," "Area," or "Region."

C. Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office, Inc. (a California corporation) and Cocaine Anonymous World Services, Inc. (a California corporation).

The service body granting the use of the CA logo shall be responsible for ensuring that the proper CA logo, with applicable trademarks as shown below, is used on printed materials and memorabilia.

Cocaine Anonymous groups, meetings and service committees should only use, display, distribute or sell the following literature and materials: the WSC Approved Literature set forth in the Appendix, the books "ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS," "TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS," and "The A.A. Service Manual, combined with the 12 Concepts For World Service," and Cocaine Anonymous World Service, Region, Area, District and group! meeting approved flyers, meeting directories and other materials displaying the CA logo as described above.

No other individual or entity may use the name “COCAINE ANONYMOUS “, the block letters “C.A.,” the official COCAINE ANONYMOUS LOGO* (hereinafter “logo”), future variations of the logo, the book title “HOPE, FAITH & COURAGE: STORIES FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS, and/or the motto “WE’RE HERE AND WE’RE FREE” without the written permission of the Cocaine Anonymous World Service Board of Trustees.

The Cocaine Anonymous logo must be used in its entirety as shown below. The official logo includes the inner circle of the logo that contains the artistic text “CA”, the outer circle which contains the text “HOPE FAITH COURAGE” and the registered trademark symbol. No other text or design element may touch, overlap or show through behind the logo other than a solid color. The block letters “C.A.” may only be used alone when they bear no resemblance to the inner circle of the official logo.



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A HISTORICAL NOTE

On June 12, 1983 Gilbert M., Jonathan S., and Raymond G. filed Articles of Incorporation in the State of California for a new nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles, California called Cocaine Anonymous. Article 2 of this filing stated that it was a nonprofit public benefit corporation and that it was not organized for the private gain of any person. It was organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. It was stated that ‘The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to educate and rehabilitate drug addicts, specifically those with cocaine and related drug problems’
On June 18, 1984 the Articles of Incorporation were endorsed as filed by the then California Secretary of State March Fong Eu.

DEFINITION OF A COCAINE ANONYMOUS ‘GROUP’

(From the Cocaine Anonymous World Service Manual)

A meeting is when two or more people gather together to share their experience, strength and hope with each other.

A meeting may call itself a C.A. Group when:

1. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.
2. It is fully self-supporting.
3. Its primary purpose is to help addicts recover through the Twelve Steps of C.A.
4. It has no outside affiliations.
5. It has no opinion on outside issues.
6. Its public relations policy is based on attraction rather promotion

THE C.A. GROUP

The basic unit in C.A. is the local Group which is autonomous except in matters affecting other Groups or C.A. as a whole. The Group has but one primary purpose, which is to help others to recover through the Twelve suggested Steps. Each Group is self-supporting through its own contributions. As the Twelve Steps are our guide to recovery the Twelve Traditions are our guide to Group unity, growth and discipline. Its members maintain their personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, television and films.

The importance of the Group, what it constitutes and its functions cannot be stressed enough. Maintenance of our recovery depends on the sharing of our experiences, strength and hope with each other, thus helping us to identify and understand the nature of our disease.

Most addicts in C.A. achieve and sustain their recovery as a result of their participation in the activities of the Group. The Group is

the heart of Cocaine Anonymous and it is vital to the new member. It is equally important to those who have achieved recovery as a result of the program. They may continue to participate and receive assistance from the Group.

The Group's total responsibility is perhaps best expressed by the First Tradition:

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon C.A. unity.”

Most meetings follow a more or less set format, although distinctive variations have developed. A leader describes the C.A. program briefly for the benefit of the newcomers, and then turns the meeting over to a speaker or to participation. A “Speaker Meeting” involves one or more speakers, who relate their personal histories, and may give their personal interpretation of C.A. A “Participation Meeting” involves individuals voluntarily sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Some time during the meeting, there is usually a period of C.A. related announcements of interest to the meeting. A collection is taken to cover rent, literature and chips, refreshments, contributions to the District, Area, and World Service Office as per the 7 Tradition.

Those attending meetings are reminded that any opinions or interpretations they may hear are solely those of the speaker or participant involved. All members are free to interpret the recovery program in their own terms, but none can speak for the local Group or C.A. as a whole.

TYPES OF MEETINGS/GROUPS

OPEN: Attended by C.A. members, their families, friends and other interested people.

CLOSED: Attendance is limited to C.A. members only.

STEP STUDY: Study and discuss the Twelve Steps with the Group.

BOOK STUDY: Study and discuss with the Group any of these books: Alcoholics Anonymous (the “Big Book”), Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (“12 and 12”), Hope, Faith & Courage Stories from the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous (the “C.A. Story Book”).

TO NEW CA GROUPS

From the CA World Services Meeting Starter Pack

When a group decides to become a part of the Cocaine Anonymous fellowship, the use of CA materials constitutes the group's acceptance and agreement with the following:

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The group agrees to adhere to the **DEFINITION OF A COCAINE ANONYMOUS “GROUP”** as set forth in the current **Cocaine Anonymous World Service Manual**.

