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OF
LAS VEGAS OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP

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85 LAS VEGAS OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS INTERGROUP
86 Region No. 3
87 Intergroup No. 09074
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89 ARTICLE I

90 NAME

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93 The name of the organization is: Las Vegas Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup (hereinafter
94 called LVOAI).

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96 ARTICLE II

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98 PURPOSE

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100 **Section 1 – Purpose**

101 The primary purpose of the LVOAI is to aid those with the problem of compulsive eating **and**
102 **compulsive food behaviors** through the Twelve Steps of Overeaters Anonymous and shall be
103 the administration and coordination of the Overeaters Anonymous (OA) activities common to the
104 various groups comprising its membership. These activities include:

- 105
106 A. Furthering the OA program in accordance with the Twelve Steps, Twelve
107 Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service of Overeaters Anonymous.
108
109 B. Maintaining an Intergroup as a communication center of OA in this area.
110 Specifically excluded from the objective of the LVOAI is the operation of any club,
111 clubhouse, and/or the endorsement of any public or private project on overeating
112 as outlined in Tradition Six.
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114 C. This Intergroup is in compliance with and qualifies as an exempt organization
115 under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the
116 corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
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118 D. Shall co-operate with and support as much as possible the OA WSO,
119 WSBC, and Region III.
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121 **Section 2 – The Twelve Steps¹**

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123 The Twelve Steps are suggested for recovery in the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous.

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125 1. We admitted we were powerless over food -- that our lives had become unmanageable.
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127 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
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129 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood*
130 *Him*.
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132 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
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136 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our
137 wrongs.
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139 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
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141 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
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143 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them
144 all.
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146 9. Made direct amends to such people, wherever possible, except when to do so would
147 injure them or others.
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149 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
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151 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we
152 *understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that
153 out.
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155 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this
156 message to compulsive overeaters, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.
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158 ¹*Permission to use the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc.*
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160 **Section 3 – The Twelve Traditions²**

161
162 The Las Vegas Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup is governed by the Twelve Traditions of
163 Overeaters Anonymous as follows:
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- 165 1 Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon OA unity.
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167 2. For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may
168 express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do
169 not govern.
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171 3. The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively.
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173 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a
174 whole.
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176 5. Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the compulsive
177 overeater who still suffers.
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179 6. An OA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the OA name to any related facility
180 or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our
181 primary purpose.
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183 7. Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
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- 186 8. Overeaters Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers
187 may employ special workers.
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189 9. OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or
190 committees directly responsible to those they serve.
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192 10. Overeaters Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the OA name ought
193 never be drawn into public controversy.
194
195 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always
196 maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television, and other
197 public media of communication.
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199 12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these traditions, ever reminding us to place
200 principles before personalities.
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202 ²Permission to use the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous for adaptation granted by AA World Services, Inc.
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205 **Section 4 – The Twelve Concepts³** 206

207 The Las Vegas OA Intergroup recognizes the Twelve Concepts of OA Service as follows:
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- 209 1 The ultimate responsibility and authority for OA world services reside in the collective
210 conscience of our whole Fellowship.
211
212 2. The OA groups have delegated to the World Service Business Conference the active
213 maintenance of our world services; thus, the World Service Business Conference is the
214 voice, authority, and effective conscience of OA as a whole.
215
216 3. The right of decision, based on trust, makes effective leadership possible.
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218 4. The right of participation ensures equality of opportunity for all in the decision-making
219 process.
220
221 5. Individuals have the right of appeal and petition in order to ensure that their opinions and
222 personal grievances will be carefully considered.
223
224 6. The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees with the
225 primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous.
226
227 7. The Board of Trustees has legal rights and responsibilities accorded to them by OA
228 Bylaws Subpart A; the rights and responsibilities of the World Service Business
229 Conference are accorded to it by Tradition and by OA Bylaws, Subpart B.
230
231 8. The Board of Trustees has delegated to its Executive Committee the responsibility to
232 administer the OA World Service Office.
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234 9. Able trusted servants, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them,
235 are indispensable for effective functioning at all service levels.
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- 237 10. Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority; therefore,
238 duplication of efforts is avoided.
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- 240 11. Trustee administration of the World Service Office should always be assisted by the best
241 standing committees, executives, staffs and consultants.
242
- 243 12. The spiritual foundation for OA service ensures that:
244
- 245 A. no OA committee or service body shall ever become the seat of perilous wealth
246 or power;
 - 247 B. sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, shall be OA's prudent financial
248 principle;
 - 249 C. no OA member shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority;
 - 250 D. all important decisions shall be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever
251 possible, by substantial unanimity;
 - 252 E. no service action shall ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public
253 controversy; and
 - 254 F. no OA service committee or service board shall ever perform acts of government,
255 and each shall always remain democratic in thought and action.
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258 ³Permission to use the Twelve Concepts of OA Service granted by OA World Services, Inc.
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260 ARTICLE III

