

2016 Excerpts From Past Minutes Timeline:

Sept. 5, 1966: Ed D. made a motion that the hospital chairperson, hold office for 2 years. Seconded and carried.

April 6, 1969: Don O. made a motion to conclude the answering service at 10:00 PM, instead of 11PM closing time. Seconded and carried.

June 1, 1969: A motion was made by Art McD. and seconded to send Frontiersman & monthly bulletin to all groups in schedule.

Sept. 1969: Accepted new re-written operating procedures for Central Committee.

August 3, 1969: Executive Secretary should be paid traveling expenses to and from various AA conventions.

Nov. 2, 1969: PIC Chairman and Recording Secretary elected for a 2-year period. Motion passed.

April 1970: Editor of Frontiersman be appointed for 1-year term- could be re-elected. Seconded and passed.

October 4, 1970: Harry Davis elected Executive Secretary

May 2, 1970: Motion by Dick T. that the chairman of committee's who do not attend 3 meetings in a row or do not send an alternate, or submit a written report to the monthly meeting and have no valid excuse for absence, should be considered for replacement by someone recommended by the chairman of central committee. Seconded and carried.

June 6, 1971: Voted to move into room 534 at the Ellicott Square Building.

May 7, 1972: Motion by Paul S. and seconded, that the editorship of the Frontiersman is to be henceforth understood to be a 2 year term. Motion Passed.

July 2, 1972: Jerry S. moved that the Co-Chairman of present and all future Buffalo Fall Conventions be automatically elevated to chairman of the succeeding convention. Seconded and carried.

December 3, 1972: Motion by George F., seconded, to approved Operating Procedures Manual. Seconded and carried.

September 2, 1973: John (FBI) made a motion to send Financial reports to all groups. Seconded and carried.

December 2, 1973: Memorial Donations; a motion was made by Paul S., seconded and carried, that the Central Office will accept memorial donations from AA members only for other AA members only.

March 3, 1974: Mike S. stated that the By-Laws state that the members who miss 3 Steering Committee meetings in a row are to be removed.

April 7, 1974: In order to facilitate business, the committee suggested a quorum be changed from 4 to 3 members of the 6 on the steering committee. Tabled, no motion.

May 5, 1974: Jim P. said the Steering Committee is like a Board of Directors, and that the policy should be to have the quorum greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the members. Jim P. moved that the operating procedures be left the same (the quorum left at the number 4). Seconded, Motion accepted.

December 1, 1974: Dave K. moved that a check be accepted which was sent by the family of Bill V. in his memory. Seconded- Passed.

September 7, 1975: Questions about quorum for steering committee, if it was really necessary to have quorum on steering committee. No motion or vote?

December 7, 1975: Jackie C. moved and was seconded, that the Operating Procedures be amended to change the Steering Committee from 6 to 4 members, and that 3 members constitute a quorum and that the requirement for membership be changed from 5 years to 3 years. Passed.

September 5, 1976: 140 groups.

September 1976: Harry D. will go back to the old policy of waiting for 6 months before groups put in the schedule.

May 3, 1977: Raised Ethel's pay to cover parking charges. (Part time help)

May 3, 1977: Harry D. salary raised \$25.00 per week.

June 5, 1977: Larry Y. made a motion to print what the Central Committee Meeting is on the back of the Central Office Bulletin. Seconded and passed.

June 5, 1977: Motion was made and seconded to have mini conventions in areas on a quarterly basis. Passed.

September 4, 1977: "In All Our Affairs" Booklet; Harry D. brought a letter dated back from 1972, which states "In All Our Affairs" Booklet is AA approved literature. (Ask Archives if they have this letter)

September 4, 1977: Motion to pay Pauline's parking expenses. Seconded and passed. (Part time help)

October 2, 1977 Harry D. stated there was not enough money for the rent of the office. Donations have been down hill since 1975. Suggestions 1) Withdraw immediately from the reserve savings the sum of \$500.00 to be put into operating account to do business. 2) Appoint (9) people to act as a special sub- finance committee to go to groups and ask to increase contributions. Motion seconded and passed.

January 1, 1978: Niagara Falls intergroup no longer part of our schedule.

May 7, 1978: The next old business discussed was the usefulness of the steering committee meeting. A motion resulted from this discussion to suspend regular steering committee meetings and meet when an issue presents itself. The motion was made by Larry Y., seconded and passed.

October 1, 1978: \$1300.00 Salary increase for the Executive Secretary,  
\$437.00 Salary increases for the Staff, seconded and passed.

October 1, 1978: Steering Committee resumed.

November 2, 1978(Read Letter) Southern Tier intergroup withdrawing from our area. Motion to drop from mailings but to keep in the schedule. Seconded and passed.

December 3, 1978: Delphine hired as staff help for the Executive Secretary.

August 1, 1979 "structures & Duties of Steering Committee sheet.

December 6, 1980: Delphine took over Central Office as "acting Executive Secretary (Harry D.O had a stroke)

January 6, 1980: The steering committee recommended that Delphine be Acting Executive Secretary, that an assistant clerical assistant be hired for her, and that a 6 month time limit be set on the arrangement, pending the outcome of the health of Harry D. Carried.

March 2, 1980: Leo G. made a motion that the Acting Executive Secretary's salary be raised to the same as Harry D. Amended to read" to the level of Executive Secretary". Seconded and carried.

April 4, 1980: Requested that the Executive Secretary sit at the Head table for Central Committee.

