

Articles of Association & Bylaws of Brooklyn County General Service Meeting
(Revised, amended and adopted on January 17, 2024)

These Bylaws are intended to supplement the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Service Manual, the Brooklyn County Service Manual, and the South Eastern New York Area Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous Area 49 (SENY) Bylaws, but not in any way to contravene them; in any case of apparent conflict those documents shall take priority.

Article I

The name of the organization shall be the Brooklyn County General Service Meeting of the South Eastern New York Area of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Article II

The purpose of the organization is to serve the needs of the AA groups within its geographical area and to function as a constituent part of the AA General Service of the United States and Canada. It shall function within the guidelines and spirit of the AA Service Manual, the AA Concepts for World Service, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics, and the General Warranties of the of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous which state

...in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principal; that none of Conference action ever be 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 punitive or an incitement of public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Article III

The area served by the Brooklyn County General Service meeting shall consist of Kings County (Brooklyn) in the State of New York.

Article IV

Article IV The members of the Brooklyn General Service Meeting shall be:

1. The Chairman of the Brooklyn General Service meeting who shall also represent the meeting as District Committee Member Chair (“DCMC”) at the S.E.N.Y. Committee;

The Alternate Chairperson;

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3. The Secretary;
4. The Treasurer;
5. The District Committee Members (“DCMs”);
6. The Chairperson of the Several Committees;
7. Past Chairpersons of the Meeting; and
8. The General Service Representatives (“GSRs”) elected by the AA groups of Brooklyn.

Article V

The Officers’ terms shall be two years, The term Share-A-Day Committee Chairperson, and Spiritual Breakfast Committee Chairperson shall be one year, and a second year in an advisory capacity. The Archivist shall be a continuing rather than rotating. The duties of the Officers, Committee Members and General Service Representatives shall be as specified in the Brooklyn County Service Manual and the AA service manual.

Article VI

The Standing Committees shall be:

1. Accessibilities
2. Archives
3. Convention Liaison
4. Cooperation with the Professional Community
5. Corrections
6. Grapevine
7. Intergroup Liaison
8. Literature
9. Newsletter (The Junction)
10. Public Information
11. Share-A-Day
12. Technology
13. Treatment Facilities

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The Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the DCMC, pending approval of the Brooklyn General Service Assembly.

Article VII

The county shall be divided into geographical Districts consisting of varying numbers of AA groups. Each District is entitled to be representing on the S.E.N.Y. Committee by a District Committee Member, elected by the General Service Representatives of the District. The DCM shall serve as a link between the Area Committee and the GSRs. If the DCM is not active on the SENY Committee and fails to attend three or more Committee meetings in succession, the GSRs in the District may elect another on their own initiative or may request of the SENY Committee of Chairperson or the Brooklyn General Service Meeting or its Chairperson; the County DCMC shall serve those Districts which have no DCM or whose DCM has become inactive under the conditions indicates, and may appoint an Acting DCM until the GSRs of the District have elected one.

Article VIII

The General Service Representatives are to be elected by their AA group to serve for term of two years. The GSRs duties are to serve as a link between the group and AA as a whole. The GSR represents the group conscience, reporting the group's wishes to the Committee members and to the Delegate who passes them on to the AA General Service Conference. The GSRs shall represent their group at the Assembly and at the Brooklyn General Service Meeting, and elect new Committee Members and Delegates, as well as the Offices of the Brooklyn County General Service Meeting.

Article IX

The Brooklyn County General Service Meeting shall meet a minimum of five times each year. Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the County Chairperson. The General Service Meeting shall receive reports on matters of interest of the County. Every even-numbered year, the Meeting shall elect its officers of a term to commence January 1 following the election.

Article X

Every AA group in Brooklyn is entitled to choose a General Service Representative to be sent to

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the SENY assemblies and to the Brooklyn General Service Meeting for the purpose of representing their group and electing new Committee members.

Unless otherwise amended in the Bylaws, the Area Committee elections and officer qualifications shall be as outlined in Chapter IV of the AA Service Manual. **Article XI**

A quorum for a Brooklyn General Service Meeting shall consist of the following:

1. The Meeting Chairperson can only be the currently elected Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson or Secretary.
2. At least one other elected officer shall be present and recording secretary be appointed if necessary.
3. A combination of at least thirteen (13) registered DCMs and/or GSRs shall be present.
4. A quorum may conduct all the business of the Meeting and make all financial expenditures.

Article XII

If for any reason the organization shall cease to function, all monies, records, and other property held in its name shall become the property of its successor organization, or if none such exist, it shall become the property of the Southeastern New York Area Committee and Assembly.

Article XIII

The members of the Brooklyn General Service Meeting, as indicated in Article VI, shall elect a County District Committee Member Chair who shall service as Chairperson, and be a separate vote, an alternative Chairperson who shall service if the Chairperson becomes inactive. The Brooklyn County General Service Meeting shall be organized to coordinate matters of interest to groups or Districts within a county; subject to coordination with the Southeast New York Committee and Assembly on matters affecting SENY or AA as a whole.

Article XIV

The SENY Bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the committee. The Brooklyn Bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular called meeting.

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Article XV

Dissolution provision: In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall after necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; or to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose; or to another organization to be used in such manner as the judgment of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York determines will best accomplish the general purposes for which this organization was formed.

Article XVI

Non-inurement provision: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets on dissolution of the organization.

Article XVII

Restrictive legislation provision: No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), as amended, nor shall the corporation participate in, or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements), in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Article XVIII

Restrictive purposes and activities provision: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to

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children or animals, as specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.