261 MEMBERS

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- 264 1. Overeaters Anonymous Groups - Those groups within the region that have formally
265 registered with World Service Office and indicated their intention to belong to the
266 Intergroup may be considered members. An OA group is defined as ~~follows~~ **outlined in**
267 **the OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article V, Section 1, including but not limited to:**
268
- 269 A. As a group, they meet together to practice the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
270 of OA.
271
 - 272 B. All who have a desire to stop eating compulsively are welcome in the group.
273
 - 274 C. No member is required to practice any actions in order to remain a member or to
275 have a voice (share at a meeting).
276
 - 277 D. As a group, they have no affiliation other than OA.
278
- 279 2. Membership of Las Vegas OA Intergroup (LVOAI) shall consist of two Intergroup
280 Representatives (hereinafter called Representative) ~~and an~~ **or a group delegated**
281 Alternate Representative from each member group which is registered with LVOAI and
282 WSO and practices the Twelve Steps and abides by the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters
283 Anonymous. All LVOAI Service Board Members, WSBC Delegates/Region III
284 Representatives and all Committee Chairpersons are also included as members.
285
- 286 A. All meeting Group Representatives, Service Board Members, Chairpersons,
287 Delegates, and/or their alternates shall be actively working the OA 12-Step

288 program of recovery and shall be attending OA meetings on a regular basis.
289

- 290 B. The position(s) of LVOAI WSBC Delegate and Region III Representative shall be
291 held by the same individual. (Said position will hereinafter be called Delegate[s].)
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294 **ARTICLE IV**

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296 **REPRESENTATIVES**

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298 1. Intergroup Representatives
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300 The Representatives/Alternates shall be called Representatives and their meeting must
301 be registered with the LVOAI Corresponding Secretary.
302

- 303 2. **Recovery Qualifications**
304

305 It is suggested that each Representative have at least ~~ninety (90)~~ **(sixty 60)** days current
306 recovery. **Recovery is defined as refraining from personal compulsive food**
307 **behaviors and working a Twelve Step Program.**
308

- 309 3. Term of Office
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311 Each Representative shall serve for a period designated by his/her group, always
312 subject to recall by the group he/she represents.
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315 **ARTICLE V**

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317 **SERVICE BOARD**

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319 1. Composition
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321 The Service Board (Board) shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson,
322 Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Board Advisor, and
323 Delegate(s).
324

- 325 2. Duties and Responsibilities
326

327 A. The members of the Board are expected to exercise a manner consistent with the
328 spirit that permeates the fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous in accordance with
329 the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts of Service, and in accordance with
330 these Bylaws.
331

332 B. Subject to the limitations of these Bylaws, and to the action of the Representatives
333 at an LVOAI meeting, the Service Board shall have the following powers:
334

335 (1) To act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve
336 Concepts of Service.
337

338 (2) To conduct and oversee the affairs and business of the LVOAI in

339 accordance with the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the Articles of
340 Incorporation, these Bylaws or the action of the majority consensus taken at
341 an LVOAI meeting.
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343 3. Election of the Service Board