April 4, 1980: Make arrangements for meetings not to fall on holidays.

April 6, 1980: The question came up about eligibility of a former member of Steering Committee serving again. The By-Laws says yes, if not consecutive.

April 29, 1980: Who should be at Steering Committee. Moved that members of the Steering Committee only plus the financial chair, Central Committee Chair and Executive Secretary, and invited guests (by the committee) be present at meetings. Seconded and carried.

June 1, 1980: Larry Y. moved and was 2<sup>nd</sup>, that in case of illness or absence, the chairman would be succeeded by the past chairman, treasure, and secretary in that order. Motion passed.

August 3, 1980: Larry then made a motion, which was 2<sup>nd</sup>, that a packet of local information be sent to new groups by the Central Office. Carried.

August 3, 1980: Jack C. made a motion which was 2<sup>nd</sup>, that an information sheet on how this body functions and a copy of the by-laws be made available at these meetings of the central committee for new people coming in, and for others who do not have this information. Motion carried.

October 5, 1980: The General Service Delegate requested that the phone number for Niagara Falls & NY Penn intergroups be included on our meeting schedule as a service to our members traveling in those areas. Motion made, seconded and carried.

April 5, 1981: It was voted that those persons requesting their various groups would retain their voting privileges, even though they may also be a member of steering committee.

- Screeners Committee asked that each group select one member to make 12 Step calls and send their names into Central Office.

May 3, 1981: Motion made and seconded- Due to the nature of the disability of Harry D. the steering committee suggests that we ask him to resign- carried.

June 7, 1981: In order to amend the Operating Procedures (specifically Article V, Section 1, abs) a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote of the reps in attendance is required. I therefore, move to accept the amendment. Carried.

July 5, 1981: Harry D. has sent a letter of resignation as Executive Secretary, to the Central Office. Copies of this letter were sent to various groups. The Canadian, Niagara Falls & NY Penn meetings (which are already publicized by those intergroups) will be deleted from our new schedule. Telephone numbers for the Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, NY Penn & Rochester intercrops will be included in the new schedule.

July 5, 1981: A motion was made by Jack B., that at the time of a roll call vote, each representative should stand and give their names. Also, when someone is making a motion, they should stand and identify themselves. The motion was seconded and carried.

July 5, 1981 Present time there are 181 AA groups and more meetings.

September 6, 1981: Election of Executive Secretary; Delphine A. Hoy.

March 7, 1982: Present lease ends 7/31/82, move to another office in Ellicott Square Building.

March 7, 1982: The decision was NO to include new groups outside of the Buffalo area in the schedule.

June 6, 1982: Motion to raise the escrow account in the Central Office for Fall Convention (beginning 1983) from \$400 to \$1000, was made by John M. Seconded and carried.

July 3, 1983: Review Executive Secretary Financial Review- last one was in 1978 or '79. 3-person committee be appointed to make such a review and report their findings to Steering Committee for further consideration.

September 4, 1983: Steering Committee discussed the fall convention and the need for reports from the convention committee as to progress on monies and program.

December 4, 1983: Motion to increase the Executive Secretary salary 6 % for 1984. Seconded and carried.

February 5, 1984 Convention lost \$400.

May 25, 1984: Roll call vote on the motion, whether the Central Office should cease selling non- AA literature; keep literature- 44, eliminate literature-2, Abstain-1; Motion defeated.

July 1, 1984: It was suggested that steering committee have alternates, for in their absence with the same district and sobriety requirements.

October 7, 1984: 192 groups in area.

February 3, 1985: Operating Procedures, redistricting to 8 -passed.

June 2, 1985: Salary review Committee- 5 people on the committee are each investigating a different area of the salary review. They will each submit a report to steering committee, who will prepare a report to be submitted to central committee for discussion on and vote.

August 3, 1985: Delphine (executive Secretary) each year will receive a 5% raise.

February 2, 1986: Larry B., New Zion Group, motions that the pamphlet and a letter concerning the 60/ 30/ 10 plan of distribution of a group treasury be mailed to every group. Seconded and carried.

February 2, 1986: Committee to update Operating Procedures.

May 4, 1986 Bill H. (Delegate) reports that the copyright (circle & triangle) for the Big Book, has been lost by AA, it has become public domain.

May 4, 1986: Leroy B. made a motion to implement the recommendation made by steering committee that one group a month take the responsibility to sponsor the central committee meeting held the first Sunday of the month. Duties include set-up, buying donuts and coffee, making coffee and cleanup. Seconded and passed.

June 1, 1986: First invitation to all Executive Secretaries from GSO to attend seminar in Chicago on September 5-7.

July 6, 1986: Bill H. motions that Delphine be sent to Executive Secretaries Seminar, seconded and carried.

July 6, 1986: Steering Committee: It was suggested that our Fall Convention remain with the same Hotel and at the same time each year to decrease cost and improve service.

December 7, 1986: Central Office must be moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor in January. Building is handling the move, since lease has not expired.

January 4, 1987: 228 Groups

January 4, 1987: Terry F., Southgate group, motioned to raise seed monies for Day of Sharing (mini- Conventions) to \$100. Seconded and passed.

October 4, 1987; Delphine going to Seminar in Los Angeles.

April 3, 1988: Salary Review Committee organized.

July 3, 1988: Motion for annual 5 % cost of living increments. Seconded and passed.

August 5, 1988: Ron W. moved and was seconded, to charge \$20/ group for slingers inserted in mailing. Carried.