The group agrees to uphold the spirit of the **TWELVE TRADITIONS** as set forth in the current **Cocaine Anonymous World Service Manual**.

The group agrees that the final arbiter of questions regarding interpretation of the Traditions, principles, or policies of Cocaine Anonymous is the Board of Trustees of Cocaine Anonymous World Services, Inc.

GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The GSR is the CA Group's link to the Area Service Committee (ASC). The Area Service Committee is comprised of one GSR from each CA meeting in the SFVCA Area, Area World Service Delegates, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and the Area Service Board.

The GSR is entrusted to carry the Group's conscience to the Area Service Committee meeting and to vote on the Group's behalf. As such the GSR should be a responsible member of the Group who regularly attends that Group's meeting. The suggested term of commitment is one year with a sobriety requirement of 6 months.

A more detailed definition of the Group Service Representative position can be found in the SFVCA Service Manual or in the CA World Service Manual.

Some suggested responsibilities of a GSR are:

- At the beginning of their commitment new GSRs should attend the GSR workshop scheduled ½ hour prior to the Area Service Committee meeting.
- Call for a vote to donate to the Area one week prior to the Area Service Committee meeting and obtain the donation from the Group's treasurer.
- The GSR is required to attend each Area Service Committee meeting, take notes on the information given there and prepare a short report for their meeting.
- It is suggested the GSR report be given at least once a month according to each Group's wishes. However, the literature person should draw attention to upcoming special events each week and a Hospitals and Institutions pitch should be made prior to the H&I meeting. H&I meets the 1 Monday of each month

Determine if Chips, Literature, and Directories need to be purchased at the Area Service Committee meeting.

- Collect articles, sobriety birthdays, and other submissions for the Newsletter and forward these to the Newsletter Committee at the Area Service Committee meeting or via email.
- See that the Group also selects a willing alternate to serve in the GSR's absence and notify the alternate to attend the Area Service Committee meeting when needed.
- Provide the Area Accreditation Committee with any changes in the time, location, or format of the meeting.
- Alert the Secretary if the GSR requires that a Group conscience be taken or if additional time is needed for the current GSR report.

Consider giving your GSR report just before the break or when the 7th Tradition is being collected, rather than at the end of the meeting. This may guarantee the attention of more members and detract less from the flow of the meeting.

THE AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING IS CURRENTLY HELD ON THE 2nd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT _____

GSR Report — Suggested Format

SERVICE

- Hospitals and Institutions
- Hotline
- Commitments that are open

Notes:

- Try avoiding phrases like "can always use your help." This lessens the importance of these commitments. Instead say "*they need your involvement!*" or "*speaking on a panel can sometimes benefit the speaker more than the listener!*"
- If within a week of the next H&I meeting, SEND people. Get commitments, volunteers.

FELLOWSHIP

- Conventions
- Dances
- Events
- New meetings
- Announce only a few important items — the ones happening in the next few weeks or this month.
- If too numerous to mention all, refer the Group to the literature table for upcoming events and show them a sample of the flyer for an event or meeting, etc.

SUGGESTIONS

- Keep it brief (about 5 minutes)
- If you tend to lose your place using one sheet then use a separate sheet for each announcement. Prepare ahead of time.
- Ask another member of the group to elaborate i.e. ask someone to briefly pitch their new meeting or event. This gets the Group involved in your report.
- Get the Group involved “*How many people here have a phone shift?*” or “*How many have spoken on a panel? How does it make you feel?*”
- If something needs a vote, ask the secretary to bring it to a vote right after your report. It’s the secretary’s place to do this.
- Thank the Group for their attention.

VI. SFVCA SERVICE MANUAL SECTION 1

AREA SERVICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AREA CHAIR DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

- A working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the Area Bylaws, the Area Service Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order.
- Per the Area Bylaws, preside over the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings and any other duly called meetings.
- Per Robert's Rules of Order set the agenda for the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings and any other duly called meetings. The Chair should be open to all suggestions for agenda items.
- Assign, delegate, and manage the Corporation as outlined in the Area Bylaws.
- Keep an accurate Service Notebook that includes:
 - .A copy of the Area's tax preparation contacts
 - .A copy of all Chair reports, information, etc., that have been submitted at either the Area Service Committee or Area Service Board meetings
 - .A copy of current and previous year Area Service Committee and Area Service Board minutes
 - .A copy of all reports categorized by Standing Committee
 - .The current SFVCA Bylaws
 - The current SFVCA Service Manual
 - .The current CA World Service Manual
- The Area Chair shall ensure that the SFVCA Corporate Seal is readily available and securely stored in the Central Office or in the Central Office Archives.
- The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the SFVCA Area Chair.

