

Northern California Convention of Narcotics Anonymous

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

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I. BOUNDARIES

This body shall be known as the Northern California Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (NCCNA) Committee. This committee shall serve the Northern California Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the NCCNA Committee is to serve as the operational and administrative body of the annual convention and to perform the day-to-day implementation of the current convention. In addition, the committee will work on future conventions for up to five years in advance. The NCCNA Committee is responsible to the Northern California Regional Service Committee (NCRSC), and is entrusted to make decisions and to establish policy as necessary for the operation and administration of the Northern California Convention of Narcotics Anonymous. The guidelines of the NCRSC shall supersede these guidelines in the event of any conflict. Hereafter in these guidelines, for simplicity wherever possible, the NCCNA Committee shall be referred to as "the Committee" or "Committee".

III. FUNCTIONS

- A. To hold monthly service meetings or as needed.
- B. To record and distribute minutes of the regular NCCNA Committee meetings to NCCNA members and others as required.
- C. To plan, coordinate and implement the annual convention for the Northern California Region of Narcotics Anonymous.

IV. MEMBERS

The NCCNA Committee is a subcommittee of the Northern California Regional Service Committee (NCRSC) and is comprised of **twenty-five members** as follows:

1. Chairperson (1)
2. Vice-chairperson (1)
3. Secretary (1)
4. Treasurer (1)
5. NCRSC Representative (1)

6. NCRSO Representative (1)
7. Fourteen non-designated NCCNA Committee members (14)
8. Host Subcommittee Chairperson and Vice-chairperson (2)
9. Program Subcommittee Vice-chairperson (1)
10. Registration Subcommittee Chairperson and Vice-chairperson (2)

V. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND DUTIES

- A. All members must have a commitment to service, the willingness and resources to do the job, a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts and a minimum of three continuous years of clean time.
- B. All NCCNA Committee members are required to submit a written report for each

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NCCNA meeting.

- C. Members of the NCCNA Committee with the exception of the NCRSC Representative, the NCRSO Representative and members completing an elected position whose term of office will be completed by June 30th, shall not hold any other elected voting position on an Area Service Committee (or its administrative committee) or on the NCRSC (or its administrative committee) or on any other NCRSC subcommittee within Narcotics Anonymous.
- D. NCCNA members will be held to higher ethical standards while representing NA. NCCNA members will not receive, request, or otherwise obtain a benefit from any vendor, hotel, convention center, convention and visitors bureau or other entity as a result of being a representative of the committee or NA. Any gifts, money, upgrades, loyalty points or other benefits offered to any members of the committee will be reported to the NCCNA Chair, NCCNA Vice Chair, NCRSC Rep, and NCRSO Rep to disclose the benefit as being offered. At no time, will any NCCNA Committee member be allowed to receive, keep, or transfer to another member/person, any item that was offered because of their representing NCCNA or NA. All items given to or left in a committee member's hotel room shall be presented to the entire committee for discussion and/or consumption, i.e., food and drinks.

VI. TERMS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. Committee members shall be eligible for election for a maximum of two consecutive two year terms, provided they continue to meet the qualifications required by Section IV - General Requirements and Duties, and one one-year term as a Subcommittee Chairperson or Vice-chairperson to total a maximum of five consecutive years.
- B. An NCCNA Subcommittee Chairperson or Vice-chairperson may serve a one-year term prior to or after two consecutive NCCNA terms to total a maximum of five consecutive years.
- C. A member can serve a two-year term, serve as a Subcommittee Chairperson or Vice chairperson, and then another two-year term to total a maximum of five consecutive years.
- D. No members shall serve more than five consecutive years on the Committee.
- E. Time spent in the pool will not count toward time on the Committee.

VII. NCCNA COMMITTEE – ELECTED MEMBERS

A. CHAIRPERSON

1. REQUIREMENTS: It is suggested that they have current and previous experience on the NCCNA Committee (e.g. Vice-chairperson) and a minimum of four years of continuous clean time.

