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IFB

Welcome to the Intercounty Fellowship Board. We hope that the following information will help you in this important service commitment.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Intercounty Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, is to carry on the movement of A.A. in keeping with the intent and spirit of the Fellowship as exemplified in the books *Alcoholics Anonymous*, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, and *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. The corporation has been organized by, and is responsible to, the member groups of A.A. in San Francisco and Marin County, for the purpose of coordinating services which individual groups cannot provide. The Intercounty Fellowship Board is the legal body governing the corporation; as a member of the IFB, it is your responsibility and duty to act in the best interests of the corporation, keeping our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts for World Service in mind.

Operations

The Board operates according to its Bylaws; the Central Office operates according to the Operations Manual. Copies of these documents are available for you, and it is important that you be familiar with them.

As a member of the IFB, you will help create policy for the Central Office as it assists all the groups in the San Francisco/

Marin Intercounty Fellowship. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. In May 2002, the IFB voted to meet once per quarter (Feb., May, August & Nov.) in Marin County. All other months we meet in SF. Call the Central Office for the dates and locations.

IFB Membership

The IFB is made up of Intergroup Representatives, each of whom is elected by his or her group. Intergroup Reps are elected to a two-year term, renewable once. The term starts at the Annual Meeting on the first Wednesday in June of each year.

The Central Office Manager and IFB Treasurer are also voting members of the Board.

In addition to Intergroup Reps, the monthly Board meeting also is attended by liaisons from other service groups. These liaisons are not voting members of the Board, unless they are also Intergroup Reps.

Attendance

There is a roll call at the start of every meeting. If you arrive late, please see the Recording Secretary at the end of the meeting to be sure you are marked present. If you are absent from three consecutive regular IFB meetings, you will be dropped from the Board unless an Alternate has been sent in your place.

Officers

At the July meeting, the Board will elect from the members present a Chair, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary and at-large members of the Central Office Committee. The Treasurer may or may not be elected at this time.

Committees

Much of the work of the Board is done in committee. The Central Office Committee, the one standing committee of the IFB, consists of the Central Office Manager, Board Chair and Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past chair, and six at-large IFB members. This committee has functions specifically prescribed in the Bylaws.

Other committees include the Literature Review Committee, *The Point* Committee, the Special Needs Committee, and the Website Committee. Other committees are formed as the need arises and it is hoped that as many Board members as possible serve on a committee.

Agenda

If you have any items to put on the agenda, please call or email the IFB Chair or the Central Office Manager a week prior to the meeting.

Informed Group Conscience

"For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

Tradition Two

Voting on an issue need not be hurried; we are working toward substantial unanimity in our decisions. When an issue is ready to be decided, we follow the usual format of making a motion, calling for a second to that motion, discussion, and then a vote. In addition, we add the more unusual AA custom of asking if the minority (that is, the side that lost the vote) would like to state a minority opinion. The majority voters then have an opportunity to change their votes, if so persuaded by the minority opinion.

A.A. Guidelines

AAWS publishes a series of Guidelines. It is suggested that each IFB member become familiar with the Guidelines entitled "Central or Intergroup Offices". Ask the Orientation Committee Chair, the IFB Secretary of the Central Office Manager for your copy.

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