

# ARANA ASC ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

## Article I Name and Organization

The name of this association is American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous is designated an unincorporated nonprofit association created under the laws of the State/Commonwealth of California in the county of Sacramento.

## Article II Intent and Purpose

American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous purpose is to further the unity of the fellowship within the American River Area by serving the specific needs of its member groups and maintaining a channel of communication between the American River Area and the rest of NA as a whole; to communicate with one another on all matters pertaining to our common welfare (unity) and our common purpose (to carry the message to the addict who still suffers) in the spirit of strengthening the fellowship as they arise, and to abide by the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts in all our affairs. This body shall coordinate NA functions common to the various area subcommittees in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of NA. In addition this body shall be available for coordination of group functions or activities. This all will take place in the State (or Commonwealth) of California in the county of Sacramento.

American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous may engage in any and all other charitable activities permitted to an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or corresponding future provisions of the federal tax law.

To these ends, American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous may do and engage in any and all lawful activities that may be incidental or reasonably necessary to any of these purposes, and it shall have and may exercise all other powers and authority now or hereafter conferred upon unincorporated nonprofit associations in the State or Commonwealth of California in the county of Sacramento.

## ARTICLE III Office and Duration

1. The office of American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall be located at the address at which the Chair or designated representative has official residence; or at such place as American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous may from time to time determine, or as the business of American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous may require.

2. The duration of American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall be perpetual.

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3. The death, removal, or resignation of any member of American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall not result in the dissolution of American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous.

### Article IV Structure and Membership

Members of the American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous are comprised of the Administrative Committee and the GSRs or Alternates from the established groups within the American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous, and representatives of Ad Hoc (Special) Committees. Observers - comprised of any NA members who are not attending the ASC meeting as Participants or Ad Hoc Committee Representatives are also members.

Participants of the American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous are the Administrative Committee: This committee shall be comprised of the ASC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Treasurer, Regional Committee Members (2 ea. RCMs), Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) Subcommittee Chairperson, Public Information Subcommittee Chairperson, Literature Subcommittee Chairperson, Outreach Subcommittee Chairperson, Newsletter Subcommittee Chairperson, Campout Subcommittee Chairperson, Unity Day Subcommittee Chairperson, Dance Subcommittee Chairperson and Softball Subcommittee Chairperson who shall be elected by a simple majority vote. It is suggested that they be elected from active members of the ASC. Members of the Administrative Committee should have a strong commitment to the ASC. Members of the Administrative Committee should have a strong commitment to service, previous service experience, the willingness and resources to do the job, and a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of NA Service.

American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous is a purely voluntary organization, and no membership fee or annual dues are required for membership. You are a member when you say you are. American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin, or other personal factor.

### Article V Association Leadership

American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous shall have at least five (5) officers to be determined by the group. The name and total number of officer positions will be determined as the group requires, changeable as circumstances necessitate. One person will be designated as American River Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous's agent in this state/commonwealth, as needed, following state law requirements.

A quorum is the minimum number of participants that must be present in order to vote on any business. The quorum of the American River Area ASC shall be a simple majority of its participants. Officers may be elected annually by nomination and a majority vote of at least a quorum of the

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organization.

## Article VI Accounting and Records

The fiscal year of American River Area of Narcotics Anonymous shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

All minute books, correspondence, and other records of American River Area of Narcotics Anonymous shall be preserved by the Officers. Records that have ceased to be of use for the conduct of the affairs of American River Area of Narcotics Anonymous may be turned over for preservation to a depository designated by it, or discarded.

## Article VII Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of American River Area of Narcotics Anonymous, its property, funds, and other assets shall be transferred to Northern California Region of Narcotics Anonymous, provided such organization qualifies as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

N WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Association on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

Chairperson – \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Vice Chairperson – \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Secretary – \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Treasurer – \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Events Treasurer – \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name