January 1, 1989: Prudent reserves suppose to be 6 months.

February 5, 1989: Committee formed guidelines for fall convention.

February 5, 1989: Discussion on group insurance- each group responsible for their own.

April 2, 1989: Convention Chair is required to make a report to Central Committee each month. Events meetings might keep minutes and submit a copy each month, as does steering committee. Reports ought to be clear concerning expenses.

May 7, 1989: Approximately 260 groups.

June 4, 1989: Guidelines for Events sponsored by Central Committee of AA moved by Bob, seconded and accepted.

September 4, 1989: Guidelines for events listed in bulletin; if the event is sponsored by a group, it may be listed.

AA- 55years old in 1990      started in 1941  
Local 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary September 1991

January 7, 1990: Treatment Facilities Committee formed- Don H. Chairperson.

January 7, 1990: Smoking no longer permitted at Central Committee.

February 4, 1990: No longer purchase cigarettes for TFC meetings.

October 7, 1990: Delphine returned from Seminar. Note: Since first year voted to send her- each year she has automatically gone. The minutes show no other vote.

October 7, 1990: A 12 week time limit before putting a group in the schedule, and a review as to whether it meets the 6 points as printed in the pamphlet "The AA Group". The Steering Committee recommends this be put into a motion and become policy.

October 7, 1990: According to our Central Committee procedures, the chairperson is to review the 12 sets of minutes and draw out from them the motions passed that directly affect activities and add them to our Central Committee procedures. We must see that this responsibility is carried out.

December 2, 1990: Amend our Central Committee Procedures to read that the Co-Chairman of the Fall Convention is to be chosen by the steering committee with the approval of the Central Committee. That the chosen individual will be picked from the next consecutive district and would be chairman the following year. Entertaining and encouraging the right of individuals to send in a request to be considered for the position with their qualifications listed.

December 2, 1990: Example- when no one stands for a position, Steering Committee has the right to appoint someone and ask for Central Committee approval.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event, Friday, April 12, 1991 at the Sheridan.

January 6, 1991: Central Office ended 1990 with an operating debit of \$7,092.76.

March 3, 1991: Al C. motioned for a vote on the "Daily Reflections" book and the "24 Hour" book. Seconded, a vote to carry both books was passed.

March 3, 1991: Steering Committee: It was decided that 3 consecutive meetings missed with no call or explanation, will be an automatic dismissal and a new person will be appointed.

July 7, 1991: Cindy C. read the amendment to Central Committee procedures, "Every committee shall have a Co-Chairman. Co-Chair for all committee's (including Central Committee); automatically fill the chairman's office at the expiration of the chairperson's term. The Co-Chairman will be elected to serve. The Co-Chair of Central Committee (including other committee's) will attend any meetings or functions that the chair is unable to attend. In the event the chairman does not complete the term, the co-Chair who finishes the remaining term shall have the option to serve a full term, at the end of the partial time of service. Copies passed out to each representative. It will be tabled, as required for one month.

August 4, 1991: Above motion carried.

September 1, 1991: Central Office Seminar was approved; decided this did not need to be voted on each year, would be automatic.

September 1, 1991: Executive Secretary salary will rise by 5% each year.

October 1, 1991: Notice of Elections was sent to groups for both Chairs and Co-Chairs of positions.

January 28, 1992: First talk of Incorporation.

July 5, 1992: Another vote to carry both "Daily Reflections" and "24 Hour" Books, seconded and passed. Also motion by Shawn C. that this subject should not be brought back before this body at any future date. Seconded and carried.

October, 1992: Central Office will send a letter to the effect (enclosing a Group Information Sheet) to all the AA groups, explaining that the Central Office will no longer send mail to churches, clubhouses or institutions. The group will have to designate a contact person at a personal residence address for this purpose.

December 1, 1992: Steering Committee; Motion was made by Shawn C. that the Co-Chair of Central Committee be expected to attend all Steering Committee meetings and have the same right to attend any committee meetings as does the chairman, in a non-voting capacity, except in the absence of the chair. Motion seconded and passed.

December 6, 1992: Group Contribution Income/ Expenses Comparison for 1992-1991, also group time/ day comparison.

January 3, 1993: Steering Committee had a Group Inventory.

March 7, 1993: Steering Committee to look closely at Convention Expenses.

March 30, 1993: Steering Committee recommends that the New Frontiers Committee to come to next Steering Committee.

April 27, 1993: Creation of a Manual of Operating Procedures for the management of Central Office. Delphine will start preparation of a general outline of procedures.

April 27, 1993: Steering Committee; The New Frontiers Committee might find it helpful to bounce off ideas with the Steering Committee regarding any item, where the question and there might be difficulty making a judgment call.

August 1, 1993: Detailed New Frontiers Committee- entails "all" aspects- folding, printing, mailing, ECT...

June 1, 1993: A motion was passed to recommend that the New Frontiers Committee ultimately be responsible for all areas of production and distribution of the New Frontiers. It is suggested that volunteers for this can be actively sought by the New Frontiers Committee.

June 3, 1993: District 3 meeting.

July 27, 1993 Steering Committee recommends sending Delphine to Seminar.

February 6, 1994: Motion to accept Operating Procedures of the Central Office along with Office Manual, seconded- carried. They will be brought up to date as needed.

March 6, 1994: Archives stored in the Central Office.

