

NEWSLETTER (Guidelines pg 13)

Section added per 04-18-04 motion.

1. The following specifications should be left up to the Newsletter Chair and District 8, depending on what the Chairperson is able and willing to accomplish, and how much the District is willing to spend:
 - a. Frequency of publication
 - b. Length of the Newsletter
 - c. Number of copies to make
 - d. Number of copies to mail
2. The Newsletter Chair will continue to be fully responsible for editing the newsletter, using the following guidelines for publication.
3. Content Guidelines: Depending on space availability, the Newsletter Chair should strive to publish all letters or articles that are submitted in their entirety, without editing, if they meet the following Guidelines below. However, the Chair (and by extension, the District Body) reserves the right to choose, edit, and/or restrict any item submitted. Content must pertain to alcohol use, alcoholism, or the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, including any local or national events of interest to A.A. Members.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- a. Local A.A. news and information about Groups or Committees
- b. Reprinted material from A.A. Literature
- c. Information regarding A.A. service, events, announcements
- d. Sharing of experience in recovery, unity, and service, calendar listings of A.A. events occurring in District 8, social events or conferences for recovering people being held around the state, regional, or national A.A. Conventions.
- e. Excerpts from conference approved literature
- f. Poetry and humor
- g. News about A.A. meetings in the community
- h. News about District business activities, including reports from District Committees / Chairs about their activities and requests for assistance

i. Newsletter Guidelines

4. The following content will not be published:

- a. Solicitations of any kind
- b. Endorsement of treatment agencies or other professional services
- c. Last names or e-mail addresses that contain last names. Telephone numbers may be published.
- d. Content that is mean-spirited or portrays negative stereotypes of Groups or individuals.

5. The following disclaimer will be printed in each newsletter: (04-18-04)

The District 8 Newsletter is edited and published by and for people in recovery. Its articles reflect the full diversity of experience and opinion found within the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. None of its contributors (or even the Newsletter Editor) speaks for A.A. or District 8 as a whole. In determining the editorial content, the Chair relies on the principles of the Twelve Traditions. However, we respect everyone's right to have their say and to pursue their recovery in their own way. Yet what works for one individual or A.A. Group may not work for another. The Newsletter tries to embody the widest possible view of the A.A. Fellowship. It is solely provided by District 8 of Alcoholics Anonymous as part of 12 Step work in reaching out to the alcoholic who still suffers. To learn about the A.A. program, the best source of accurate information is our text Alcoholics Anonymous (the Big Book), and other A.A. conference approved literature, much of which can be found at www.aa.org.

DISTRICT 8 NEWSLETTER SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR Description: (pg 22 of the SPJD)

The District 8 Newsletter Subcommittee Chairperson is a member of the District 8 Committee.
Voting Status:

The District 8 Newsletter Subcommittee Chairperson is a voting position. Selection and
Qualifications Requirements:

Must be an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, with a minimum of two years of continuous sobriety.

Elected by the membership of District 8 in even years for a two-year term.

Functions and Responsibilities:

1. Attend monthly business meetings of District 8, and provide a report.
2. Participate in the activities of the Area 24 Newsletter committee.
3. Be familiar with the SPJD of this position.
4. Follow all current A.A. General Service Guidelines for this position, which may be obtained from the General Service Office.
5. Produce a regular newsletter for District 8, and communicate that document to the Webmaster under the Tech Committee for posting on the District 8 Website.