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## CHARTER FOR THE OHIO ROUNDUP STEERING COMMITTEE

### PREAMBLE

The Ohio Roundup Steering Committee is the collective group conscience of the Gay and Lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous in the State of Ohio. Our purpose is tri-fold:

Our primary purpose, as for every A. A. group and in every type of A. A. service work, is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Since our personal recovery depends upon A. A. unity, our second purpose is the unity of Ohio's gay and lesbian recovering alcoholics within the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our third purpose is to assure the continuation of the Ohio Roundup; to assure that the direction, effectuation and execution of the Ohio Roundup shall always emphasize the value of sobriety.

The Ohio Roundup Steering Committee shall continually address the problems of all recovering alcoholics with special attention being given to the needs of gay and lesbian recovering alcoholics. To this end, we shall establish and maintain an efficient and effective communication network for our members.

We shall adhere to the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of World Service shall govern all our affairs.

In acceptance of this Preamble, we hereby approve the accompanying Bylaws:

#### I. MEMBERSHIP

The Ohio Roundup Steering Committee shall be established in the following manner:

- A. Each city in Ohio shall be represented by an elected or approved delegate.
- B. In the absence of the delegate, his or her designated alternate shall represent the city.
- C. A city's delegate shall serve a term of one year.
- D. A city's alternate shall serve a two year term; the first year as the alternate and the second year as delegate.
- E. A new alternate shall be selected by each participating city each year.

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- F. Terms of office shall begin with the first meeting of the Steering Committee following the Ohio Roundup.
- G. Delegates or alternates shall attend all Steering Committee meetings.
- H. All delegates or alternates shall have a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety.

II. MEETINGS

- A. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held at a minimum of three times annually. One is to be held at the Ohio Roundup; one the last Sunday of March one the first Sunday of June.
- B. The chairperson shall be permitted to schedule other meetings as needed.

III. ROUNDUP HOST CITIES

The hosting of the Annual Ohio Roundup shall be rotated among the cities within the State of Ohio. This rotation shall be made on a bid-award basis in accordance with the requirements suggested by the International Advisory Council of Homosexual Men and Women in Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Ohio Roundup bidding requirements are that any bid:

- A. Must be submitted by at least three gay/lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous, each of whom has at least one year of continuous sobriety;
- B. Must demonstrate provisions for adequate housing and food. Commitments from hotels or similar housing departments are recommended;
- C. Must provide assurance that a mailing address for the Roundup will be established;
- Change* D. Must provide assurance that the Ohio Roundup will be held on the weekend immediately preceding Labor Day Weekend;
- E. Must furnish statements of support from local (bidding city) gay and lesbian members of Alcoholics Anonymous, as

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well as from the areas Intergroup Chairman, or from some comparable A.A. officer;

- F. Must demonstrate sound financial status and/or fiscal planning, adhering to the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, and including a proposed budget with pricing information;
- G. Must contain assurance that all proceeds, after expenses, will be turned over to the Ohio Roundup Steering Committee for disposition;
- H. Must have elected a treasurer and must agree to:
  - 1. Turn over \$1500 to the next Roundup Committee at the time of its conference.
  - 2. Make a full accounting of Roundup income and expenses and turn over its remaining funds to the Steering Committee at the first meeting following the conference.
- I. Must be presented at the Ohio Roundup Steering Committee meeting held at the Roundup at a time specified by the Committee.
- J. Must agree to provide a detailed report on progress and/or difficulties regarding Roundup implementation at each scheduled meeting of the State Steering Committee, bearing in mind that each Roundup is an expression of the unity and love of all Ohio's homosexual men and women in A.A.

Prior to the close of the Roundup, all eligible bids will be reviewed by the committee and a host city for the next Roundup will be selected and announced.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Roundup Steering Committee delegates shall elect the following officers:
  - 1. Chairperson - The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Steering Committee and shall have the authority to appoint committees and committee chairpersons from the fellowship as a whole, with the exception of the Host Committee for the Ohio Roundup.

IV. ADMINISTRATION (continued)

2. Vice-Chairperson - The Vice-Chairperson shall serve in the absence of the chairperson, and shall assume the position of Chairperson in the event that the elected Chairperson is unable to complete his/her term of office. The Vice-Chairperson shall have other duties as assigned by the Chairperson.
  3. Secretary - The Secretary, or his/her assigned alternate, shall be present at all Steering Committee meetings and shall reduce to writing the abbreviated minutes of the meetings, including action taken on all motions. S/He shall be responsible for maintaining minutes from past meetings and current meetings in order for the Archives, and shall forward minutes to each delegate, officer, and alternate after each Steering Committee meeting.
  4. Treasurer - The treasurer shall keep the books and records of accounts, and shall give a financial status report at each meeting.
- B. The following are the eligibility requirements for Steering Committee officers/candidates:
1. The Chairperson shall not be a member of the current Roundup Host Committee.
  2. All officers must have a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety.
  3. No officer shall succeed himself/herself in any given office.
  4. All officers shall serve a term of one year, or until duly replaced.
  5. All terms commence at the first regularly scheduled Committee Meeting following the Roundup.
  6. Election of officers shall be held at the Roundup.
  7. All officers are vested with the authority to represent the Steering Committee in its ongoing activities.

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V. RELATIONSHIP TO THE OHIO ROUNDUP

The Ohio Roundup Steering Committee shall oversee the Ohio Roundup Host Committee and shall bear the burden of decision on any matter that would result in major changes in the spirit or effectuation of the Ohio Roundup.

VI. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

- A. A maximum of \$1,500 will be transferred from each Roundup Host Committee to the next year's Host Committee Treasurer at the time of the former's Roundup.
- B. Profit from the Roundup, in excess of the transferred amount, shall be transferred to the Steering Committee treasurer at the next meeting of the Committee following the Roundup.
- C. At the next meeting following the Roundup, the last Host Committee shall make a full and complete report of income and expenses to the Steering Committee.
- D. Funds in excess of the money transferred to the next Host Committee shall be divided in the following manner:
  1. 50% to the Roundup Steering Committee
  2. 20% to the State General Service Fund
  3. 20% to the International Advisory Council
  4. 10% to the World Service Office

VIII. VOTING RIGHTS

- A. Each delegate to the Ohio Roundup Steering Committee shall be empowered with one vote.
- B. Designated alternates will be recognized only in the absence of the authorized delegate.
- C. In no event shall any delegate (or recognized alternate) cast more than one vote.
- D. A two-third's majority is required for amendments to the By-Laws; the simple majority shall carry all other motions.
- E. The Third Legacy procedure shall be used in the election of officers, and to break ties in all other votes.

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IX. AMMENDMENTS

I. Membership

Ammendment moved and passed February, 1987.

- F. Should there be any dispute between parties regarding the representation of any city, both sides shall present their cases before the Steering Committee and a secret vote shall be taken of the other delegates (or Alternates) present to determine which delegate(s) shall be seated. The vote shall be by simple majority and is not subject to appeal.

II. MEETINGS

Ammendment moved and passed March, 1988.

- A. Regularly scheduled meetings shall be held a minimum of three times per year. One meeting is to be held at the Ohio Roundup; one the last Sunday of February; one the first Sunday of June.

III. DISBURSMENT OF FUNDS

Ammendment moved and passed June, 1988.

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2. 20% equally divided between the State General Service Areas.