June 5, 1994: The written request from the Cold Springs Group, pertaining to the Operating Procedures of the Central Committee of AA in the Niagara Frontier Area, was read by the chairman stating the amendment that " any and all references directly relating to the statement "by- laws", be deleted. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote on the resolution was more than received. The vote was unanimous.

July 3, 1994: Central Office Seminar in Vancouver CA was approved.

September 1994: Cult Complaint against the 11:10 Group.

December 4, 1994: Delphine received 5% raise. Pre-approved salary plan.

March 1995: AI committee Descriptions.

August 6, 1995: Steering Commit; Central Office Seminar Atlanta, Georgia, motion to send, seconded, carried.

- Does not show a vote in Central Committee.

Groups cannot have dual membership in 2 intergroups, if they are in another area and listed in their schedule, they are not to be listed in our schedule.

October 6, 1996: Emergency Financial Crisis

January 1997: Schedules will be \$.50.

March 1997, Reserved hotel for the convention for the next 3 years.

May 4, 1997: Motion was made to change the name of chairman to chairperson, wherever it appears. Seconded and passed.

October 5, 1997: Steering Committee: Central Office Seminar; motioned, seconded, approved. Went to Central Committee and passed.

October 1998: Cindy N. to replace Delphine as Executive Secretary starting in January 1999.

January 2, 2000: Cindy received a \$2000.00 raise after 1 year.

June 7, 2000: Steering Committee; Received another complaint about the 1110 group (Buffalo Group). Sent letter to them and having steering committee representative attend their meeting to offer assistance.

July 2, 2000: Terry B. made presentation about statewide website.

August 6, 2000: Joanne M. made a motion to proceed with going online for a nominal fee (\$100), after allowing groups ample time to express exemption; as in keeping with group autonomy. Seconded and passed, none were opposed.

September 13, 2000: More on 110 group- dead issue unless someone comes forward.

September 3, 2000: Motion to send Cindy to Seminar in Little Rock, seconded and passed.

November 2000, Motion, Not to hold fundraisers or benefits to raise money for A.A.; Passed.

December 3, 2000, a motion was passed unanimously to have Steering Committee Representatives have an alternate. Made by Jay H., seconded and passed.

December 3, 2000: It was found that the Buffalo Breakfast Group was not a legitimate group for several reasons and therefore could not be put in the schedule.

January 7, 2001: There were three Amendments that were voted on by the Central Committee. The change was to Article II Section 1 of the Operating Procedures. There was a new position created and it added to the officers of Central Committee. In addition to the Chairperson, Recording and Treasurer there is now a Co-Chair. The Co-Chair will automatically take the place of the Chairman at the end of two years. The Co-Chair must be sober for a period of not less than five years. The Co-Chair is to be elected by a simple majority of the Central Committee. If for some reason the Chairman cannot make the

Central Committee meeting the Co-Chair will assume the responsibilities of Chairman until his or her return to the meeting.

In Addition, added to the responsibilities of the Chairman, the Chairman is now an authorized co-signer of all checks issued on the bank accounts of the Central Office.

All of these Amendments were passed unanimously with five abstentions.

February 4, 2001: There was a letter written to Central Committee about the 1110 group that was tabled until the person who wrote the letter could come to the meeting and speak to it's contents directly.

February 4, 2001: This Central Committee's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contribution to the Hudson- Mohawk Berkshire (Area 48) for costs associated with listing our meeting schedule on line was discussed. Mike D., Abbott Men's, made a motion to contribute \$100 to HMB; seconded by John B., Lakeshore. The Motion passed 42 to 1.

April 1, 2001: John made a motion, was seconded, and states that if a group is 30 days past due on their literature bill, they could not get any more literature until their bill is current. Passed.

April 1, 2001: Cost of New Frontiers Subscriptions for 1 year is now \$10.

June 3, 2001: Ed K. of Abbott Men's received a letter from Karen S. dated May 11, 2001 pertaining to behavior outside of the norm by the Executive Secretary. Lee H. noticed odd behavior the day the Executive Secretary came back to work after a month long leave of absence. Dick L. stated this matter should go before the whole body. Scott T. said their needs to be a disciplinary program in place to help not to terminate. He also stated that the Executive Secretary is held to higher standard and must rise to the occasion. There are errors in the Executive Secretaries story and it keeps changing. We should ask for a resignation is answers are not forthcoming. There was a motion made by Lee H. to put this matter before all of Central Committee. Jay H. of North Bflo. Seconded the motion. The discussion of the motion began by Bob G. of Amherst Snyder he asked if there was any explanation as to why there was the odd behavior. The Executive Secretary responded that she was raped the night before she returned to work. There was a question if she had documentation from a doctor to validate this claim. She responded that no, she did not have any documentation. Dick L. said that this matter must be brought before all of Central Committee because there has been no change in behavior and the month long leave of absence was the one and only chance for Executive Secretary. Jay H. reiterated

this statement. Scott T. said groups have no confidence in Central Office and will not support it. They want to see someone in the office they can have confidence in. Scott T. then made a motion to recommend and I quote, "Our recommendation is to ask for the immediate resignation of Cindy as Executive Secretary." Dick L. seconded the motion. The vote by the Steering Committee was as follows: For: 5, Against: 0, Abstentions: 2, the motion passed unanimously. Much went rounds at central committee; a motion was made and tabled this until next month.