WRITTEN REPORTS

1. MONTHLY:

- The Area Service Board Chairperson is the acting president and General Manager of the Corporation as well as Chairperson of the Area Service Committee. Because the Area Chair oversees all Corporation and Area Service Committee activities, the Chair should always have a report to present at both the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings. With the exception of some housekeeping activities all pertinent Area Service Board decisions, delegation of duties, and activities of the Corporation should be reported. Reports should also include:
 - Any and all executive decisions the Area Chair makes that are other than housekeeping.
 - At both the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings regarding current Area Chair activities and/or the progress of any special projects.

2. QUARTERLY:

- At the Area Service Committee meeting regarding the status of tax documentation.

3. TAXES:

- The Area Chair is required to confirm by submission of written report to the Area Service Committee that the following mandatory federal and state tax reporting requirements have been met:

1. The SR/CA Area Treasurer must maintain and produce a year-end (December 31ST) Income Statement and Balance Sheet due to the CPA by January 31 every year.

2. The Chips and Literature Chair must maintain and produce all sales receipts and totals for literature sold to meetings or individuals, with sales tax totals included, to the Treasurer by June 30 for processing by July 31 of ever-v year.

AREA VICE CHAIR DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

- Attend the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings and any other duly called meetings. The Vice Chair presides in the Chair's absence.
- A working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the Area Bylaws, the Area Service Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order.
- Per the Area Bylaws, the Area Vice Chair is the de facto Vice Chair of the H&I Policy Council, and as such attends the quarterly H&I Policy Council meeting.
- The Area Vice Chair is the official Inter-Area liaison and attends the bi-monthly Inter-Area meeting. If the Inter-Area meeting is considered to be located out of the local area, then the Vice Chair can be reimbursed for travel expenses when approved previous to the Inter—Area meeting by a majority vote of the Area Service Board.
- At all times oversee the location of the current master copy of the Service Notebook and provide the At Large Director with the most current revision. A new Service Notebook and a new GSR Notebook are identical except that the GSR Notebook contains the GSR Responsibilities page and the GSR Report –Suggested Format. Other Service Notebooks may contain information relevant to the service commitment.
attendance issues.
- Submit a copy of the previous month's Board and Standing Committee Chair attendance sheets to the Area Recording Secretary

or the corporate archives.

- Keep an accurate Service Notebook that includes:

.A copy of the current year's Area Service Committee and Area Service Board minutes

.The current SFVCA Service Manual

.The current CA World Service Manual

.The current H&I Guidelines Manual

- The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the SFVCA Area Vice Chair.

WRITTEN REPORTS

1. MONTHLY:

- At the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings regarding the current progress of any Area Vice Chair special projects or assignments.
- At the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings regarding any relevant business information concerning Area policy, finances, or the standing of the Corporation.
- To the Area Chair regarding any potential Area Service Board member or Standing Committee Chair attendance problems.

2. QUARTERLY:

- A report from the last Regional Assembly meeting.
- A report from the last H&I Policy Council meeting.

AREA RECORDING SECRETARY DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

- Attend the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings and any other duly called meetings.
- A working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, and the Area Bylaws. Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order is also helpful.

• Record all pertinent and relevant actions, motions, discussions, decisions, and resolutions into the corporate minutes in a clear and concise manner.

• One week prior to the Area Service Committee meeting assist the Area Chair in assembling the agenda.

• One week prior to the Area Service Board meeting assist the Area Chair in assembling the agenda.

• If there is no Central Office then at mid-term and end of term (more often if necessary) move accumulated files to the Central Office Archives location. Any time files are moved a written report, submitted to the Area Service Board, is required for the corporate records.

- Keep an accurate Service Notebook that includes:

.A copy of current and previous year Area Service Committee and Area Service Board minutes

.The current SFVCA Bylaws

.The current SFVCA Service Manual

• Each month at the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings remind all trusted servants and committee chairs that reports must be submitted in writing either typed or handwritten.

• The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the SFVCA Area Secretary.

WRITTEN REPORTS

1. MONTHLY:

- When necessary, at either or both the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings regarding the current progress of any Area Recording Secretary special projects or assignments.
- At the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings regarding any relevant information concerning the Corporation or the SR/CA corporate archives.

AREA TREASURER DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

• Attend the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings and any other duly called meetings.

• A working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, and the Area Bylaws. Knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order is very helpful.

• The Area Treasurer shall ensure that all checks written from SFVCA Area funds shall have a clearly understandable Memo entered into the Memo description portion of the checkbook. This Memo shall explain clearly the reason for the payout.

• The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the SFVCA Area Treasurer.

• Keep an accurate Service Notebook that includes: Treasurer duties that pertain to banking

.Tax ID numbers

Tax preparer contact telephone numbers

The current SFVCA Bylaws

WRITTEN REPORTS

• A monthly line by line financial report at the Area Service Committee meeting including Event income and expenditures, Group contributions, other Area income and expenditures, and any other relevant Area financial information.

At the Area Service Committee and/or Area Service Board meetings regarding any relevant SFVCA business information concerning Area finances or the financial standing of the Corporation.

• At the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings regarding the current progress of any Area Treasurer special projects or assignments.