344
345 A. Elections shall be held annually at the June meeting which shall be specified for
346 that purpose.
347

348 B. The nomination of a qualified person to the Board shall be made from the floor at
349 the designated meeting by any Representative or other OA member desiring to do
350 so. **To provide continuity, the Board Advisor should be, whenever possible,**
351 **an immediate past member of the Service Board.**
352

353 C. **Delegates shall be elected based on the following:**

354
355 (1) **The number shall correspond to the number eligible, and shall be**
356 **designated as Delegate I, II, and so on, dependent on the number**
357 **eligible.**
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359 (2) **An Alternate Delegate shall be elected for each Delegate elected, and**
360 **shall also be designated as Alternate Delegate I, II, and so on.**
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362 C. Nominees shall be elected individually.

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364 D. The term of office for the officers elect shall begin July 1.
365

366 4. Qualifications of the Service Board

367
368 To be eligible for election to membership on the Service Board, any person must at the
369 time of his/her nomination:
370

371 A. Whenever possible, have at least one (1) year of current recovery **as defined in**
372 **Article IV, Section 2.**
373

374 B. Be present or provide a written proxy at the election meeting and receive a majority
375 vote of the voting members present.
376

377 ~~C. To provide continuity, the Board Advisor should be, whenever possible, an~~
378 ~~immediate past member of the Service Board.~~
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380 ~~D.C.~~ Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegates must have at least one (1) year of current
381 abstinence, have two (2) years of service ~~above~~ **beyond** the group level and meet
382 any additional qualifications as outlined and defined in ~~Overeaters Anonymous, OA~~
383 Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, **Article X, Section 3c** for WSBC and in Bylaws of Region
384 III of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc.
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386 5. Term of Office

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388 **B. A. Except for Delegates,** all other Board members shall be elected for a period of
389 one (1) year.

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391 **C. B.** No ~~person~~ **Board Member** shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as an
392 elected officer to a particular office; however, an officer who at the expiration of the
393 current term shall have completed less than a full term in a particular office shall be
394 eligible for two (2) additional terms.

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396 **A. C.** Delegate(s) shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. Whenever the LVOAI is
397 eligible for two (2) or more Delegates, terms of office shall not run concurrently.
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399 6. Special Provisions
400

401 **A.** A vacancy on the Service Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by special
402 election. ~~Ten (10) days notice must be given to each group prior to the special~~
403 ~~election.~~ **A special election will be held at any Intergroup meeting upon a**
404 **viable candidate submission.**
405

406 **B.** If a Board member fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without prior notice
407 or otherwise fails to execute the duties of his/her office as a member of the Board,
408 that office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board.
409

410 7. Resignations
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412 Any officer may resign at any time for any reason by giving the Chairperson or LVOAI
413 written notice of the resignation.
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416 **ARTICLE VI**

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418 **DUTIES OF SERVICE BOARD**
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420 1. The Chairperson shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:
421

422 **A.** Preside over all Intergroup Meetings and Service Board Meetings.
423

424 **B.** Be one of the authorized signers on all LVOAI bank accounts, except when a
425 check is addressed to the Chairperson.
426

427 **C.** At Intergroup Meetings, the Chairperson shall cast a vote, only to be counted in the
428 event of a tie, or in other circumstances as authorized by the current edition of
429 Robert's Rules of Order.
430

431 **D.** Prepare the agenda for Intergroup Meetings and Service Board Meetings.
432

433 **E.** Call special meetings of the Service Board.
434

435 **F.** The chairperson shall be responsible to maintain the corporate book for LVOAI.
436 This book shall contain the original signed bylaws, a copy of the current policy
437 manual, the articles of incorporation, the monthly minutes of LVOAI, monthly
438 treasurer's report, current meeting list, and any other documentation pertinent to
439 LVOAI.

