

GUIDELINES

(approved by the MSCA Assembly on Jan. 8, 2006)

COOPERATING WITH THE ELDER COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: To carry the message to the older alcoholic through a committee on Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC). CEC is independent of the Special Needs Committee. Aging is not a special need. It is a universal phase of life with its own blessings and challenges. CEC will cooperate with the Special Needs, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Committees to carry the message.

MEMBERSHIP: The objective is to have at least one representative from each Area 9 District. It is suggested that representative have at least two years of sobriety.

OFFICERS:

Officers shall be elected bi-annually and serve no more than two years.

CHAIRPERSON: Shall be elected by the Area Assembly. Shall preside over CEC meetings; prepare an agenda to be used at the meeting; report to the Area Service Committee and/or Area Assembly when requested. At the conclusion of the term of office, the Chairperson shall submit a historical report describing accomplishments made during the term.

CO-CHAIRPERSON: Shall be elected by the Area Assembly. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Co-Chairperson will act as the Committee Chairperson and is responsible for those items listed in the Chairperson's responsibilities.

SECRETARY: Shall be elected by the committee. Take attendance at committee meetings; transcribe the minutes of committee meetings and make them available to the Chairperson.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Make presentations to physicians, professionals who work with elder community, residential facility staff, health care providers.
- Make presentations to the A.A. community at non-A.A. events, assemblies, conventions.
- Work with Intergroups to identify A.A. meetings for seniors in meeting directories
- Distribute literature at locations where the elder communities congregate such as senior citizen centers, AARP events, geriatric conventions, and health care facilities.
- Contact retirement center managers to place literature into their public areas.
- Contact geriatric physicians to place literature in their waiting rooms.
- Cooperate with CPC and PI Committees to hold workshops to "spread the word" about assisting elder alcoholics

MEETINGS: The committee will meet at each Area Service Committee meeting and Area Assembly and other times as necessary, except for the May Assembly, which is for delegates.

FUNDING: The committee will submit a budget for the upcoming year to the Finance Committee each September.

CHANGES TO THE GUIDELINES: Changes may be made only with the approval of the Area Assembly.