PRUDENT RESERVE AND OPERATING EXPENSE FUNDS

• The Prudent Reserve fund formula is based on the formula found in the CA World Service approved pamphlet entitled The 7th Tradition. The Prudent Reserve is a “savings” of two months worth of operating expenses set aside in the event donations and other revenues fall short of meeting the Area’s expenses.

• The formula for determining the Area’s current monthly Operating Expense account budget equals a one month average of the previous year’s total expenses and budgets plus any upcoming previously non-budgeted expenses factored in.

• The Area also keeps an amount equal to the next month’s expenses in the Operating Expense account so that the Area is not one month “behind” in the event the current month’s revenues don’t arrive in time to pay current bills. This prevents borrowing a partial amount from the Prudent Reserve each month. The correct procedure is to only utilize the Prudent Reserve in the case of a true financial emergency.

TAXES

• The SFVCA Area Treasurer must maintain and produce a year-end (December 31st) Income Statement and Balance Sheet due to the CPA by January 31 every year.

• Request from the Chips and Literature Chair all sales receipts and totals for literature sold to meetings or individuals, with sales tax totals included, by June 30 for processing by July 31 of every year.

AT LARGE DIRECTOR DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

• Attend the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings and any other duly called meetings.

• A working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the Area Bylaws, and the Area Service Manual. Knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order is also helpful.

• Keep an accurate Service Notebook that includes:

.A current Meeting Zones map

.A current record of active meetings in the SFVCA Area

.Current year GSR attendance sheets

.The current SFVCA Bylaws

.The current SFVCA Service Manual

.The current CA World Service Manual

• Track GSR attendance and report to the Area Service Board any attendance issues. As of February 1, 2000 the At Large Director tracks GSR attendance.

• Submit a copy of the previous month’s GSR attendance sheets to the Area Recording Secretary for the corporate archives.

• At all times maintain a current master copy of the GSR Notebook

• Conduct an orientation meeting for new GSRs at 7pm immediately preceding the Area Service Committee meeting. At the time of GSR orientation the At Large Director shall provide a GSR Notebook and review the GSR Responsibilities and GSR Report –Suggested Format. Each new GSR should be made aware of that he/she is required to attend and remain for the entire Area Service Committee meeting. The GSR Notebook contains the following items:

.GSR Responsibilities page

.GSR Report –Suggested Format

.The current SR/CA Bylaws

.The current SR/CA Service Manual

.The current CA World Service Manual

• Keep the Meeting Zone map current.

• Assign one World Service Delegate to each meeting zone for the purpose of accrediting meetings that are in compliance with the CA World Service criteria for a Cocaine Anonymous Group as outlined in the CA World Service Manual. Accreditation ensures that a meeting listed in our directory as a Cocaine Anonymous meeting is truly a CA Group with no outside affiliation and that its primary purpose is to carry the message of

recovery as outlined in the 12 Steps of Cocaine Anonymous. If possible each World Service Delegate should be assigned to the zone closest to his or her home. The number of WS Delegates determines the amount of meeting zones, i.e. 3 Delegates = 3 geographical meeting zones, etc.

- Work directly with the Directory Chair to keep Directory meeting changes current.
- The SR/CA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the SR/CA Area At Large Director.

WRITTEN REPORTS

MONTHLY: • At the Area Service Committee meeting regarding new CA Group meetings that have been accredited per CA World Service Manual guidelines. The report should also include information regarding CA Group meetings not represented as of the last Area Service Committee meeting, and what World Service Delegate has been assigned to visit that meeting. • To the Directory Committee Chair regarding any meeting time/location changes.

SFVCA SERVICE MANUAL SECTION 2

SFVCA COMMITTEES

The SFVCA Bylaws in Article it Corporate Management: Section F. –Standing Committees contains other specific details regarding Area Standing Committees.

If a conflict should arise between this service Manual and the SFVCA Area Bylaws, the conflict shall be resolved in favor of the Area Bylaws, as the SFVCA Service Manual does not supersede the SFVCA Area Bylaws.

All Service Notebooks published by the SFVCA Area Service Committee are property of the fellowship and must be returned to the Area Service Board upon rotating out of a service commitment. The Area Service Board will provide GSRs, Standing Committee Chairs, World Service Delegates, Board members, and any others as necessary, with a Service Notebook.

As the GSR elected Area Service Board is responsible for the formation of Area Standing Committees; the Standing Committees are directly responsible to the Area Service Board.

The SFVCA Area Service Committee provides community outreach services primarily through the H&I, Public Information, Internet, Directory, and Hotline Standing Committees. Other committees provide support for the local CA Groups, and still others provide support for the Area Service Committee.

Community outreach services in the past have included outreach to local schools and colleges, public service announcements on the radio and in the local papers, attendance at Health Fairs, billboards, posters at various hospitals and institutions with our logo, phone number, Internet address and the slogan “We’re Here and We’re Free”.

One of our longest running services is the Hotline. The Hotline connects us to individuals and family members with questions and to recovering addicts that need someone to talk to.

The following sections describe current operational procedures and duties for Area Standing Committees their chairpersons and members. As previously mentioned, the SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding Area Standing Committees.