July 1, 2001: Steering Committee; Steering Committee; Motion made to have Terry Bateman assume responsibilities of Central Office until further notice-passed. Motion to have Cindy taken off all banks- passed. Motion to have lock changed at Central Office- Passed. Motion made that Cindy required to get official documents stating she is healthy enough to return to work- passed.

July 1, 2001: Central Committee; Scott T. informed committee about accountant calling Delphine- All Certificates of Deposit are gone, were withdrawn by Cindy. Motion to terminate Cindy-Seconded and passed. Motion to retain Terry B. as Acting Executive Secretary- seconded and passed. Motion to pay Terry B. \$10.00 per hour until replacement determined, seconded and passed. Motion to review Central Office Operating Procedures\* see copier sheet.

August 8,2001: Motion and second; To amend tabled motion and to accept Steering Committee decision for termination of Executive Secretary from 6-3-2001 Central Committee meeting, passed. Tabled until Steering Committee reviews operating procedures.

Motion by John H., Proposed changes to Operating Procedures for the Central Committee of AA on the Niagara Frontier Article VI:

Section 2a: Change to read as follows; All Central Office Employees shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the Central Committee.

Section 3f: Change to read as follows; Qualifications for a paid temporary replacement for the Executive Secretary shall be the same as for the Executive Secretary. (Article II, Section 1a.)

Section 6d: Change to read as follows; Writes checks on all accounts, keeps and maintains proper check book balance. All checks written must have 2 signatures. Authorized signatures shall be the Executive Secretary, Financial Secretary and the Chairman of Central Committee.

Section 8c: Change to read as follows; Minimum of ten (10) years of sobriety required.

September 2, 2001: Vote not to prosecute Cindy.

February 3, 2002: Resume' of all qualifying applicants went out to groups.

February 3, 2002: Motion to have Public Information Chairperson through Central Committee to cover Buffalo area. Seconded and passed.

March 3, 2002: Cookie withdrew from election, She motioned that Terry B. be made Executive Secretary. Seconded. Terry received a unanimous decision by all present and voting.

March 3, 2002: New Frontiers Editor sent in guidelines for Articles submitted to the New Frontiers. Motion to accept, seconded, and carried.

March 3, 2002: Mike Motioned, Terry start date be backdated to when she began as Acting Executive Secretary, seconded and carried.

April 7, 2002: Steering Committee; More complaints about the Buffalo Group. Motion to remove Buffalo group from schedule, seconded, passed- Present to Central Committee.

Central Committee: Motion to remove Buffalo Group from schedule because their actions take them way out side of AA parameters. Much discussion and incidents reported. Mike D. agreed to go sit and talk to the group to try to resolve issues.

Voted to change Guidelines for Sponsored Events be self-supporting. Was sent to groups, approved and then overturned 3 months later.

August 5, 2002: Ad Hock Committee formed to investigate feasibility of moving Central Office; move will not take place until lease is up in 2 years.

Also Ad Hock Committee be formed for Re-Districting-Mark S. Chairperson.

October 6, 2002: Motion to continue to pursue the possibilities of moving the Central Office. Seconded and carried.

November 2, 2002: Ad Hock Committee report for redistricting. Motion to accept, seconded and passed.

November 2, 2002: Proposal" Should we move Central Office" motioned, seconded, and passed.

September 7, 2003: Steering Committee, talk about incorporation.

November 2, 2003: Chairperson of Central Committee contacted Roger R. to begin incorporation process.

December 7, 2003: Motion was made to verify that the terms of office for TFC, CFC, New Frontiers, Envelope System and other such chairs are two years. The motion passed.

December 7, 2003: After consultation with GSO, events such as dances, picnics etc., sponsored by groups, or members of AA, will not be listed in, nor flyers distributed with, the announcements unless it is clearly an AA event, meaning there must be a speaker.

January 4, 2004: John H, motions that the presentation of the Traditions of Month for 5 minutes be accepted. Voted and passed.

January 4, 2004: Non-profit mailing status was approved.

March 7, 2004: Cut off dates for all publications have been changed from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> to insure all groups get the mailing before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

May 2, 2004: Joanne, Action Group, motions to accept and follow recommendation of Steering Committee to move the Central Office, seconded, motion passed.

August 1, 2004: John H. Chair of Steering Committee motions to send Exec. Secretary to Denver, CO., seconded and passed.

August 1, 2004: Motion to accept sign bid and Terry to pursue. Passed.

September 12, 2004: Kathy, North Buffalo motions to break the Buffalo Group's tie with AA and take them out of the AA schedule due to breaking of several AA Traditions. AI, Lakeshore 2nds. Vote is taken. 20 yes, 3 opposed and 3 abstentions. Minority opinion is given by several reps and another vote is taken with 19 yes, 3 opposed and 4 abstentions. Passed.

January 2, 2005: John H., motion to adopt new meeting schedule procedures, seconded by John C. Motion passed

July 10, 2005: Central Committee accepted the recommendation of Steering Committee to award a 2% pay increase to the Executive Secretary. Central Committee also recommended sending Terry B., Executive Secretary, to Charlotte, North Carolina for Executive Secretary Seminar.

November 2005: Motion by Terry B., to recommend GSA delegate to present agenda item on Intergroup/ Central Office Pamphlet at next Conference. Seconded by Bob H., Williamsville. Scott T. explained to committee details necessary for approval of Central Office pamphlet. Motion passed with 3 abstentions.

November 2005: Motion Made and seconded to have the "closed day break hours" (banking & lunch) posted to avoid confusion on hours office is open.

