

Town Hall Zoom meeting minutes

Date: June 4, 2024

The purpose of the meeting is to review proposed By-law amendments.

The Zoom meeting is recorded by Sarah G.

Julie S. called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

Julie thanked all attending. Some introductory remarks were given by Julie and Sarah. Julie discussed comments that were sent in by AI-Anon members. Sarah shared the screen with a copy of the proposed by-laws copy. Julie proceeded by covering section-by-section the by-laws and explaining the proposed revisions.

Members had questions and comments which were addressed by Julie and Sarah. As suggestions were made, Sarah noted them on the proposed by-law copy visibly in red.

There were some minor word corrections made as detailed in red on the revised copy, as well as numbering corrections.

The following changes have been recommended by members:

1. Article IV, Section 1 - "Intergroup" is changed to "Information Service"
2. Article VI, Section 1, "B" – Add "In the event of a Service Board tie vote, the most recent ex-officio will break the tie".
3. Article VI, Section 3, Chair-Elect – Eligibility – "Any person who has served or will have served for at least one year by June 30th of the current term..."
4. Article VI, Section 4, "A", Service Board – Eligibility – Same wording change as mentioned above.
5. Article VI, Section 4, "B" – Re-election of Service Board and Chair changed from two years to five years.
6. Article VII, Section 3, "Service Board Nominations" A, 1, "a" – Add "Nominees shall be present at the annual meeting in April".
7. Article VII, Section 4 "Voting" – Add "...and must be present at the annual meeting."
8. Article VII, Section 5, "Balloting" Add "C" – "Two nominees with the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected to the Service Board". Add "D" – "Election results shall be announced after votes are validated by the Service Board officers".
9. Article VIII, Section 5, "I" "Duties of the Treasurer" – Change to read "Assisting Office Staff with Point of Sale".
10. Article IX, "Standing Committees" Section 1, A, 4, Change to read "Report on Orange Blossom activity at meetings".

11. Article IX, "Standing Committees" Section E, 2, Change to read "May act as the Treasurer for ALS sponsored events".
12. Article IX, "Standing Committees", Section G, 2, add "and Greater Long Beach".
13. Article X, Section 1, "A" – Change "Foreign Language Liaison" to "Community Liaison and/or District 64 Liaison".
14. Article X, Section 1, "4" – Change "Spanish Liaison" to "Language Liaison".
15. Article X, Section 1, C, - Add 1. "Shall be voted in as chair by the prior year's Alathon Committee".
16. Article X, Section 1, C, "3" – Add "...Board Fundraising Coordinator or other Board member may serve..."
17. Article X, Section 1, C, 6, - Change to read "... no later than January of each year".
18. Article XI, "Office Oversight and Continuity Committee Members" B, - Add 7 "Volunteer in office for experience". Add 8 "Provide Office report to inform Service Representatives and ALS Service Board". Add "C" – "Term of service/Rotation of Leadership".
19. Article XII, Member Services Representatives, Section 1, Add "B" - "MSRS must be active Al-Anon members." Add "C" – "MSRS must not be a dual member of Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous".
20. Article XII, Section 1, F, Add to read "...Information Service Office of Orange County and Greater Long Beach".
21. Article XIII "Finances", Section 1, Change to read "... (noted under DIGEST OF AL-ANON AND ALATEEN POLICIES) and current Al-Anon guidelines, Al-Anon Information Service G-4".
22. Article XIV, Amendment of By-Laws, Section 1, Standing Committees, Add "Volunteer Coordinator".
23. Attachment "A" to By-Laws, Contributions – Other Al-Anon Service Contributions, Add "All contributions are added to the general fund and cannot be earmarked to a specific use".

There are several clarifications needed as pointed out by members comments. These are:

1. Article V, Section 3, "B" – Clarify who can make motions and who may not.
2. Article V, Section 7, "Voting" Clarification of description is requested.
3. Article VI, Section 2, "Chair Eligibility" – Define "Like Capacity" in the description.
4. Article VII, Section 1, A, 2, "Chair Nominations" – Clarification requested
5. Article VIII, Section 2, E, "Duties of the Chair" – Clarify check signing
6. Article VIII, Section 4, "Duties of the Secretary and/or Co-Secretary" – Clarify "Co-Secretary" as positions are difficult to fill and other board members could be asked to help.
7. Article VIII, Section 5, "Duties of the Treasurer and/or Co-Treasurer – Clarify "Co-Treasurer" same as above.
8. Article VIII, Section 5, #G, "Duties of the Treasurer" – Clarify office workers.

9. Article X, Section 1, C, - Clarify "Alathon Chair" description, #3 – Clarify if other Board members may service as Alathon Treasurer, #4 – Clarity Committee meetings by August or sooner.
10. Article XI, #A, "Number and Qualifications of Committee Members – Clarify description.
11. Article XIV, Section 1, Service Board Structure, "Standing Committees" -Clarify description of Volunteer Coordinators.

The meeting was ended by Julie S. at 8:59 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda E.