

BY-LAWS
NATURE COAST INTERGROUP, INC
Revised – February 2008

ARTICLE ONE
ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be NATURE COAST INTERGROUP, INC.

ARTICLE TWO
PURPOSE

This is a non- profit organization of an association of Alcoholics Anonymous groups, hereinafter referred to as AA groups, in Citrus County, Florida, which exists to help those groups carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers.

[See Amendment One]

ARTICLE THREE
MEMBERSHIP

All AA groups in the area can be members if they so desire. Each group shall notify Intergroup in writing as to who the representative and alternate are, together with their address and telephone number. No proxy votes shall be accepted according to AA tradition.

[See Amendment Five]

ARTICLE FOUR
OFFICERS

The Intergroup Officers shall serve the groups by conducting normal business affairs, operations of the Intergroup office, telephone service, etc. Intergroup Officers shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Alt. Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years, none serving in that capacity for longer than four consecutive years. All Intergroup Officers must have at least two years continuous sobriety. The Intergroup Officers shall temporarily fill their own vacancies, as they may occur, subject to the approval of the groups at the next regular intergroup meeting.

[See Amendment Two]

ARTICLE FIVE
MEETINGS

Intergroup Officers, together with Intergroup Representatives, will meet monthly. The January meeting will be the Annual Meeting. Workshop meetings may be called by the officers as needed. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings, read at the following monthly meeting, and posted on the office bulletin board. Any AA member may attend any Intergroup meeting.

A quorum of all Intergroup Officers meeting shall consist of three-fifths of the Officers. At all Intergroup meetings the group representative quorum shall be one third of the groups represented.

Eligibility to vote at joint meeting will be limited to group representative or alternates, each group having one vote. In balloting a simple majority carries the vote.

[See Amendment Three]

[See Amendment Six]

[See Amendment Nine]

ARTICLE SIX ELECTIONS

At the Second Annual Meeting, Intergroup Officers shall submit a suggested list of nominees for Intergroup Officers for the next two years (plus vacancies) and their names will be placed in nomination. Nominations from the floor will be in-order. Each member group shall have one vote, and those receiving the most votes will be elected. Ties will be resolved by a second or further ballot(s)

[See Amendment Seven]

ARTICLE SEVEN ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Open the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
3. Roll Call
4. Read the minutes of the preceding meeting.
5. Reports from the Officers
6. Reports from the Committees
7. Old and unfinished business
8. New business
9. Adjournment

[See Amendment Ten]

ARTICLE EIGHT COMMITTEES

All Committee Chairmen of this organization shall be appointed by the Intergroup Officers, and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less, or terminated by action of the Intergroup Officers. Committee Chairmen must have one-year (1) of sobriety; no sobriety requirement for committee members.

[See Amendment Four]

ARTICLE NINE DUES

There shall be no fees or dues for membership in this organization. It is self-supported through the contributions of the members and fundraisers.

ARTICLE TEN ELEGIBILITY

A minimum of one year of continuous sobriety is required when there is contact with the public, such as calls for AA assistance.

ARTICLE ELEVEN AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended, altered, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of the majority of the member groups present at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting called for such purpose.

At least thirty days prior to the meeting, at which a proposed amendment is to be submitted, the text of the proposed change shall be given to the Intergroup Officers in writing. The Officers shall then make it available to all member groups as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE TWELVE AUDIT

An internal audit of the organization's financial records shall be made and presented at the Annual Intergroup Meeting. A minimum of two Intergroup Trustees shall conduct the annual financial audit. (refer to AMENDMENT ONE, Section D)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN EXPENDITURES

ANY expenditure over \$100.00, excluding normal operating expenses, must be approved by a majority of the member groups at the regularly scheduled or a special meeting for that purpose.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN RESPONSIBILITY

The Intergroup Officers shall be guided in all matters by the group conscience, expressed by the members, at the monthly meeting, AA Guidelines, and AA's Twelve Traditions.

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN
RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Officers may resign, upon notification, at the next Intergroup meeting. Officers may be removed, from office, by a majority of the elected members (Intergroup Officers and Intergroup Representatives) at the meeting.