December, 2005: Convention financial guidelines for future conventions are nearly complete. They are not to replace current guidelines, but as a supplement. They are suggestions. It is the group conscience of the Steering Committee that the final reports of future conventions use the recently developed guidelines and reporting method that will be available from the Executive Secretary.

December 2005: Motion by Pat M., Rainbow, seconded by Jay M., to invite GSA delegate to current convention for recognition. Motion passed unanimously.

March 2006: Motion to accept Operating Procedure updates by Gary, North Buffalo Group, seconded by Daryl, Abbott Men's; no questions on the motion. Roll call vote: 21 yes, 1 no, 7 abstain. Motion passed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority.

April 2006: A motion was made by Patty S. Treatment Chair, To Incorporate the Central Office and AA on the Niagara Frontier. Debbie C victory group seconded the motion. After the questions on the motion, Frank M. Central Committee Chairman called for a roll call vote, 24 members attending voted, 14 yes, 9 no and 1 abstain. The Motion was passed.

July 2006: Scott T., motion for 5% pay increase for Executive Secretary and \$50 per month added to her health costs. Bob, Williamsville, seconded. Passed, one abstention.

September 2006: Joanne McC. made a motion to continue printing the financial donations of groups and year to date totals in the New Frontiers. Seconded by John H., Sunday Morning Breakfast. A roll call vote was taken. 16 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention. Motion passed. The practice will continue.

February 2007: Patty S. from Going to Any Lengths Group made a motion to sell pins and medallions. Vote went forward and there were 18 yes, 13 no, and 1 abstain, motion carried.

March 2007: TFC Chair must have 3 yrs. Sobriety

July 2007: Motion to approve Terry's 3% raise made by Joanne, Action Group seconded by Charles, Spirit of Hope Group. Raise was approved.

July 2007: Motion to accept the Treatment Facility Guidelines made by John H. from the Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, seconded by Danny. Guidelines were accepted.

August 2007: Terry also updated the Envelope Sys. Pamphlet and all the contents are the same they're just in a different format.

September 2007: John H. made a motion to increase the Convention seed money from \$1300 to \$2000. Gary seconded. The body voted 17 yes, 1 apposed. Motion passed.

September 2007: Gary B. made motion to take Sat. to run the Hospitality room at the Archives Workshop '08, seconded by Donna from the Wehrle Group. Motion passed.

October 2007: John H. Sunday Morning Breakfast, did some research on Comm. Reps. failing to attend Central Comm. meetings, and came up with on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1970 a motion by Dick T. stated that the Chairmen of Committees who do not attend three meetings in a row or do not send an alternate, or submit a written report to the monthly meeting and have no valid excuse for absence, should be considered for replacement by someone recommended by the Chairman of Central Committee. And the motion was seconded and carried. That motion has not been rescinded or amended, so it's still in affect. He also stated that the Chairman of Central Comm. each year in Oct. Nov. Dec. when his/her term is up

should review the past 12 months minutes and see if there is anything that would affect operating procedures, and bring it to the attention of the present Chair.

November 2007: Frank M. made a motion that we sell Literature at cost to standing Committees. (Treatment and Corrections) John H. seconded. Vote went forward on the topic. There were 10 yes votes, 15 no, and 7 abstentions. Motion Defeated

November 2007: Patty S. made a motion to accept the Liaison position, seconded by Gary from the Sheridan Group. Term would be 1 year, may be re-elected once, should have an Alternate & have 2 years sobriety. Patty S. amended all the terms mentioned concerning this position. Motion Passed.

December 2007: The Steering Comm. recommended that Terry be given an extra day vacation because she had to use a holiday to travel to the Seminar that we asked her to go to. John H. made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Steering Comm. to grant Terry the extra day, seconded by Danny E. There was no minority opinion. Motion approved.

December 2007: Terry B. made a motion to do a Group Conscious Inventory. Steering Committee will handle the logistics. Motion seconded by Charmaine. Motion passed.

January 2008: Charmaine D., Amherst Snyder Group, made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee to send a letter to all groups printed in the New Frontier thanking them for donations. Seconded by Donna, Wehrle Group. Motion passed.

September 2008: Charmaine D., Amherst Snyder Group, made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee to send a letter to all groups printed in the New Frontier thanking them for donations. Seconded by Donna, Wehrle Group. Motion passed.

October 2008: Motion to form an ad-hoc committee for intergroup option for Central Office was taken off the table for discussion. Much discussion followed. A vote was called for. 16 yes, 9 no, motion carried.

January 2009: Jake 3 Legacies Group spoke of bringing back the monthly presentations on the 12 Traditions at Central Committee. It was moved by Jack; 3 Legacies Group and seconded by Terry; Serenity On The Lake regarding entertaining this idea. After much discussion, it was moved by Jake; 3 Legacies

Group and seconded by Vernon; Solidarity Group to table this discussion to be voted on next month

February 2009: Regarding bringing back the monthly presentations on the 12 Traditions at Central Committee, moved by Randy and seconded by Tim, the motion was defeated 14 to 5.

March 2009: After much discussion, it was moved by Patrick North Buffalo Group and seconded by Jeff Men's Sobriety Group that additional Big Book needs for PIC be provided by Central Office; adopted.