- 440 **G. In the event of a Service Board member's resignation, at the Chair's**
441 **discretion, may appoint a member to serve in the interim until a special**
442 **election can be held.**
443
- 444 2. The Vice Chairperson shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:
- 445 A. Fulfill the duties of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence.
- 446 B. Assist the Chairperson in the performance of the Chairperson's duties when
- 447 requested to do so by the Chairperson.
- 448 C. Be one of the authorized signers on the LVOAI checking account, except when the
- 449 check is addressed to the Vice Chairperson.
- 450 D. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
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- 456 3. The Board Advisor shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:
- 457 A. Become familiar with these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and the Twelve
- 458 Traditions.
- 459 B. Advise the Service Board so that they may ensure diligent adherence to these
- 460 Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and the Twelve Traditions in any motion,
- 461 procedure or action of the LVOAI or the LVOAI Service Board.
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- 465 4. The Recording Secretary shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:
- 466 A. ~~See that the minutes are kept of all~~ **Record minutes of each** Intergroup and
- 467 Board Meetings. ~~and as soon as possible following the Meeting, but less than ten~~
- 468 ~~(10) days prior to the next Meeting, but provide copies of said minutes to each~~
- 469 ~~Board Member, Group Representative or Group Secretary, and any other persons~~
- 470 ~~as requested.~~
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- 473 B. **No less than ten (10) days prior to the next Intergroup meeting, provide**
- 474 **copies of said minutes to each Board Member, Group Representative or**
- 475 **Group Secretary, and any other persons as requested. Method of distribution**
- 476 **may be either electronically or Federal mail as requested by Board member**
- 477 **and representatives.**
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- 479 C. **Bring hardcopies of last meeting minutes to Intergroup.**
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- 481 ~~B.-D~~ Provide a sign-in sheet (roll call) for all persons present at each Intergroup and/or
- 482 Board Meeting.
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- 484 E. **Provide the Corresponding Secretary a copy of each meeting's sign-in sheet**
- 485 **of representatives present.**
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- 487 ~~C.F.~~ Keep all records and perform all duties generally attributed to that office.
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- 490 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:

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- A. Register all Las Vegas Intergroup meetings and submit information for new meetings as well as update information on existing meetings to the World Service Office (WSO), ~~and to the LVOAI Recording Secretary,~~ **LVOAI Webmaster and LVOAI Meeting List Chairperson.**
 - B. Keep WSO listing of meetings in LVOAI and any Intergroup mailing lists from Region III and WSO.
 - C. Keep a current registration with WSO of the LVOAI Service Board members and their addresses.
 - D. Keep a current list of registered Representatives **and** Alternate Representatives. ~~and– Provide a list of the Group Secretaries and provide a copy of this list to the Recording Secretary.~~
 - E. Keep a key to the Post Office Box of the LVOAI and see that all mail is picked up and distributed as appropriate.
 - F. Conduct all correspondence for the LVOAI and ~~read important correspondence or give the import of such~~ present appropriate correspondence at LVOAI meetings.
 - G. Keep all records and perform all duties generally attributed to that office .
 - H. Be one of the authorized signers on the LVOAI checking account, except when the check is addressed to the Corresponding Secretary.
 - I. **Send a meeting reminder to all LVOAI representatives seven (7) days prior to meeting.**
6. The Treasurer shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:
- A. **Comply with all requirements to maintain LVOAI's non profit 501c3 status by filing reports as required by the IRS.**
 - ~~A~~ B. Have custody of all funds and securities belonging to the LVOAI and shall deposit the same in the name of the LVOAI in such bank as the LVOAI may choose.
 - ~~B~~ C. Be one of the authorized signers on all LVOAI bank accounts, except when a check is addressed to the Treasurer.
 - ~~C~~ D. Shall keep accurate accounts of the payment of money and accounts of any other financial records of the LVOAI. The fiscal year for LVOAI is July 1 – June 30.
 - ~~D~~ E. Present financial statements of all financial transactions, including a detailed itemized account of all disbursements, at each Intergroup Meeting.
 - ~~E~~ F. ~~Provide for~~ **Obtain** an audit annually following elections.
 - ~~F~~ G. Keep a key to the Post Office Box of the LVOAI and see that all mail is picked up and distributed as appropriate.