2. DUTIES:

- a. Preside over and ensure that the meetings are run as set forth in the motion table.
- b. Prepare and coordinate the agenda with the assistance of the Vice-chairperson.
- c. Responsible for correspondence and maintaining archives.
- d. Provides NCCNA Committee Guidelines and NCCNA Handbook to all new members.
- e. Responsible for the day-to-day implementation of sound and prudent decision

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- making during the convention.
- f. Delegate duties to NCCNA Committee members not already detailed in these Guidelines and the NCCNA Handbook.
- g. Advise the NCCNA Committee of any attendance problems in violation of the NCCNA Committee's Guidelines and reports the failure of any member to fulfill his/her responsibilities.
- h. Attend the monthly NCRSC and/or NCRSO meeting and maintain a constant relationship, serving as the representative of the Committee to the NCRSC or NCRSO.
- i. Prepare and submit written reports to the Committee, the NCRSC and/or the NCRSO to enhance communication between each body.
- j. The outgoing, current year's Chair shall remain responsible to NCRSC and NCRSO until such time as the final financial report is presented.
- k. If the current year's Chair is not continuing another term they shall not have voting rights, nor be required to attend NCCNA Committee meetings except as required to get that year's convention books closed

B. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

1. REQUIREMENTS: It is suggested that they have current and previous experience on the NCCNA Committee, a minimum of four years of continuous clean time and the willingness to become the Chairperson.

2. DUTIES:

- a. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.
- b. Coordinate and keep fully abreast of the interaction with subcommittees and advise where needed upon request.
- c. Attend the monthly NCRSC and/or NCRSO meeting and maintain a constant relationship, serving as the representative of the Committee to the NCRSC or NCRSO.
- d. Prepare and submit written reports to the Committee, the NCRSC and/or the NCRSO to enhance communication between each body.

C. SECRETARY

1. REQUIREMENTS: Have the commitment, resources, technical and clerical skills

necessary to do the job.

2. DUTIES:

- a. Keep accurate and objective minutes of each meeting.
- b. Obtain monthly reports from NCCNA members.
- c. Type and distribute unapproved minutes no later than seven calendar days following each NCCNA meeting to all Committee members, the NCRSC Rep, , the NCRSO Rep and others as directed by the Committee.
- d. Once minutes are approved they must be sent to the NCRSO Webmaster. e. Keep a record of the previous year's minutes on hand at each meeting, passing them on to the Chairperson at the end of the Secretary's term of office for the archives.

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f. Prepare roster, attendance records and advise the Chairperson of member attendance problems noted in item VI of the Committees Guidelines.

g. Responsible for making changes to reports or documents containing grammatical errors.

D. TREASURER

1. REQUIREMENTS: It is suggested that they have current and or previous experience on the NCCNA Committee preferably as the assistant treasurer, commitment and willingness to perform the job, accounting and technical skills sufficient to maintain accurate records. 2.

DUTIES:

- a. Maintain bank account for the Committee. The checks shall require two signatures; one from the NCRSO President, the NCRSO Treasurer or the NCRSO Representative to the Committee; and the second from the Committee Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.
- b. Work with the Committee and the NCRSO to prepare a budget for the convention. c. Write all checks for the Committee checking account and is responsible for collecting receipts for Committee members' expenses. Keep available originals and copies of all bank statements.
- d. Responsible for complete accounting and reporting to the NCRSC and NCRSO Treasurers of all monies.
- e. Pay all budgeted expenses up to \$1000 directly from account and obtain from the NCRSO approval to write checks in excess of \$1000.
- f. Review Committee expenditures and provide monthly budget reports to the Committee.
- g. Advise the committee of cash flow conditions and provide current written monthly financial reports, including copies of bank statements and reconciled register. h. Report to the Committee on all financial issues, as needed.
- i. Process all requests for reimbursement.
- j. Attend NCRSO meetings when requested by the NCCNA Committee or the NCRSO and be responsible for the preparation of financial information for the NCRSO. k. Maintain a close working relationship with the NCRSO Treasurer.
- l. Prepare a final budget report for the convention.
- m. Manages, along with participation from NCRSO representatives, the Treasury room

at the Convention.

3. DUTIES IN RELATION TO CLOSING THE BOOKS:

- a. The outgoing, current year's treasurer shall remain responsible to NCCNA until such time as a final financial report is presented to NCCNA.
- b. If the current year's treasurer is not continuing for a second term they shall not have voting rights, nor be required to attend NCCNA Committee meetings except as required to get that year's convention books closed.
- c. Allowable expenses pertaining to the previous convention shall be charged to that year's convention budget.
- d. The Newcomer Prudent Reserve will be replenished with funds prior to making any

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regional donation. The replenishment amount shall bring the balance up to \$10,000 if funds are available from the net proceeds of closing convention.

- e. Any excess funds, after adding funds necessary to bring the Newcomer Prudent Reserve to \$10,000 and holding the startup funds for the next convention cycle will be donated to the NCRSO by a check to close the current year's cycle.