June 2009: Tom Turning Point Group read a procedure drawn up for future price increases in literature cost. MOTION READS; INSTITUTE A PROCEEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN PRICING FOR LITERATURE AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE WOULD CHANGE. SUCH PROCEEDURE WOULD REQUIRE THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH THE FINANCIAL CHAIRPERSON, WHOM TOGETHER WOULD FORMULATE A RATE CHANGE. THE RATE CHANGE WOULD THEN BE WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD THEN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.SUCH RECOMMENDATION WOULD ONLY BE ENACTED AFTER RATIFICATION (BY VOTE) BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BODY. Mark S read Article 6 procedures currently. It was moved by Tom Turning Point Group and seconded by Jack Lockport #1 to adopt these new procedures. Much lively discussion ensued, and it was tabled to the July meeting and to be voted on then.

July 2009: the motion on the procedure of price increases was defeated by a 2/3 majority. Minority opinions were expressed; vote stood as recorded.

August 2009: : It was moved by Jason Derby Group and seconded by Patrick K, to resume printing of the schedule of open meetings for our committees, and Terry B. is willing to do it. After much discussion, this motion was tabled by Jack 3 Legacies Group, seconded by Jason Derby Group; the main motion will be the first item of Old Business at the September meeting.

September 2009: Printing of open meeting schedules doesn't need voting on-done by Executive Secretary for the committee's at \$.10 each.

December 2009: Discussion on increasing the Prudent Reserve by \$5000.00 Motion made by Terry B. Executive Secretary, seconded by Pat Thruway Group. 14 yes and 1 nay gavel passes.

February 2010: Motion was made to form AD-HOC committee to look into New phone systems. In Favor-12, Opposed-4, 1 abstention, adopted. AD-HOC

Committee chair for phone systems is Troy Abbott Men's Discussion.

March 2010: John Sunday Morning Breakfast made motion to start selling "Meeting in a Pocket" motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane, New Life. In Favor-12, Opposed-2. Heard minority report, votes changed and motion was tabled for next month's meeting.

April 2010: Meeting in a Pocket was voted on In Favor-16, Opposed- 7; adopted.

May 2010: Motion was made to move \$3,252 from general checking Account to Prudent Reserve to bring the balance closer to our \$24,000 budget.

Motion was tabled.

June 2010: Vote passed. Voted on moving \$3,252 from checking account to prudent

Reserve. In favor- 27, motion carries.

July 2010: Recommendation made by Steering

Committee to move \$4,000 to Prudent Reserve. It was moved by Joel Ridge Group and seconded by Diane New Life to transfer funds to Prudent

Reserve;

21 yes, adopted.

August 2010: Milt Lakeshore Group made motion of 2% pay raise for Executive Secretary, seconded by Brian Sober Train. Motion was tabled for next month's

meeting.

September 2010: Executive Secretary's 2% Raise was voted on In Favor-17, Opposed-6, motion carries.

Pete Sobriety Men's Discussion made motion to start 2% pay raise, retroactive as of review and seconded by Diane New Life, In Favor-18, Opposed-1, motion carries.

October 2010: Kathy Lakeshore made motion to

Use new phone system and seconded by Paul Iron Horse. Motion was tabled to

Take back to home groups for further discussion.

November 2010: The vote for Phone Systems was tabled for further discussion at Home Groups.

December 2010: The motion that was tabled to use new phone system was Voted on, In Favor-22, Opposed-3; motion carries.

December 2010: Pete Sobriety Men's Discussion made motion and seconded by Tom North Buffalo for Ad-Hoc committee to obtain and submit a model plan

how the new phone system committee will run to Steering Committee and Central Committee. In favor-18. Motion, carries.

January 2011: Jason Abbott Men's presented a proposal to amend the Bylaws. Jake Three Legacies committee chair will appoint a chairperson for

phone systems Ad-Hoc committee to present a model to steering committee and central committee.

February 2011: \$250 credit line gap on literature sales which was recommended by steering committee motion passed, unanimous.

March 2011: (Phone System). The proposal to amend the bylaws was voted on 17 voted yes, 2 voted no; Motion Passed.

August 2011: (Credit limit) The Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws was passed by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote 23 yes and 3 abstained.

January 2012: It was brought to the body's attention that we need to clear up our voting rules when it comes to abstentions Under a 50% majority vote rule, if someone abstains they are taken out of the voting pool and their vote does not count. Under the  $\frac{3}{4}$  voting rule ("substantial unanimity") an abstained vote is a NO vote, per the bi-laws. A motion was made by Jason Three Legacies and seconded by Pat Thruway to follow these rules and the motion passed unanimously.

April 2012: Jamie (Three Legacies) made a motion "for a Central Committee group inventory to be conducted by itself." Tim (North Buffalo) seconded the motion. Janice (Go to Any Length) motioned for an amendment of the motion to read "for a Central Committee group inventory." (Conducted by itself was removed from the initial motion). John (Sunday Morning Breakfast) seconded the amendment. VOTE In Favor: 23: Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Motion was unanimously passed.

August 2012: John (Sunday Morning Breakfast) makes a motion in response to Steering committee recommendation to "move \$5,000.00 from prudent reserve to operating funds." Paul Fireside PM seconds motion. 27- in favor, 2- opposed 1-

abstain.

Minority opinion did not affect the initial vote.