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN
AMENDMENTS**

When a By-law Article is amended a footnote will be added, in brackets, to the original Article referring to the amendment number.

[See Amendment Eight]

AMENDMENT ONE

Nature Coast Intergroup, Inc. is a non-profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States. The Articles of Incorporation (Article No. N0000000482) are now an adjunct to these By-laws. The following sub-amendments shall accommodate the law.

- A. A Board of Trustees must be formed to oversee the Officers and operations of Nature coast Intergroup, Inc.

- B. In order to preserve continuity, two (2) Trustees shall be elected every year by the general membership at the Annual Meeting with a total of four (4) Trustees. In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation the number of Trustees may be Increased or decreased from time to time, but shall never be less than three (3). A minimum of two years of continuous sobriety shall be required for nomination to the Board of Trustees.

- C. The management of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Trustees, with the day-to-day operations vested with the Officers. The Officers shall oversee the monthly, annual and special meetings.

- D. The Board of Trustees shall perform an annual audit of Nature Coast Intergroup.

- E. Any changes to the Board of Trustees shall be filed with the Corporations Annual Report/Uniform Business Report.

- F. A corporation Annual Report/Uniform Business Report must be filed with:

Florida Department of State
Divisions of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 34314

The report is to be filed between January 1 and May 1 of each year beginning with the calendar year following the year of the filing date January 25, 2000, and each year thereafter. Failure to file the Annual Report/Uniform Business Report on time may result in administrative dissolution of the corporation. A Federal Employers Number (EIN) must be shown on the Annual Report/Uniform Business Report Form prior to its filing with the afore mentioned office.

- G. Changes to the Corporation's mailing address must include a notification to the aforementioned office in writing within one month.

AMENDMENT TWO

In the event the need arises for the election of a Trustee, outside the election normally held at the Annual Meeting, specifically to replace a Trustee who is unable to serve his term, a special election may be called in the following manner.

1. All Member Groups, pursuant of Article Eleven of the Nature Coast Intergroup By-laws, shall be notified prior to the special election by publication in the monthly newsletter. Publication in the monthly newsletter shall constitute sufficient notification.
2. Nominations will be accepted until the date of the special election
3. Those eligible to vote, in accordance with Article Six and the First Amendment to the By-laws, shall determine the new Trustee.

The term of the Trustee, elected to fill the vacant seat, shall end when the term of the Trustee whom they are replacing was slated to end.

AMENDMENT THREE

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Sunday in January, so that, one, the Annual Meeting coincides with the Trustee terms and two, an annual report may be presented that reflects a true fiscal year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

July 2003

AMENDMENT FOUR

The term of office for committee Chairpersons is changed from 1 year to 2 years. If the chair is unable to finish the 2 year term, and a vacancy exists, the officers shall appoint a chair to serve the remainder of the 2 year term.

July 2004

AMENDMENT FIVE

Article Three-Membership: Each group shall notify Intergroup in writing or vocally as to who the NCI representative & alternates are.

AMENDMENT SIX

Article Five-Meetings: A quorum of all Intergroup Officers shall consist of those Officers present. The Group Representative quorum shall consist of those Representatives present.

AMENDMENT SEVEN

Article Six-Elections: Officers & Trustee elections will be held bi-annually in October of even years. Nominations of Officers & Trustees shall be submitted @ the September meeting of even years and published in the N.C. I. monthly Newsletter. Additional nominations may be submitted the day of the elections. New Officers & Trustees term will begin at the January annual meeting following the elections.

AMENDMENT EIGHT

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Article Sixteen: A new Article – When a By-law Article is amended a footnote will be added, in brackets, to the original Article referring to the amendment number.

May 29, 2005

AMENDMENT NINE

Article Five-Meetings: Voting will be limited to only group representative or alternates on record with the Nature Coast Intergroup Secretary. Should a tie result from any vote the Chairperson of NCI will cast the deciding vote. This Bylaw amendment will eliminate NCI Officers from voting.

June 26, 2005

AMENDMENT TEN

Article Seven-Order of Business: Nature Coast Intergroup business meetings will be conducted using Roberts Rules of Order.

February 4, 2008