VIII. NCCNA COMMITTEE – NON-DESIGNATED MEMBERS A.

NON-DESIGNATED MEMBERS

1. REQUIREMENTS: Willingness to be utilized and appointed as the Chairperson deems appropriate to further the purpose of NCCNA.
2. DUTIES: The non-designated members will be assigned to the following positions:
 - a. Assistant Treasurer (1)
 - b. Contracts Negotiator and Assistant (2)
 - c. Merchandise Coordinator & Assistant (2)
 - d. Entertainment Coordinator & Assistant (2)
 - e. Arts & Graphics Coordinator & Assistant (2)
 - f. Program Subcommittee Chairperson (1)
 - g. Program Advisor (1)
 - h. Host Advisor (1)
 - i. Registration Advisor (1)
 - j. Member at Large (1).

B. CONTRACT NEGOTIATOR

1. REQUIREMENTS: It is suggested that they have at least 2 years' experience on the NCCNA Committee, business and negotiating skills and a minimum of 5 years of continuous clean time.
2. DUTIES:
 - a. Recommends future convention sites up to 5 years and presents the Committee with cost of hotels and convention centers.
 - b. Prepares all contracts for use of hotels, convention centers, vendors, materials, services and entertainment providers needed.
 - c. Reviews all contracts on a regular basis to monitor for payment schedules and adhere to budgets.

- d. Aids the Committee Chairperson or Vice-chairperson in presenting contracts and bids to the NCRSO for their review and approval.
- e. Serves, as contact with hotel and convention center facilities personnel. f. Aids all Committee and Subcommittee members in fulfilling their contractual responsibilities.
- g. Aids Chairperson in implementing sound and prudent decision making during the convention.
- h. Maintains budgets and records of past conventions hotel and convention center costs, room blocks and pickups, food and beverage spent and all convention income and expenses including contracts and invoices.
- i. Trains and mentors the Assistant Contract Negotiator.

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C. SUBCOMMITTEE ADVISORS (Host, Program, Registration)

- 1. REQUIREMENTS: It is suggested that they have previous experience on the NCCNA Committee.
- 2. DUTIES:
 - a. Attend all regular subcommittee meetings.
 - b. Provide the subcommittee with the information necessary for its functioning, including the convention handbook, convention guidelines, proposed budget, and the past year's subcommittee minutes, reports and records.
 - c. Coordinate with the subcommittee Chairperson to assure that the subcommittee develops an agenda and a timeline for meeting its responsibilities as set forth in the convention handbook.
 - d. Assist the subcommittee in fulfilling its duties prior to and during the convention. e. Reports any attendance issues with the Subcommittee Chair and/or Vice Chair to the NCCNA Chair and/or Vice Chair.

IX. ATTENDANCE AND PERFORMANCE

- A. Members shall attend all regular NCCNA Committee meetings. In the event a member cannot attend; the Chairperson shall be notified. If a member misses two consecutive meetings or three meetings total during one convention period, the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson shall address the matter to the Committee for possible action (see item C, this section).
- B. If a subcommittee Chairperson or Vice-chairperson fails to attend two consecutive NCCNA Committee meetings, two of their respective subcommittee meetings or three meetings total during one convention period, the NCCNA Committee may assume direct control of the subcommittee. The Committee Advisor to the subcommittee, or the NCCNA Chairperson or Vice-chairperson, acting as subcommittee Chairperson, will attempt to return the subcommittee to a position of good standing.
- C. If a member is not attending Committee meetings as per the guidelines or is not fulfilling their responsibilities, the Chairperson or Vice-chairperson is required to bring the matter up at the Committee meeting. If a motion to suspend the member is

- made and seconded, it must pass with a two-thirds majority before it is acted on. Any member suspended will have the right to petition the Committee for a redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.
- D. Any member of Narcotics Anonymous is welcome to attend all regular Committee meetings as a non-participant observer. The Chairperson, at their discretion may call upon a non-participant observer to speak.

X. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NCCNA COMMITTEE

- A. The outgoing Chair will open the first meeting of the convention cycle after closing the previous cycle.