September 2012: Raeanne (Three Legacies Group) submitted a written motion to go back to the groups to "change the term 'District' in Central Committee By-Laws to 'Zone' to avoid confusion with Area level districts." Motion was seconded by Pat (Thru-Way Group) and will be voted on in November. Debi C. (O.P. Step) made a motion to remove an outstanding debt of \$127.56 from the Feelings Group from the books. Motion seconded by Alan (Brass): 21- in favor, 1- opposed, 2- abstained

November 2012: Debi C. made a motion proposing a change to be made in the by-laws regarding the wording of nomination schedule. Motion seconded by Pat (Thru-way) Motion will be printed in New Frontiers and voted on in January.

(PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION: 11/4/2012

Because it was originally interpreted the odd & even years to be the nomination & election year, my suggestion is to change the words "odd" & "even" so the document reads correctly meaning Terms that begin in an odd or even year. Debi C.; Orchard Park Step Group)

December 2012: Voting on motion to change the word "District" to "Zone" in the by-laws. 16 in favor. 1 opposed. 3 abstained. Motion Passed

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013: Motion was made: "That Central Office begins to accept bank card transactions as a payment method." The motion was seconded and voted on by the groups. The motion was accepted with 19 yes votes and 4 no votes

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013: Vote for proposal to change Bylaws to include the purpose of the term/election of the GSA Liaison carried with 16 yes votes and 0 no votes.

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Steering committee recommended that the Executive Secretary, Terry, gets a 2% raise in pay. The vote passed with the results: 28 groups voted yes, 2 voted no, 1 abstained

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Chip (chair) created an ad-hoc 12 step committee.

February 9, 2014: 2) A motion to accept Steering Committee recommendation on 12th Step call list passed.

3) A motion was made by Debi C to amend the by-laws in the following way: In keeping with A.A.'s Third Legacy procedure (found in Service Manual page S21). I, Debi C, make a motion that all elections and roll call votes be determined by written ballot.

To be added in the Operating Procedures/By-laws as follows:

## Section 2.04 Meetings

### C. Motions, Decisions

- 1) All decisions/roll call votes and elections shall follow A.A's Third Legacy procedure as outlined in the A.A. Service Manual. That is, by written ballot
- 2) In addition to the minutes, the Recording Secretary...

) A motion was made by John from Courage group to form ADHOC to explore options of moving Central Office and Central Committee. It was seconded by Jake from Three Legacies. The motion passed.

August 2014: Terry evaluation: Executive secretary is doing a good job representing AA. 2.5% raise to recognize this. Unanimous Yes.

October 2014: The amendment to change the voting by laws was approved. (Roll Call)

February 2015: Steering Committee is recommending that we purchase directors and officer's liability, and employment practice Liability at the price of \$1,045 per year. Seconded by Dean (Williamsville Group)

On Vote---16 Yea, 0 NO, 0 Abstain; passed unanimously

March 2015: The disbanding of the Ad hoc committee to identify new Central Office location options, it has been recommended that the Office stay where it is

March 2015: Nadav (How it Works) brought a motion requesting reimbursement for \$285.20 for two nights at the hotel NYRAASA 2015 and that those funds should come from Treatment Facility budget. Seconded by: Nick (Lockport #1)

April 2015: Voted to send Executive Secretary to the Central Office Seminar.

May 2015: Dave (Tuesday Men's Discussion) Stood for Co-Chair of 2016 Buffalo Fall Convention. There was no vote and the chair determined unilaterally to appoint him as Co-Chair as requested

July 2015: Bill G. (The Noon Group) orally presented the performance review of the Executive Secretary. The basic gist was that the Executive Secretary received very positive marks. Specifically within the technology standpoint, the website, and wearing multiple hats.

Debi provided the salary recommendation of \$36,000 per year

November 2015: Sue B. brought a motion that the position of Envelope Chair be abolished and taken by Executive Secretary. The motion was seconded by Holly

M (OP Step). In discussion was requested that this be tabled until next month to be brought back to the groups.

November 2015: Randy discussed some interpretation of the bi-laws pertinent to the resignation of the Committee Co-Chair. The issue identified is that the Chair must have been elected and served for one year as Co-Chair immediately preceding their term as Chair. There was much conversation around this with a great deal of intelligent banter. Anthony (Eye Opener) asked about whether the chair could serve an extra year and was told that it is explicitly forbidden.

December 2015: Rae Anne (Steering Committee) brought a motion to form an Ad Hoc position to work with GSA regarding their request for a GSA meeting to be held at the Buffalo Central Committee. The vote was 13 for, none opposed, and 2 abstentions. Tina (Step Action) stood for the Ad Hoc position

May 2016: An amendment was brought by the Steering Committee that the Bi-Laws be amended so that in the case that there is no suitable candidate for Committee Chair, the Central Committee then elect that person based on simple majority. It will go back to groups and be voted on next month. Passed

June 2016: Steering Committee provided report on evaluation of the Executive Secretary, they stated that the ES has performed at an above average level the past year and has suggested a 2% pay increase. There was a motion to table which was defeated 5 for and 12 against. Vote by Paper Ballot was 19 for and 1 opposed so motion passed.

July 2016: The steering committee brought a motion to send Terry B to the Central Committee Seminar in Kansas City in November. In discussion the point was brought up that with Central Committee being in dire financial times is \$1,200 a wise expenditure? Several members brought up that this is considered employee development and that she has benefited in the past. The vote was 16 for and 2 opposed with 4 abstentions. No minority opinion was provided, so the motion carried.

October 2016: The proposed Bylaw change, "All time requirements [are to be] subject to overrule by a simple majority of the body" was voted 13 – for, 3 opposed, and one abstention.