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From Our Past . . .

VANCOUVER CHAPTER ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Constitution and By-laws

1. NAME

The name of the Chapter shall be Vancouver Chapter, Alcoholics Anonymous.

2. OFFICERS

The Officers of this Chapter shall consist of:

A President

A Secretary - Treasurer

An Advisory Committee of Three Active Members

The President shall be elected by vote and shall serve office for a term of one (1) year. He may be re-elected for a further term.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by vote and shall serve office for a term of one (1) year. He may be re-elected for a further term.

The Advisory Committee shall be elected each six (6) months on and from the date of the Presidential election. Members of the Advisory Committee will not be permitted to succeed themselves.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

The above duly elected members shall form the Administrative Body.

4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any alcoholic who admits a sincere desire to be freed from alcoholism.

5. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

The membership shall consist of three groups, namely:

Novice Qualified Active

Novice:

A member on first joining Alcoholics Anonymous shall be considered a novice during the elapsed time of three (3) consecutive meetings including his first meeting, who can truthfully declare that during this time, he has not partaken of any intoxicating beverage. He shall be required to attend one-half hour before regular meeting time, on each of the above three (3) meetings, accompanied by his sponsor and two other active members appointed by the President. A novice will have neither voice nor vote during the regular meetings.

Qualified:

A qualified member shall be one who has successfully passed his test as a novice and shall remain Qualified for another four regular meetings not including his last meeting as a novice. A Qualified member shall have voice but no vote at the regular meetings. During this period should a Qualified member partake of alcoholic beverage, he will revert to the status of a novice.

Active:

An Active member shall be one who successfully passes as a qualified member and shall have all the rights and privileges of the Chapter, provided, however, that should he or she indulge in alcoholic beverage, at any time, he or she will revert to the status of a qualified member. The committing of a second offense will automatically revert the member to the status of a novice, and any subsequent offense will constitute sufficient grounds for having such a member's conduct discussed at an open meeting.

6. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership as now constituted shall be classified as active members.

7. ROLL CALL

The Secretary-Treasurer shall call the roll at the opening of each meeting.

8. QUORUM

75% of the active members present at a meeting shall constitute a Quorum.

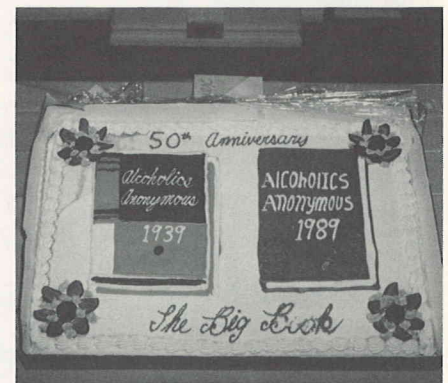
9. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Notice of Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made by an active member orally at a meeting or by written notice. Such notice of Amendments to be made two weeks in advance of a regular weekly meeting.

Admendments must be sanctioned by a 75% majority of the active members present.

The above Constitution and By-Laws was duly submitted and approved at the regular weekly meeting of the Vancouver Chapter, Alcoholics Anonymous, held at Vancouver on the 27th day of April, 1945.

This is the way it was: Aren't you glad things change.



Washington Area Service Assembly
5/21/89 "50th Anniversary of B.B."
Submitted by Chad L.