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~~GH. Be responsible for complying with all IRS requirements for maintenance of the LVOAI tax exempt status. Provide a Budget/Expenditure Form to any Intergroup representative, Committee and/or Service Board member prior to expenditures being approved by the Intergroup.~~

7. Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) shall perform but not be limited to the following duties:

A. ~~The Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate(s) must meet the qualifications as given in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, Section 3c.~~

~~A.B. The LVOAI shall co-operate with and support as much as possible the OA WSO, WSBC, and Region III by Attending the Region III assemblies and World Service Business Conference. Alternate(s) shall substitute for Delegate(s) unable to attend.~~

~~A. C. Each delegate encouraged to Serve on a committee of his/her choice at these levels and perform service throughout the year as required for that particular committee.~~

~~B. The Delegate(s) must meet the qualifications as given in OA, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Article X, and/or under the bylaws of Region III as they have been written and adopted.~~

~~C. Elections shall be held immediately following the election of the Service Board at the June meeting.~~

~~(1) The number to be elected shall correspond to the number eligible, and shall be designated as Delegate I, II, and so on, dependent on the number eligible.~~

~~(2) An Alternate Delegate shall be elected for each Delegate elected, and shall also be designated as Alternate Delegate I, II, and so on.~~

~~D. Any member of the LVOAI who fulfills the requirements for Delegate Shall be eligible for nomination regardless of any other position he/she may hold.~~

~~E. Funding of Delegate(s) of Delegate(s) or his/her alternates Be eligible for funding to World Service Business Conference and Region III Assemblies shall be provided by the LVOAI up to the financial ability for such funding, as approved by the LVOAI.~~

~~(1) Delegate(s) or his/her alternates may be self-funded with the approval of the LVOAI.~~

~~F.. Vacancies~~

~~(1) In the event of a vacancy of a Delegate, Alternate I shall assume the responsibilities of the vacant position, Alternate II shall assume the responsibilities of Alternate I, and a new Alternate II shall be elected.~~

- 593 (2) In the event of a vacancy of Alternate I, the position of Alternate I shall be
594 filled by Alternate II, and a new Alternate II shall be elected.
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596 (3) In the event of a vacancy of Alternate II, a new Alternate II shall be elected.
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598 (4) **In the event that any currently sitting Delegate or Alternate is unable to**
599 **attend, any member meeting the qualifications is eligible to fulfill the**
600 **duties of a Delegate for one Assembly or WSBC, upon approval of**
601 **LVOAI.**

602 G. A written report from the Delegate(s) shall be made to the LVOAI from all
603 Conferences and Assemblies attended, and shall be made available to all Groups
604 upon request.
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- 607 8. **Each outgoing Service Board Member shall** ~~Each officer shall~~ **turn** over all records
608 and materials pertinent to his/her ~~office~~ **position** within twenty (20) days of the expiration
609 of his/her term **to incoming Board Member**. However, the Treasurer shall not turn over
610 receipts and records until a final audit has been made. ~~In addition,~~ **Each outgoing officer**
611 **Board Member** shall brief the new ~~officer~~ **Board Member** on the duties of his/her ~~office~~
612 **position**.
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616 ARTICLE VII