REPORTS

Standing Committee or Ad Hoc Committee reports shall be submitted in writing by that committee’s chair. The report should be typed or neatly hand-written. Since we are self-supporting by our own contributions, the Area pays for the cost of report copies. Reports submitted at the Area Service Committee meeting shall include one copy for the Area Recording S secretary for archive purposes, one copy for each Area GSR and Standing Committee Chair, and one copy for each Area Service Board member.

Reports submitted at the Area Service Board meeting shall include one copy for the Area Recording Secretary for archive purposes, one copy for each Standing Committee Chair, and one copy for each Area Service Board member. Copies of reports to the Area Service Board shall be made available to the GSRs at the following Area Service Committee meeting.

VOTING

Each Committee carries only one vote. Without exception, only the Committee Chair or Vice Chair that have been ratified per the SFVCA Bylaws by the Area Service Committee may cast a committee’s vote. Votes may not be proxies; a voting member must be present to vote.

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

As outlined in the San Fernando Valley Cocaine Anonymous Bylaws the stated purpose for any fundraising event shall be to establish sufficient funds to arrive at both the Prudent Reserve and Operating Expense funds.

The factors for calculating these funds shall include the previous years monthly average funding of all Standing Committees (including outreach services), all regularly scheduled annual events, and any

pending events that have been ratified by the Area Service Committee and approved by the Area Service Board.

ASC approval of an event does not imply that the Area Service Board will approve the funds to implement the event.

Surplus monies (if any after meeting Prudent Reserve and Operating Expense account amounts, and any pending expenses factored in) shall be donated to World Services.

Ratification of an event or outreach service simply means that the Area Service Committee believes this would be beneficial for the Area fellowship. Per the SFVCA Bylaws approval for expenditures of any type resides with the Area Service Board. The Area Service Board shall take into consideration both the Area's Prudent Reserve and Operating Expenses funds, as previously defined in this manual, before approving funds.

Anytime that a committee handles money, that committee must include a minimum of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. A contact telephone number must be made available to the Area Service Board at the time of any funds requests. There will be no exceptions.

All fundraising expenses and income must be accounted for utilizing accepted General Accounting Principles. Payouts require a dated machine printed receipt or dated signed receipt and or invoice from the vendor or service provider. There will be no exceptions.

Budget proposals for annual events shall be submitted to the Area Service Board at least 6 Area Service Board meetings prior to the last Area Service Committee meeting before the event. Budget proposals for events that are not on the annual calendar shall be submitted at least 3 Area Service Board meetings prior to the last Area Service Committee meeting before the event.

Three (3) bids is the minimum acceptable amount of bids for awarding contracts to Service Providers, Vendors, etc. The three bid procedure also applies for the contracting/purchasing of any and all other services, goods, etc., as shall be deemed necessary for an event including but not limited to; tee shirt printing, DJs, electric generators, PA speaker systems, bands, phone services, copy machines, etc. There shall be no exceptions.

EXPENSES

San Fernando Valley Cocaine Anonymous is self-supporting through its own contributions. No member is required to pay for service committee expenses that conform to the stated approval of the Area Service Board. In order to prevent confusion, a member must first submit a budget request before the Area Service Board will approve any personal expenses.

All committees that require an annual budget i.e. Special Events, Public Information, Internet, etc., shall submit budgets for approval by the Area Service Board. Ad Hoc committees are free to submit budgets for approval by the Area Service Board at any time through their respective Standing Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES, DESCRIPTIONS, AND DUTIES

o prevent misunderstanding and avoid controversy on the ASC floor, SFVCA Area Service Committee trusted servants should familiarize themselves with the 12 Traditions, the SFVCA Area Bylaws, the SFVCA Service Manual, and Robert's Rules of Order.

To prevent confusion during all committee meetings it is strongly suggested that Committee Chairs be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

A Table of Motions can be found at the back of this manual.

All Standing Committee Chairpersons shall have a minimum of one (1) year of sobriety. It has been traditionally suggested that Standing Committee Vice Chairs and Treasurers should have at least six (6) months of sobriety. It is suggested that whenever possible, Ad Hoc committees adhere to the same procedures and requirements of Area Standing Committees.

Any member of the fellowship with any length of sobriety may participate as a member of a Standing Committee with the exception of the Accreditation Committee whose members are World Service Delegates, but any CA Individual may attend an Accreditation Committee meeting.

A committee member can not be asked to leave a business meeting as long as the member is adhering to Robert's Rules of Order and not disrupting the meeting, or obstructing the conducting of the business at hand.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE NO VOTE

The Accreditation Committee is chaired by the At Large Director who, as an Area Service Board member, does not have a vote at the Area Service Committee (GSO) meeting. The committee is comprised of the SFVCA World Service Delegates acting as SFVCA accreditation representatives. See *Section 3 World Service Delegates* for details on accreditation procedures.

