

Bylaws of the SAA Women's Intergroup

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- A. The officers of *The Intergroup* shall be Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

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- E. Electronic voting is permitted, according to the agreed upon guidelines.

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 - 1. *a written request to the chair by two members, followed by:*
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XI. Disbanding *The Intergroup*

A. The Intergroup may ratify disbanding itself only if such a motion was announced on the google group at least fourteen days before it is scheduled for a vote in a meeting.

B. If The Intergroup disbands, after paying all outstanding debts, The Intergroup shall donate any remaining assets wherever possible to an SAA organization or organizations having similar objectives. This should be completed within one year of the final meeting.

Approved by: Dan B [WA] Secretary, Acting Chair

Judy G [TX], Dan B, Deb W [WV], Mike K [NC], [Carly M absent], Directors

Date: Regularly scheduled Business meeting, January 27, 2022

WIG and WIG Subcommittees Email Voting Requirements:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to initiate an online vote. The Chair may delegate to another Officer, Board Member, or workgroup chair.
2. Each business motion or topic for voting will be clearly defined and the voting process will begin and end as specified by the Chair; the voting may be either ANONYMOUS or OPEN, but not both, determined by the chair.
3. Members included in the email vote mailing list will be all the members present at that last WIG business meeting or workgroup meeting, plus all excused absences, as recorded by the Secretary.
4. Recognizing the limitations that members of the Committee may have to respond to such a vote, the voting period will be no less than three (3) days and no more than seven (7) days.
5. Substantial unanimity of a quorum will be the standard for approval of any business motion or topic presented.
6. The results of the vote will be reported by the Secretary during the next committee meeting and will be entered into the official record via the minutes of that meeting.
7. Online votes for WIG subcommittees shall follow the same general procedures as outlined above.
8. There will be no online voting involving spending of WIG treasury. Treasury spending issues are to be addressed during monthly WIG meeting only.

Record of edits and Group Conscience Decisions:

Approved January 27, 2022

- Removed Board of Directors
- Modified where the money goes if we disband, to also be in support of the woman sex addict.

Here were the motions, passed without dissent at our regular business meeting Jan 27, 2022

1. Motion (passed and approved by the Board): Eliminating Directors and the Board of Directors

I move that the bylaws be changed to remove all references to the Board of Directors, and Directors themselves; by removing all of the following (in **BOLD RED**):

IV. Officers

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B. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least one officer; it shall also include at least one additional, At-Large Director(s), for a total of no more than 5 Directors in all.

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D. ... Director's term of office shall be two years, but no later than the second service year elections. ... [Officers] and Directors [may be re-elected following their term.]

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D. All grants and donations approved during regular SAA Women's Intergroup meetings must also be approved by the Board of Directors for carrying out the purpose described in Section II.

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C. All changes to the Bylaws passed during regular SAA Women's Intergroup meetings must also be approved by the Board of Directors before they take effect.

2. Motion (Passed): Changing how we disband, and where the money goes.

I move that the following change be made to our Bylaws:

Replace the entire section **XI. Disbanding The Intergroup;**

This section now reads:

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To be replaced with:

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Approved June 28, 2018

Typo letter "s" removed - July 26, 2018

Added SAA before groups in Section II, C. – July 27, 2019

Added Email Voting Requirements Section VI, E. – May 23, 2020

Here is what is posted on WIG Google Group (Older version)

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Approved by: _____Michelle S, MD_____Chair

_____Deb W, WV_____Sec'y

Date: _____June 28, 2018_____