

**FIRST RESTATEMENT
WITH AMENDMENTS
OF THE
BY-LAWS
FOR
LAKE-SUMTER CENTRAL OFFICE, INC.**

ORIGINALLY DATED
19 MAR 2015

THIS RESTATEMENT DATED 14 APR 2021

AS APPROVED BY AN 88% MAJORITY OF
REPRESENTATIVES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

PREPARED AND FAITHFULLY SUBMITTED
BY
THE SCOPES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
10 FEB 2021

Signed By:

CHAIRPERSON: *Mike B.*

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: *Karen C.*

SECRETARY: *Rhonda H. Rhonda Hoonstra*

MEMBER: *Andrea A.*

MEMBER: *Bob D.*

BY-LAWS
Lake-Sumter Central Office, Inc.

ARTICLE I - Name

As indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, the name of this corporation shall be Lake-Sumter Central Office, Inc, hereinafter called "Central Office".

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The Central Office exists as a servant of the Alcoholics Anonymous members and their groups in Lake and Sumter Counties, to carry the message of A.A. to those who still suffer from this disease. The function of the Central Office shall be set forth in the Scopes and Procedures document, which is made a part of these By-laws by reference herein.

ARTICLE III - Membership

The service area of the Central Office includes the geographic area of Lake and Sumter Counties in the State of Florida which is within the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholic Anonymous also known as North Florida Area 14. Membership shall consist of any Registered A.A. group within this service area.

ARTICLE IV - The Central Office Representatives

Each Registered group is entitled to have one vote at the Central Office Representatives Meeting which will be cast by the group's Primary Central Office Representative or, in their absence, by their Alternate Central Office Representative. Each Central Office Representative shall serve at the discretion of the A.A. group represented.

ARTICLE V - Attendance

Any A.A. member is encouraged to attend any and all meetings of the Central Office as a non-voting participant. Non-voting participants shall have a voice when recognized by the Chair.

ARTICLE VI - Quorum

The member Group Representatives in attendance at a properly noticed meeting constitute a quorum unless significant attendance is prevented at the scheduled meeting beyond anyone's control (e.g. weather, transportation, etc.)

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Meetings shall be governed by the Revised Roberts's Rules of Order, as used by the General Service Conference, and as further outlined in the Scopes and Procedures.

ARTICLE VIII - Steering Committee

There shall exist a Steering Committee consisting of a minimum: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, a Past Chairperson, and/or others as determined in the Scopes and Procedures. The functions of said Committee shall be as determined in the Scopes and Procedures.

ARTICLE IX - Qualifications and Terms of Office

Qualifications and Terms of Office shall be determined in the Scopes and Procedures.

ARTICLE X - Nominations

Nominations shall follow the procedures determined in the Scopes and Procedures.

ARTICLE XI - Elections

Elections shall be held by the Third Legacy Procedure as determined in the Scopes and Procedures.

ARTICLE XII - Duties of Officers

Duties of Officers shall be determined in the Scopes and Procedures, and in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local laws.

ARTICLE XIII – Emergency Powers

In the event of a Steering Committee declared emergency, Florida Statutes Title XXXVI, Chapter 617.0303 shall prevail with this singular exception: there must be three (3) Steering Committee Members present to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIV - Monies

There shall be no dues or fees required for membership. The Central Office shall be fully self-supporting through:

- a. The voluntary contributions of its member groups;
- b. The voluntary contributions of individual A.A. members in its service area;
- c. The sale of A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature, and other items.

ARTICLE XV - Committees

Committees shall function as determined in the Scopes and Procedures.

ARTICLE XVI - Removal from Office

Any Officer and/or Chairperson of any Committee may be removed from Office for cause upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Group Representatives present at a regular or special Central Office Meeting. Before a vote for removal from office, a full disclosure of charges shall be conducted and the individual under discussion shall be granted the opportunity to be heard. Refer to Article VII.

ARTICLE XVII - Amendments to Bylaws

These By-Laws may be amended via a proposition to amend in writing signed by not less than three (3) Registered Group Representatives and presented at a Central Office Representative Meeting, except where the amendment would conflict with Federal, State or Local laws. The Secretary of the Central Office shall enter the proposition into the Minutes for action by the Representatives at the second Central Office Representative Meeting following submission of the proposition. A two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of Representatives present shall be required for passage.

ARTICLE XVIII - Dissolution or Final Liquidation

This Central Office shall be dissolved and its affairs concluded by introduction of a motion to dissolve in writing signed by not less than three (3) Registered Group Representatives at a Central Office Representatives Meeting and presented to the Secretary of the Central Office, except when the motion would conflict with Federal, State, or Local laws or regulations. The Secretary of the Central Office shall enter the proposition into the Minutes for action by the Representatives at the second Central Office Representative Meeting following submission of the proposition. A two-thirds (2/3) majority affirmative vote of Central Office members eligible to vote shall be required for passage. All property and assets of this Central Office shall be disposed of in accordance with all Federal, State and Local laws.