- On behalf of the Area Accreditation Committee, the WS Delegates should ensure the At Large Director is provided with current CA World Service Manuals each year. The cost of these manuals, and any other GSR Notebook materials, should be included in the Accreditation Committee's annual budget.
- The SFVCA Bylaws, and Section 3 of this manual, contain more specific details on the duties, and responsibilities for SFVCA World Service Delegates when acting as Accreditation Committee members.

ADVISORY BOARD 1 VOTE

- The Advisory Chair is a member with a very familiar working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, the Area bylaws, and the 12 Concepts.
- The Advisory Chair should make an effort to recruit members with Area service experience for the Advisory Board.
- The Advisory Board serves to bring a neutral and prudent voice in times of serious concern or misunderstanding.
- The Advisory Board Chair is a de facto voting member of the Area Structure and Bylaws Standing Committee.

CENTRAL OFFICE 1 VOTE

- Central Office is not a Standing Committee. The person is actually the Central Office manager. During times of no Central Office the office manager becomes the Central Office Archives person and this position is then referred to as Central Office Archives.
- Maintain the corporate archives in an accessible order.
- Keep available a current inventory report of items left over from events i.e. sodas, bottled water, tee shirts, miscellaneous memorabilia, etc.

CHIPS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- Submit a monthly sales and sales tax update to the Area Treasurer along with a report to the Area Service Committee.
- Maintain and produce all sales receipts and totals for literature sold to meetings or individuals, with sales tax totals included, to the Treasurer by June 30th for processing by July 31 of ever year.
- The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details on the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for the SR/CA Chips and Literature Committee.

DIRECTORY COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- The Directory Committee ensures that the SR/CA Area Meeting Directory is updated as needed and that a sufficient amount of current copies are printed and made available to the fellowship through the Chips and Literature committee.
- The Directory Chair may also call upon the Accreditation Committee to assist in checking the Area for "dark" meetings or meetings that have changed location.

FINANCE COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- The Finance Committee shall review annual budgets submitted by Standing Committees and annual event committees.
- The Finance Committee shall also review budget proposals for newly proposed Area services or fundraising activities to ensure that each budget is complete and correct before it is submitted to the Area Service Board of Directors.
- The Finance Committee does not approve or disapprove budgets. The discretion to approve or disapprove budgets resides with the group conscience of the SR/CA Area Service Board of Directors. Finance Committee recommendations to the Area Service Board shall be presented in writing at the Area Service Board meeting.
- The Finance Committee shall keep the Area's Prudent Reserve and Operating Expense funds, and any newly pending expenses in mind (as defined in Section 1 Area Treasurer Description and Duties) when making recommendations to the Area Service Board.
- The Finance Committee shall submit a report at each Area Service Board meeting of any newly proposed budgets that have been submitted to the Finance Committee. All budgets shall be considered.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- The H&I Board member with the title of H&I Representative represents the H&I Committee at the Area business meetings. The H&I Representative is elected specifically for the purpose of carrying and casting the H&I Committee's vote at the Area Service Committee and Area Service Board meetings. The H&I Representative reflects the group conscience of the H&I Board.
- The Hospitals and Institutions Guidelines handbook and the SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details on the structure, qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for the SFVCA H&I Committee.
- The H&I Policy Council should meet at least once per quarter to discuss and relevant issues regarding H&I, and to maintain ongoing communication between both the H&I Board and the Area Service Board.

HOTLINE COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- It shall be the duty of the Hotline Standing Committee to maintain at all times a viable telephone resource for the addict seeking help, or the member needing to speak to someone in moments of feeling vulnerable in their sobriety.
- The Hotline Chair and Vice Chair shall ensure that all volunteers are informed in writing that because by law cocaine is considered a controlled substance, picking up a caller and taking her/him to a meeting could result in being considered by the authorities as transporting a controlled substance if the passenger has cocaine, crack, etc., in her/his possession. It is strongly recommended that a caller wanting to attend a meeting of Cocaine Anonymous be directed to meet the Hotline volunteer at a CA meeting instead. Hotline volunteers shall be informed that the decision to pick up a caller is the sole responsibility of the volunteer.

INTERNET COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- The SFVCA Internet Committee was formed in 2000. It's main objective is the creation and maintenance of a presence for San Fernando Valley Cocaine Anonymous on the World Wide Web. The information posted shall be informative and beneficial to anyone requiring local information regarding Cocaine Anonymous meetings, Area services, etc.
- The web servant shall cause e-mailboxes to be made available for SFVCA use.
- The Internet Committee adheres to the Area Internet Committee Guidelines Manual. The Internet Committee Guidelines may be updated from time to time. The Internet Committee Guidelines shall not supersede the 12 Traditions, the SFVCA Bylaws, or the SFVCA Service Manual, or any local, state, and federal laws that apply to the Internet.

