

**Intergroup Ad Hoc Committee on
Central Office Operation, Intergroup Policy and Administration**

**REVISED DRAFT OF PROPOSED NEW BYLAWS (Version 1A)
Report #5 to Intergroup
May 5, 2008**

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Since the Ad Hoc Committee submitted Report #1 and Proposed Bylaw Revision on February 4, we have received a good amount of feedback. Although the committee has met several times and discussed other aspects of our mission, this report is limited to editorial corrections and revisions we have made to our first draft of Proposed New Bylaws in response to individual, group, and Workshop suggestions.

Editorial Corrections

We got immediate comments on typos and a few items of content in both Report #1 and the Proposed Bylaw Revisions. Most significantly, it was brought to our attention that all of our documents, including the Mission Statement we adopted in October, **omitted District 40 (covering groups in Madera and Mariposa Counties)! We incorporated all of those corrections in the attached Proposed New Bylaws (Version 1A)**

Workshop Recommendations

Two members of the committee were able to attend the Intergroup Bylaw Workshop on Saturday, April 26. The Workshop produced a number of useful suggestions. These suggestions were reviewed by the entire committee last week and incorporated in our new draft.

Key Changes from Original Bylaws Proposed Bylaw Revision

- Changes proposed new name to **Greater Fresno Area Intergroup Association, Inc.**
- Deletes "Alcoholics Anonymous" from Intergroup name
- Changes Intergroup quorum from 1/3 of members to 20 percent (Article IV, Section 7, pg. 5)
- Deletes restriction on retail sales (Article IX, Section 1, pg. 12)
- Changes "registering" of groups to "listing" (Article IV, Section 2, pg. 5)
- Clarifies procedure for identifying listed groups and their Intergroup Representatives (Article IV, Section 2, pg. 5)
- Separates Intergroup from liability for individual groups (Article III, pg. 4)

After several months for groups to review our Report #1 and our first draft of proposed new bylaws, as well as the Intergroup Bylaw Workshop, we hope Intergroup will soon be in a position to debate our revised proposal on its merits, make whatever amendments you deem necessary, and take action in the near future.

The Ad Hoc Committee has done its best to honor the responsibility you gave us in September 2007 (See Mission Statement attached). We intend to continue our work on the remaining aspects of our mission and get recommendations and results to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service,
Warren K, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee

If you have questions, comments or suggestions for the Ad Hoc Committee, please contact me at **259-4381** (cell) or email: **warrenk1@comcast.net**. I will share your comments and concerns with the entire committee.

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Mission Statement

This Ad Hoc Committee of Intergroup has been called into service to address several concerns that affect the well being of Intergroup, our four Districts, all of our groups and fellowships, and especially to the alcoholics who rely on a strong, effective Central Office and coordinated AA effort in the Greater Fresno Area. The Ad Hoc Committee sees its primary responsibility as follows:

1. Review By-Laws re. duties and responsibilities of each officer and determine if any changes in those duties or other aspects of the By-Laws are needed.
2. Review past and present practices with a view toward developing a Policy and Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook.
3. Consider ways to clarify expectations and improve cooperation between the Board of Directors and the Central Office staff.
4. Review business practices of the Fresno Alcoholics Anonymous Corporation and the Central Office.
5. Consider other matters and make recommendations growing out of the mediation process.

We consider it important to view this process in a positive framework, as a part of the natural inventory taking all AA's are encouraged to do and a way to seek progress in the way we serve our fellows in and out of AA through Intergroup and the Central Office. To encourage this positive framework, we have adopted a Statement of Principles and Procedures, which we hope all will respect during our work and the consideration of recommendations we make.

¹ Committee name and Mission Statement adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee 10/10/07, reported to Intergroup in Progress Report #2 11/5/07, and included in our full Report #1 on 2/4/08.

The Mission Statement originally approved and submitted to Intergroup inadvertently omitted District 40. We apologize for this oversight, which was not clearly recognized until after we submitted Report #1.