

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AA CONVENTION
STANDING RESOLUTIONS
August 6th 2017**

1. Any and all funds collected (except Registration) by the AA Chairperson or by his representatives that were generated by Al-Anon or Alateen activities, including profit there from, will be returned to the Al-Anon Chairperson as soon after the Convention as practical.
2. All excess income from AA activities at the Southern California AA Convention will be retained for distribution to AA services in accordance with existing or future resolutions.
3. Each year, the Convention will receive \$40,000, \$10,000 to be used by the current year's Convention Chairperson for expenses incurred and payable prior to funds being received from the current year's Convention, and a \$30,000 contingency fund to be used only in case of an emergency to be determined by the Steering Committee. The Convention Chairperson will include the aforementioned \$10,000 in his/her budget which is to be distributed to the next year's Convention Chairperson. Any additional amount of money on hand 60 days after the close of the Convention, after all outstanding debts have been paid and the \$10,000 has been passed on to the next year's Convention Chairperson, shall be distributed as follows:
 - a. 100% to the various Southern California Central Office Associations to be determined by the Steering Committee.
4. The cost of registration for the Southern California AA Convention will be \$25.00 for pre-registration and \$30 for onsite registration per person, provided that payment of registration is not required in order to attend any non-ticketed meeting held during the Convention. Badges will be required for ticketed events.
5. The Southern California AA Convention can be held any time between the 15th of September and the 15th of November.
6. A Co-Chairperson will be elected at the Convention Business Meeting each year and the Co-Chairperson automatically becomes the next year's Chairperson.
 - a. The voting rules are as follows:
 - (1) Only AA members can vote.
 - (2) Any person nominated must have a minimum of ten years of sobriety and a minimum of five years of Southern California AA Convention Committee experience as either a chairperson or co-chairperson of a specific committee.

(3) When taking a person into consideration for nomination, be aware that it is a six-year commitment, one year as Co-Chairperson, one year as Chairperson, and four years on Steering committee.

(4) Two years minimum sobriety is required for an individual to serve in the capacity of a Committee Chairperson or Committee Co-Chairperson.

b. The voting procedures are as follows:

When the nominations begin, the doors will be closed until the votes are counted. A second is required for each nomination. After nominations are closed, each nominee will come up front and give the following: Name, Home Group, Sobriety Date, and Past Service on the Southern California AA Convention. On the first ballot, the one with the least amount of votes will be eliminated. This procedure will be on each ballot until one is left. However, if any nominee has more votes than all of the other nominees combined, then that nominee wins.

8. In the event the current Convention Chairperson cannot fulfill his/her duties at any time, the Co-Chairman will step up as Convention Chairperson. At the subsequent Friday night business meeting, two (2) people will be elected: a Chairperson for the following year and a Chair Elect for the year after. A second option would be to take nominations for a new Co-Chairman to be elected in the current year. The voting and election of this new Co-Chairman can be done at the planning meetings.

9. The Sites and Policies Committee shall now be known as the Steering Committee and all references to the Sites and Policies Committee in the Standing Resolutions shall be changed to the "Steering Committee."

a. The Steering Committee will be as follows:

(1). The Steering Committee will consist of the four past Convention Chairmen plus the current Convention Chairperson. The current Convention Co-Chairperson, previously elected at the business meeting at the most recent Convention, will be a part of the Steering Committee, but will have no vote until he/she becomes Convention Chairperson, which means when the gavel is handed to him/her at the Sunday morning closing meeting.

(3). The Senior member will serve as Steering Committee Chairperson and will rotate off annually. However, if there should be a resignation, death, or any disqualification of a Steering Committee member during the last year of the Steering Committee Chairperson's term, then his/her term as Steering Committee Chairperson will be extended for another year.

(4) The newest member of the Steering Committee (being the most current past Chairman) will remain a signer on the bank account (along with the current year's Treasurer Advisor and current year's Treasurer) until he/she rotates off the Steering Committee. Then the newest member will become a signer, etc. The checkbook will be turned over to this Steering Committee member when the prior year Convention has been closed out and all bills have been paid.

(5) In the case of the resignation, death, or any disqualification of a Steering Committee member during the convention year, the remaining members of the Steering Committee, including the current Convention Chairperson, have the authority to appoint the most recent, available past Steering Committee Chairperson for the remainder of the current convention year.

b. The Steering Committee has the following responsibilities and authority:

(1). Ensure adherence to the Standing Resolutions and Guidelines.

(2). Assist the current Convention Committee, as required.

(3). Ensure the Convention is run in a professional and businesslike manner in accordance with the AA Traditions, the AA Concepts, AA Guidelines for Conferences and Conventions, federal, state and municipal governmental agencies and to include any laws and guidelines as set forth by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In compliance with these guidelines, we have added an addendum to these Resolutions to include an anti-harassment agreement to be read and signed by all steering committee members. If the current Convention Chairperson does not adhere to the requirements of this section, the Steering Committee shall recommend to the current Convention Committee a course of action to be taken.

(4). Has the responsibility to request and review a detailed budget of the current Convention by April 1st, and to review any subsequent revisions thereto. The Steering Committee shall make recommendations to the current Convention Chairperson as necessary.

(5). Has the authority of the Convention to negotiate and pick future convention sites. The contract for a future convention site must be approved and signed by the Chairperson of the Steering Committee and two other members of the Steering Committee.

8. Only AA Convention approved literature and material will be sold at the Southern California AA Convention. However, each Convention Chairperson has the right to offer a convention memento if they so desire.
9. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - a. Notwithstanding any other provision of these resolutions, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - (1) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or
 - (2) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
 - b. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is operated exclusively for charitable, educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the organizations in paragraph 3 qualify under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, it is hereby directed that the remaining assets be distributed under paragraph 3 above.
10. The Convention flyer will be “buff” in color with the Palm Logo and Theme block as used in the 1993/1994 flyer. The convention number will be in the upper left hand block followed by the words “SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AA CONVENTION” above the border line and the words “WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION” beneath the border line. The Convention number, theme, place and dates will change with the year. The inside information will change with the Convention requirements.
11. The Banquet and all meal functions will be non-smoking.
12. The convention will provide coffee at no charge, the exact time to be determined by the current Chairperson and the Steering Committee.
13. The Financial Statement should reflect the source of all funds received, including seed money from the previous convention. The financial statement should also reflect all

expenses of the convention and seed money disbursed to the next year's Convention. Additionally, the disbursement of funds to various service organizations as specified in Resolution Number 3 should be reflected in the Financial Statement.