LA REP 1 VOTE

- This is not a committee, but the group conscience voted in 1999 to make this a voting position. The LA Rep is the SFVCA's liaison to the Los Angeles Area Cocaine Anonymous (CALA). The commitment involves attending the CALA Area Service Committee meeting, which is currently scheduled the 1st Tuesday of each month as well as the SFVCA Area Committee meeting, and the Area Service Board meeting.
- It is the LA Rep's responsibility to cause information to be exchanged between the SFVCA and CALA with regard to events, and any other relevant situations or issues.
- The LA Rep is a liaison, unless the Area Service Board deems so in specific situations, the SFVCA Area Chair remains the official local representative of the SFVCA.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- The Newsletter Chair is also the Editor-in-Chief of the SFVCA fellowship's newsletter. As the Editor-in-Chief, the Newsletter Chair may recruit any member of the fellowship with any length of sobriety to help with the duties of publishing the SFVCA Newsletter.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- In all public relations, CA's sole objective is to help the still-suffering addict. Always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity, we believe this can be done by making known to the addict, and to those who may be interested in their problem, our own experience as individuals and as a fellowship in learning to live without cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.
- We believe that our experience should be made available freely to all that express sincere interest. We believe further that all efforts in this field should always reflect our gratitude for the gift of sobriety and our awareness that many outside CA are equally concerned with the serious problem of addiction.
 - The Public Information Committee develops, initiates, and plans the method of communication of our message of recovery to the public, which is first presented to the GSRs and the Area Service Board for approval.

STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- This committee functions in the identical manner as the World Service Structure and Bylaws committee. The function of the SFVCA Structure and Bylaws Committee is to formulate bylaws, guidelines and structures by which the SFVCA can operate, day-to-day, and with regard to all other Corporate activities.
- At this time the SFVCA Structure and Bylaws Committee is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the SFVCA Service Manual.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- The Special Events Committee Chair has the delegated authority to oversee all Area approved fundraising activities.
- The Special Events Committee Chair should recruit members of the fellowship to chair fundraisers, and should make an effort to ensure that all Ad Hoc committee Chairs meet minimum sobriety requirements.
- Ad Hoc Committee Chairs are de facto members of the Special Events Committee and therefore directly responsible to the Standing Committee Chair, that is directly responsible to the Area Service Board, that is directly responsible to the Area GSRs, that are directly responsible to the CA Groups they serve.
- The Special Events Committee Chair will maintain a list of currently active Ad Hoc Committees including contact telephone numbers, and any other relevant Ad Hoc Committee information as requested by the Area Service Board.
- The Special Events Committee Chair will advise all potential users of the CA logo that the CA logo may only be used by permission as outlined in the CA World Service Manual. In accordance with the group conscience of CA as a whole worldwide, it is illegal to use the name "Cocaine Anonymous", the block letters "CA" and the "CA" logo without the prior written consent of the Area Chairperson. The logo belongs to the CA fellowship as a whole, and as a whole has decided, through our CA World Service Conference Delegates, that prior permission must be granted for use of the CA logo. There is also the matter of insurance liability. An event that has not been approved by the SFVCA Area Service Board of Directors as a matter of corporate record, may cause

the event organizers to personally assume all liability in case of accidents, etc. Only authorized use of the CA logo extends insurance coverage to an event. Annual events are not automatically insured unless the SFVCA Area Service Board of Directors has approved the current event.

UNITY COMMITTEE 1 VOTE

- Tradition One states: “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon CA unity.”
- The SFVCA Unity Committee promotes CA unity not just through fellowship-wide events, but also through communication of the message that as a 12 Step fellowship we are united in agreement to the following:
 1. There is a solution in the 12 Steps.
 2. There is direction for the Groups in the 12 Traditions.
 3. The Concepts are the guidelines for our organized service work.
- The role of the Unity Committee includes the equally important task of creating methods of enhancing communication and outreach between the Area’s Groups.
- The Unity Committee also serves to bring a neutral and prudent voice in times of serious concern or misunderstanding within a Group, or the fellowship as a whole.
- The Unity Committee Chair should have, or be willing to gain, a solid working knowledge of the 12 Traditions.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) COMMITTEE

•Currently the SFVCA Area does not have a CPC Standing Committee. Should one be formed, the following description is from the CA World Service Manual:

Responsible for a unique brand of 12 Step work by carrying the message of recovery to professionals, who in their line of work, may have some sort of supervisory capacity over or direct contact with individuals who may have a cocaine problem. The committee informs the professional community about CA: what we are, where we are and what we can and cannot do to help the addict who still suffers. The committee attempts to establish communication between CA members and the professional community to find productive methods of cooperation, not affiliation, within the CA Tradition.

SFVCA SERVICE MANUAL SECTION 3

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of SFVCA World Service Delegates and Delegate Alternates.

The CA World Service Manual contains more specific details regarding the duties and responsibilities of the World Service Delegate as an Area trusted servant and as a voting member at CA World Service Conference.

EPORIS

With the possible exception of reports regarding special assignments or projects by an individual Delegate, all Delegate reports, information, etc., shall be presented to the ASC or ASB as a report by one Delegate.