617 VOTING RIGHTS

618 The voting of the LVOAI representing the said membership of the LVOAI shall be called the
619 "Las Vegas Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup meeting" and shall be comprised of:
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- 621 1. Representatives
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623 Each Representative may cast one vote for the member group that he or she represents
624 during the Intergroup meetings of the LVOAI.
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- 626 2. Alternate Representatives
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628 Each Alternate Representative may cast one vote for the member group that he/she
629 represents, provided the Representative is not in attendance at the meeting at which the
630 vote is taken.
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- 632 3. Service Board
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634 Each member of the Service Board, excluding the Board Chairperson, shall be entitled
635 to one vote. The Chairperson's vote shall only be counted in the case of a tie vote, or as
636 allowed under Robert's Rules of Order. However, the Chairperson is entitled to vote
637 during elections of new ~~officers~~ **Board members/Committee Chairs**.
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- 639 4. Delegate(s)
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641 Each Delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
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- 643 5. Each Standing Committee Chairperson shall be entitled to one vote.
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645 6. One Vote Rule
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647 No member is allowed more than one vote even though he/she may hold more than one
648 position.
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650 7. Voting Methods
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652 Votes may be taken by voice, show of hands, by ballot, or as called for by the presiding
653 Chairperson or as agreed by the members present.
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ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

- 659 1. Meetings
660
661 A. A meeting of the Intergroup Representatives of the LVOAI shall be referred to
662 within these Bylaws as an "Intergroup Meeting."
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665 B. The regular monthly Intergroup Meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of each
666 month or on such other dates as the Service Board or a majority of the
667 Representatives may choose, at such places as may be designated by the Board
668 or a majority of the Representatives.
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670 2. Special Meetings
671
672 Special meetings ~~of the Representatives~~ for any purpose or purposes may be called at
673 any time by the Chairperson of the Service Board or a majority of the Service Board. A
674 ten (10) day notice shall be given of the day, time, place and exact purpose of said
675 special meeting. **Notices to be sent electronically or by Federal mail to**
676 **Representatives or Secretary of each group, Board Members and Standing**
677 **Committee Chairs.**
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679 ~~3. Notice~~
680
681 ~~Notice of all meetings of Representatives shall be given to each member group entitled~~
682 ~~to vote thereat, by prepaid mail. Notices shall be deemed to have been given if sent by~~
683 ~~prepaid mail to the Intergroup Representative representing each group, or to the~~
684 ~~Secretary of any group for which no Representative has been registered. Notices shall~~
685 ~~be sent no less than ten (10) days before each meeting, and shall specify the place, day~~
686 ~~and hour of the meeting. The Secretary shall give notice of the next monthly meeting~~
687 ~~prior to adjournment of each regular monthly meeting.~~
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689 ~~4. 3. Agenda~~
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691 A. The Chairperson shall provide the agenda for the monthly meetings.
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694 B. New business to be placed on the agenda prior to the monthly meeting shall,
695 whenever possible, be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Board
696 fourteen (14) days prior to the regular monthly meeting.
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698 5. 4. Quorum

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700 A quorum to conduct business at regular and special meetings shall be no less than
701 seven (7) registered Representatives and/or other LVOAI members. A simple majority
702 of those voting members present shall govern for voting purposes.
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705 **ARTICLE IX**

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707 **COMMITTEES**

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709 1. Composition

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711 A. Standing Committees shall consist of:

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713 Voice Mail, Literature, Meeting List, Newsletter, ~~Public Information (PI)/Hospitals,~~
714 ~~Institutions, Professionals & Military (HIPM),~~ **Public Information and**
715 **Professional Outreach (PIPO), Tape Media** Library, Ways and Means, 12th Step
716 Within, LVOAI Directory and Web Master.
717

718 B. Ad Hoc Committees shall consist of but not be limited to: Bylaws, Recoveryfest,
719 Retreat and/or other special events.
720

721 C. The LVOAI shall appoint such other committees as are deemed necessary for the
722 welfare and operation of the LVOAI.
723

724 D. The Service Board Vice Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all
725 committees.
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727 E. Any member of an OA group registered with the LVOAI shall be eligible to serve on
728 any committee of his/her choice.
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730 2. Duties and Responsibilities

731
732 A. The members of all committees are expected to exercise a manner consistent with
733 the spirit that permeates the fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous in accordance
734 with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, and in
735 accordance with these Bylaws.
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737 B. Subject to the limitations of these Bylaws, and to the action of the Representatives
738 at an LVOAI meeting, the Committee Chairpersons shall have the following
739 powers:

- 740
741 (1) To act as guardians of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve
742 Concepts of Service.
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744 (2) To conduct and oversee the affairs and business of their respective
745 committees in accordance with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve
746 Concepts of Service, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or the action
747 of the majority consensus taken at an LVOAI meeting.
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749 3. Election of the Committee Chairpersons

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751 A. Standing Committee Chairpersons

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753 Elections for Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be held annually at the June
754 election meeting immediately following elections of the Service Board.
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756 B. Ad hoc Committee Chairpersons

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758 (1) Ad hoc Committee Chairpersons shall be elected on an as needed basis by a
759 majority vote taken at any LVOAI meeting.
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761 (2) Whenever possible, ten (10) days notice shall be given to each group prior to
762 the election of an Ad hoc Committee Chairperson.
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764 C. The nomination of a qualified person as a Committee Chairperson shall be made
765 from the floor at the designated meeting by any Representative or other OA
766 member desiring to do so.
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768 D. Nominees shall be elected individually.
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770 E. The term of office for the Standing Committee Chairperson(s) elect shall begin
771 July 1.
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773 4. Qualifications of the Committee Chairperson(s)

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775 To be eligible for election as a Committee Chairperson, any individual must at the time of
776 his/her nomination:
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778 A. Whenever possible, have at least ~~six (6)~~ **three (3)** months of current recovery **as**
779 **defined in Article IV, Section 2.**
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781 B. Be present or provide a written proxy at the election meeting and receive a
782 majority vote of the voting members present.
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784 5. Term of Office

785
786 A. All Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be elected for a period of one (1)
787 year.
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789 B. The term of office for an Ad hoc Committee Chairperson shall begin immediately
790 following the election of that Chairperson and shall end upon the dissolution of
791 the Ad hoc Committee.
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793 C. No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as an elected chair to
794 a particular committee; however, any chairperson who at the expiration of the

795 current term shall have completed less than a full term in a particular committee
796 shall be eligible for two (2) additional terms.

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798 6. Special Provisions

799
800 A. A vacancy of any Standing Committee Chair shall be filled for the unexpired term
801 by special election. ~~Ten (10) days notice must be given to each group prior to~~
802 ~~the special election.~~ **A special election will be held at any Intergroup meeting**
803 **upon a viable candidate submission.**

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805 B. If a Committee Chair fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without prior
806 notice or otherwise fails to execute the duties of his/her chair, that office may be
807 declared vacant by a majority vote taken at an LVOAI meeting.

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809 C. Resignations

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811 Any Committee Chair may resign at any time for any reason by giving the LVOAI
812 written notice of the resignation.

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815 **ARTICLE X**

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817 **FINANCIAL STRUCTURE**

818
819 1. The activities of the LVOAI shall be financed primarily by contributions of its member
820 groups.

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822 A. Secondary sources of income to LVOAI may be from such occasional projects or
823 activities as may be authorized by the LVOAI.

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825 B. The LVOAI may accept donations from OA members conforming with the general
826 practice of OA.

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828 C. The acceptance of any donation or bequest from any outside source is
829 prohibited.

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831 2. LVOAI shall maintain a General Fund bank account.

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833 A. General Fund

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835 (1) The General Fund shall be maintained as a checking account to handle
836 ongoing routine deposits and expenses as authorized by the LVOAI.
837 Said General Fund should at all times maintain a prudent reserve to cover
838 anticipated expenses.

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840 (2) A "Delegate's Fund" reserve of no less than eight hundred dollars
841 (\$800.00) as authorized by the LVOAI shall be maintained as a special
842 line item under the General Fund to ensure that money is available to
843 send the LVOAI Delegate(s) to World Service Conference(s) and Region
844 III Assemblies.