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- B. All incoming members are to be present, state qualifications and field questions before being voted on, to be a member of the new NCCNA Committee. C. All members who have qualified at the NCRSC including Subcommittee Chairs and Subcommittee Vice Chairs, returning NCCNA Committee members who are coming back for the second year of a two-year seat, the NCRSC Representative and the NCRSO Representative will vote by written ballot on the members that will comprise the new NCCNA Committee.
- D. Collection of the ballots and counting of the votes will be done by the NCRSC Representative and the NCRSO Representative.
- E. Members receiving a simple majority of votes as stated in the Voting Procedures will have been voted onto the NCCNA Committee.
- F. Members not voted on the NCCNA Committee will have been determined not available for assignment to a position.
- G. Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs not voted to be members of the NCCNA Committee will be appointed by the Chair from those members available. H. Members voted in and those established members will elect the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the new convention cycle by a ballot vote counted by the NCRSC Representative and the NCRSO Representative.
- I. After election of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer the Chair will make assignments of the non-designated members of the NCCNA Committee with advisement from the Vice-Chair, Outgoing Chair, and any experienced members of their choice.
- J. Members not assigned to a non-designated position will be placed into an NCCNA 'pool' to be considered, along with other newly qualified candidates for positions that may arise due to vacancy.
- K. Candidates who qualified for a two-year seat will remain in the 'pool' for the remainder of the current convention cycle and will be available for the second year of their seat at the beginning of the next convention cycle.
- L. Non-designated positions may be left vacant if there are not qualified members in the 'pool' to fill the vacancies at the discretion of the Chair.
- M. Pool members are not required to attend the NCCNA Committee meetings and will not be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- N. No member shall serve in the same elected position for more than two consecutive one-year terms.

- O. Any member declining a nomination for an elected position or an assignment of a non-designated position shall be required to return to the NCRSC and explain their change of willingness to serve.

XI. RESIGNATIONS

If a member of the Committee delivers a resignation, either verbally or in writing to the Chairperson, or Vice-chairperson in the Chairperson's absence, the resignation will be considered effective immediately and non-retractable. If the member wishes to be re considered for the Committee, they will be required to do so in accordance with the

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NCCNA Handbook.

XII. VOTING PROCEDURES

A. QUORUM

1. A quorum must be established prior to any old or new business.
2. A quorum of this body shall be a minimum of two-thirds of the active (filled) seats.
3. Once a quorum has been established it will be presumed that a quorum still exists.
4. Anyone sensing a lack of quorum may request a quorum call.

B. MOTIONS:

1. Any Committee member (except the presiding officer) may make, second or speak to motions when recognized by the presiding officer of the Committee. Once a motion is made, a second will be necessary before any discussion will be allowed.
2. Secondary motions to amend, substitute, refer, or table a motion may be made at any time prior to voting on a motion, unless the question has been "called".
3. Any motion that would alter the Committee Guidelines and/or the Committee motion table will be:
 - a. Submitted in writing with a written "intent" read during new business and may then be seconded.
 - b. The motion will be tabled for at least one month.
 - c. The motion will be a matter for old business at the end of the specified time, and then if passed, sent to the NCRSC for approval.

C. VOTING:

1. A two-thirds majority of NCCNA participants present and eligible to vote shall be required to pass any and all motions pertaining to the guidelines and policies of NCCNA.
2. A simple majority of NCCNA participants present and eligible to vote shall be required to pass any and all main motions, a simple majority is defined as 50% plus one.
3. Eligible to vote shall be defined as all participants accounted for during the most current quorum call of the NCCNA.
4. When a vote is counted "in-favor of", "against" and "abstentions" all votes will be counted.
5. If NCCNA demonstrates a general lack of support the Chairperson may make a ruling.
6. Voting is normally done by raised hands. The vote is counted and the results are

announced. Any NCCNA participant may request a “roll call” vote. Whenever a “roll call” vote is conducted, each vote will be published in the NCCNA minutes.

7. All NCCNA participants (except the presiding officer) may vote on all motions that are considered to be NCCNA business and/or operations.

XIII. TRAVEL AND EXPENSES

- A. Committee members will be reimbursed for travel, copies, mailings, telephone and other expenses on an as needed basis per NCRSC guidelines.
- B. Subcommittee reimbursement for travel will be limited to the following:

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1. Chairperson and Vice-chairperson, or designated subcommittee member. 2. Reimbursable travel shall be defined as travel to and from the NCCNA Committee meeting and travel to handle necessary business for the committee.
3. Other subcommittee expenses such as copying, mailing and telephone may be reimbursed to any subcommittee member if authorized by the subcommittee and approved by the NCCNA Committee.
- C. All expense reimbursements must be for convention related business only and within budget. Except for mileage, all reimbursements must have supportive documentation such as receipts.
- D. Inform the NCRSC, at least three (3) months in advance, of any persons other than NCCNA members to be reimbursed for hotel rooms, except when part of a vendor contract approved by NCRSO Board of Directors.

XIV. PROVIDERS OF CONVENTION SERVICES

- A. In order to avoid the appearance of any wrong-doing and maintain the spiritual integrity of the Northern California Convention, the following business restrictions will be adhered to:
 1. Members of the Committee and its subcommittees are restricted from bidding for any goods or services provided to the convention.