The World Service Delegates shall submit typed or neatly hand-written reports to the Area at least once per quarter immediately after receiving the Delegate mailing from CA World Services. Every SFVCA WS Delegate and Alternate should read the approved minutes that are enclosed with each Delegate mailing in order to stay current with World Service updates, and to ensure that any reports submitted to the CA World Service Board of Trustees or to the CA World Service Office regarding the SFVCA Area, correctly reflect current events, policy, Issues, etc., in the SFVCA Area.

Reports submitted at the Area Service Committee meeting shall include one copy for the Area Recording Secretary for archive purposes, one copy for each Area GSR and Standing Committee Chair, and one copy for each Area Service Board member.

Reports submitted at the Area Service Board meeting shall include one copy for the Area Recording Secretary for archive purposes, one copy for each Standing Committee Chair, and one copy for each

Area Service Board member. Copies of this report shall be made available to the GSRs at the following Area Service Committee meeting.

Since we are self-supporting by our own contributions, the Area pays for the cost of report copies.

VOTING (AREA LEVEL)

Each World Service Delegate carries only one vote. Without exception only the ASC elected World Service Delegates may cast that vote. At this time an Alternate Delegate only votes in the absence of a regular Delegate. Votes may not be proxies at the Area level; a member must be present to vote. The procedures for funding the Area Delegates’ attendance to the CA World Service Conference are outlined in the SFVCA Bylaws.

DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

The World Service Delegates will obtain updated CA World Service Manuals as needed by the Area At Large Director, for use in updating the SFVCA GSR Notebook.

- This item is from the CA World Service Manual:
 - .Conference Delegates are required to have a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts of Service and the World Services Conference Charter.
- All WS Delegates shall understand what a CA World Service Conference Referral is and should be able to explain it to any member of the Fellowship. It is an extremely simple concept:
 - .Any member of Cocaine Anonymous may submit genuine concern/issue in writing to the CA World Service Conference as a referral for consideration by the Conference. No concern is too small, silly, petty, or insignificant. All concerns are respected.
- Three (3) Area meetings prior to the World Service Conference WS Delegates shall call for referrals from the fellowship.
- Attend meetings in his/her zone as assigned by the At Large Director for the purpose of accrediting meetings that are in compliance with the CA World Service criteria for a Cocaine Anonymous Group as outlined in the CA World Service Manual. Accreditation ensures that a meeting listed in our directory as a Cocaine Anonymous meeting is truly a CA Group with no outside affiliation and that its primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery as outlined in the 12 Steps of Cocaine Anonymous.
- Encourage a Group's involvement at the Area level through visits and support.
- Attend meetings in his/her zone to ensure continuing compliance with CA World Service criteria. If a previously accredited meeting is not in compliance, the WS Delegate will refer the meeting's secretary to the CA World Service Manual. Should the Group, after a group conscience, not wish to comply with the CA World Service Manual criteria for a CA Group, the Group will simply be removed from the SFVCA meeting schedule. A Group is autonomous and cannot be forced to comply with CA World Service Manual criteria.
- It is strongly suggested that WS Delegates not dilute the Area's voting voice and conscience by also carrying a vote as a GSR and/or a Standing Committee Chair.
- Because Delegates can, and should be a knowledgeable source of the Traditions, Concepts, and Area Bylaws, it is strongly suggested every World Service Delegate and Alternate Delegate participate in an Area Standing Committee of their own interest. It is also suggested that if possible World Service Delegates try to serve on separate committees.
- The SFVCA Bylaws contain other specific details regarding the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the World Service Delegates.

IX. TABLE OF MOTIONS

The Table of Motions on the following page is taken from the CA World Service Manual. Here you will find clear concise explanations on the most productive and appropriate usage of motions. You don't have to memorize them. just know where to find them when you need to make your voice heard. A basic knowledge and understanding of these parliamentary rules is a powerful tool.

The purpose of parliamentary procedure is. 'to permit a majority to accomplish its ultimate purpose within a reasonable period of time but only after allowing the minority reasonable opportunity to express its views on the question at issue.'

–Lester Fess, Former Parliamentarian, U.S. House of Representatives

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I. To Adjourn (or None Recess) Yes, No Majority

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2. Rise to a Point of Order	No	No	No	—	Any motion, act, or decision
3. To Appeal from a Decision	Yes	No	Yes	Maj	Any Decision by Chair (Parliamentarian)
I. To Suspend the Rules	Yes	Yes	No	2/3	Simple suspension requires majority only
5. To Withdraw a Motion	Yes	Yes	No	Maj	Any motion
To Object to Consideration (RARE)	No	No	No	2/3	Main motion
. To Lay on the Table	Yes	Yes	No	Maj	Main motion, appeals, reconsideration
8. To Close (or Limit) Debate	Yes	Yes	No	2/3	Any debatable Motion
9. To Refer to Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	Main motion
10. To Amend	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	Main motion, limit debate, refer
11 .MATN MOTION (or Question)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj	No other motions
12.,To Reconsider	Yes	No	Yes	Maj	Any except adjourn, 3ble, suspend rules
13. To Rescind (passed motions)	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3**	** If a day's notice is given, only a simple majority is required to rescind.