846 (3) The prudent reserve and Delegate's Fund shall be maintained as nearly
847 as possible to a level of no less than one thousand six hundred dollars
848 (\$1,600.00).
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851 **ARTICLE XI**

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853 **FINANCES**

- 854 1. Procedure
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- 856 A. Full and complete disclosure of all LVOAI official financial matters is a prime
857 guide and objective for all accounting procedures and financial statements, as
858 prepared by the Treasurer.
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- 860 B. Any Representative or member of the Board is entitled to examine the
861 accounting records of the LVOAI, and any question concerning the finances of
862 the LVOAI is completely proper and is to be answered promptly.
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- 864 C. Statements shall be clear and easy to understand to prevent confusion and
865 misinterpretations.
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868 **ARTICLE XII**

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870 **RESIDENT AGENT**

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872 Our Articles of Incorporation and the State of Nevada require that one member be designated a
873 Resident Agent. Due to the cost to change the Resident Agent, said Agent will not be changed
874 as long as he/she remains a **State of Nevada resident**. an active member of Las Vegas OA,
875 **and preferably LVOAI**, and does not change his/her address. Should the Resident need to be
876 replaced, this Agent will be appointed by the Chair with the approval of LVOAI.
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879 **ARTICLE XIII**

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881 **CORPORATE ASSETS**

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883 No Intergroup Representative, Committee Chairperson or member of any local group which is a
884 member of Overeaters Anonymous, and no member of the Service Board, ~~officer~~, employee,
885 member of any committee, person connected with the Corporation, or any other private
886 individual shall receive at any time any earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the
887 Corporation. It is provided that this shall not prevent payment to any such persons of
888 reasonable compensation for services rendered to, or for the Corporation in effecting any of its
889 purposes as shall be fixed by the Service Board. No such person or persons shall be entitled to
890 share in the distribution of any of the assets upon the dissolution of the Corporation. All
891 Intergroup Representatives and all members of local groups which are members of Overeaters
892 Anonymous shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that, upon the winding
893 up and dissolution of the Las Vegas Overeaters Anonymous Intergroup, the ~~Board of Trustees~~
894 **Service Board** shall after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the
895 corporation, dispose of all the assets of the organization, exclusively for the purposes of the
896 corporation in such manner, to such organization or organizations organized and operated

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897 exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time
898 qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal
899 Revenue code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal
900 Revenue Laws as the Board of Trustees shall determine. No part of the net earnings of this
901 corporation shall ever inure to or for the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, ~~Board of~~
902 ~~Trustees, officers, Service Board,~~ committee chairmen **person**, or other private persons, except
903 that the corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered
904 and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was
905 formed. This Corporation shall not be carried on for profit and shall not have capital stock.

906 907 908 ARTICLE XIV

909 **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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911 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall
912 govern this Intergroup in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in
913 conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the Twelve Traditions, law, or any
914 special rules of order that the LVOAI may adopt. Furthermore, the Intergroup's Bylaws must
915 conform to OA, Inc. Bylaws.
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917 918 919 ARTICLE XV

920 **BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

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922 These Bylaws, with the exception of Article II, Sections 2, 3 and 4, may be amended as follows:

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- 925 A. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any registered Intergroup
926 Representative and submitted to the Chairperson of the Service Board
927 **electronically dated or** postmarked at least twenty (20) days before the regular
928 Intergroup Meeting. The Service Board may also submit amendments to the
929 Bylaws.
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931 B. The Chairperson of the Service Board shall ~~cause~~ see that a copy of the
932 proposed amendments ~~to~~ be communicated to each Intergroup Representative
933 or Group Secretary of each registered group, at least ten (10) days prior to the
934 regular Intergroup meeting.
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936 C. Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, proposed amendments shall be
937 adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Intergroup Representatives present and
938 voting, as long as a quorum is present.
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940 D. The Board Advisor may make editorial changes which do not alter the meaning
941 of any Bylaw to clarify the wording or bring the Bylaws and Articles of
942 Incorporation into conformity. A written report of such editorial changes shall be
943 presented at the next regular Intergroup meeting.
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