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T.A.R.A. Corporation By-Laws  
Tri-City Alcoholic Recovery Association Incorporated

THESE BY-LAWS ARE FOR MEMBERS' USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY  
CONFIDENTIAL.

What T.A.R.A., Inc. does NOT do:

1. Solicit members or try to persuade anyone to join.
2. Provide drying-out or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs or any medical or psychiatric treatment, provide housing, food, clothing, job, money, or other welfare services.

NOTE: An individual T.A.R.A. member may do some of these things on a private, personal basis, but this is not a part of T.A.R.A. membership. Many professionals in the field of alcoholism are also T.A.R.A. members.

T.A.R.A. as such does not profess competence to perform professional services such as those listed above.

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## BY-LAWS OF TRI-CITY ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

### ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

A. The Tri-City Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association (T.A.R.A. Club) is organized and exclusively for Charitable and Educational purposes of 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The specific purpose and objective of the Corporation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To aid the recovery of suffering alcoholics who express a willingness to help themselves and follow the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

To provide a meeting place for Alcoholic Anonymous groups, meetings, and their families, as well as Al-Anon Family Groups and meetings.

2. To provide a social service, educational and special activities for members of the Corporation and their guests. (See definition of guest under Article IX-Section 2.)

B. The Corporation is to operate by and adhere to the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous as closely as possible.

### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Corporation is open to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have a minimum of ninety (90) days of continuous sobriety.

B. Each member agrees to abide by and inform guests and unacquainted visitors and members of the By-Laws and Posted Rules of Conduct.

C. All members must have ninety (90) days of continuous membership in the association before they are eligible to vote, nominate officers and receive access to the building.

D. Each member shall be provided with access to the building occupied by the Corporation. A key deposit of Five Dollars (\$5.00) is required before a key is issued.

1. Membership dues shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20) per month, payable by the first day of each month. The dues for one year shall be Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$240.00).

2. If dues are not paid by the first day of the following month, the member forfeits all voting rights until dues are paid up to date and dues will be considered late after seven (7) days.

3. If membership dues become three (3) months delinquent, the membership is suspended, and the access code will be deactivated by T.A.R.A. Club.

a. After a member has been suspended, the amount of unpaid dues to be paid for reinstatement shall be determined by the Tara Club Officers.

- b. For each AA group or meeting formed in the TARA Club, there must be at least one TARA Club member in good standing and these groups or meetings must be open to all parties in recovery.
  - c. The TARA Club defines an AA Group as a group that has officers, support the AA Service structure, shall pay rental fees for meeting space, and must have at least one TARA Club member in good standing as a member.
  - d. The TARA Club defines an AA Meeting as a meeting that does not have officers, does not support the AA Service structure, shall pay rental fees for meeting space, and must have at least one TARA Club member in good standing as a member.
- E. Absentee membership shall be available to any member of Alcoholics Anonymous whose permanent residence is outside the greater Atlanta area.
- F. Dues shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) payable by the first day of each month. The dues for one year shall be Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$240.00).
- 1. Absentee members shall have no voting privileges, however, Absentee member will be granted building access when in town, as long as, all dues are current. Honorary Membership can only be given to a Member of the Corporation that the Board of Directors approve. Approval is based on virtue of service and/or contribution to the Corporation. By-Laws Article 11- C and Membership Article II-E will not be applicable to Honorary Life Members.
  - 2. Honorary Membership shall be treated as an honor.
  - 3. All other Bylaws and Rules of conduct still apply.
  - 4. If an Honorary Member resumes drinking, said membership is revoked immediately and membership renewal is required to establish them as a paying new member of the Corporation.
  - 5. Lifetime membership will no longer be offered, and current Lifetime members are grandfathered in.
  - 6. Elected Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary), are not required to pay dues during their time of service.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP DISMISSAL

- A. Any member who resumes drinking is automatically disqualified from membership in the Corporation and said membership shall be terminated.
  - 1. The members who are disqualified for this reason are most welcome to rejoin the Corporation when they, again, meet the requirements of Article II of the Bylaws.

2. Any dues and donations already paid to the Corporation are non-refundable.
- B. Any violations of the Rules of Conduct by a member shall be handled as follows:
1. For first violation, the Member will receive a verbal warning from the President or the Board of Directors Chair.
  2. For the second violation, the Member will receive a written warning and a thirty (30) day suspension, and all privileges forfeited at the Tara Club. For the Member to be reinstated, Member must bring Sponsor to meet with President for reinstatement.
  3. For the third violation, the Member will receive a 90-day suspension from the Corporation, and building access denied including attending any AA meetings. Reinstatement will be with the approval of the Board of Directors. For the Member to be reinstated, Member must bring Sponsor to meet with President for reinstatement.
  4. For the fourth violation, the Member will receive one (1) year suspension from the Corporation and the building access denied including attending any AA meetings. For the Member to be reinstated, Member must bring their Sponsor to meet with President for reinstatement.
    - a. Member has a right to appeal the suspension decision to the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP REINSTATEMENT

- A. Any member who is terminated or disqualified from the Corporation due to violations of the Rules of Conduct (see Article V) is prohibited from reinstatement for a period of one (1) year, and even then, reinstatement must be with the approval of the Board of Directors. Depending on the severity of the offense.