

District 6 - Guidelines for Structure and Procedure

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Preface

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) is a world wide organization helping suffering alcoholics to achieve and maintain sobriety. District 6 is a geographical unit within Maryland General Service (MGS) Area 29 of A.A. These District 6 Guidelines for Structure and Procedure are based on A.A. General Service knowledge and experience as shared in “ The A.A. Service Manual “ and the” Maryland General Service Area Service Handbook “. Additional A.A. Conference approved literature has been used to develop these Guidelines.

Article 1 - District 6 Purpose

- A. To support the health and well being of A.A. Groups located within District 6 by keeping the lines of communication open, learning of their problems and finding ways to contribute to their growth and well being.
- B. To keep the lines of communication open between District 6, Maryland General Services (MGS) Area 29, General Services Office (GSO), Annapolis Area Inter-group (AAIG) in support of the A.A. Service Structure
- C. To represent District 6 Groups at MGS Area 29 assemblies and committee meetings.

Article 2 - District 6 Description

- A. District 6 is geographically known as the District representing South Ann Arundel County. It is one of 34 active Districts in MGS Area 29. A detail description by zip code can be found on Page 10 of the MGS Area Assembly Handbook.

Article 3 - Voting Members

- A. All persons as listed below that are in attendance at a District 6 Steering Committee Meetings.
- B. District Officers: DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar
- C. District 6 Committee Chairs
- D. District 6 Past DCM's
- E. District 6 Group GSRs, and in their absence Group designated Alternate GSRs

Article 4 - District 6 Steering Committee

- A. The District 6 Steering Committee is the District voting membership present at a District 6 Steering Committee meeting.
- B. The District 6 Steering Committee typically meets every month.
- C. Visitors are welcome as long as they are members of A.A. However, visitors do not have the right to vote.

Article 5 - District 6 Funding

- D. District 6 is entirely self supporting through the voluntary contributions of District 6 Groups and members of A.A.
- E. District 6 accepts no money or things of value from non-alcoholics or organizations.
- F. If discounts are offered to District 6 the following practice applies: discounts normally offered charitable organizations are acceptable. If however, a discount is offered solely based on being part of A.A., it must be declined.
- G. District 6 shall operate on an approved budget. The budget is to be prepared annually by the District Treasurer and approved by the District Steering Committee at the January District Steering Committee meeting. Any revisions to the budget are to be prepared by the District Treasurer and approved by the District Steering Committee.
- H. District 6 shall keep a prudent reserve of \$ 200.00 in a checking account at all times, unless an amendment to this requirement is approved by a vote of the District 6 Steering Committee.

Article 6 - District 6 Elections and Position Eligibility

- A. Elections of all District 6 positions will be held in October of odd numbered years and positions will be for a two year term.

- B. Candidates should have a minimum of four (4) years of sobriety, a background of A.A. service work including service as a Group GSR, the availability to attend Area and District meetings and a desire to serve District 6.
- C. The DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar candidates should have a minimum of two (2) years of sobriety, a background of A.A. service work including ideally Group GSR and a willingness to serve District 6.
- D. Committee Chairs should have a minimum of two (2) years of sobriety, a background of A.A. service work and a desire to serve District 6.

Article 7 - Ratification and Amendment

- A. Ratification - These Guidelines are effective immediately upon acceptance by a simple majority vote of the District 6 Steering Committee.
- B. Amendment - These Guidelines may be amended by a two thirds vote of the District 6 Steering Committee in acceptance of a proposed Amendment.

Article 8 - Dissolution

In the event this District is dissolved for any reason, or becomes inactive, the remaining funds in the District treasury, after payment of known obligations, will be contributed to Maryland General Services , Area 29.