

Committee for Cooperation with the Professional Community
MID-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA
Guidelines for Structure and Procedure

BACKGROUND:

By action of the General Service Board, January 1970, the trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC)--a spin off from the Public Information Committee--was developed. A similar Conference committee was formed the following year. Since that time, AA members in local areas have been responding to local needs by establishing CPC committees within their Districts and accordingly, the Mid-Southern California Area established such a standing committee as part of their service structure in 1984 and it was revised in 2003.

AA is considered by many professionals to be a valuable resource for alcoholics who want help. The term "professional" may include such areas of specialty as medicine, judiciary, police work, education, clergy, or any other profession in which individuals come in contact with alcoholics .

CPC COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

The primary purpose of the Mid-Southern California CPC is to provide information about AA to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. Information is provided about what AA is, what AA does and does not do and how AA can be located. Cooperation is also established with other AA organizations and committees; potentially overlapping responsibilities are resolved the simplest way possible. MSCA CPC is not in competition with other AA committees or organizations and that our objective is to find a productive way of effecting cooperation in order to help the still suffering alcoholic.

MEMBERSHIP:

Any interested AA member is eligible to be an area CPC Committee member. Districts are also encouraged to form CPC committees and have district representatives on the area committee.

CPC INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS:

Twice a year informational meetings with Professionals (non-AA) are held. One by the English CPC usually in October and one by the Hispanic CPC which can be held any time of the year. This is to keep alcoholics and professionals working together so that we may better educate each other. This is budgeted partially by the Mid-Southern California Area and is done in conjunction with Public Information Committee.

OFFICERS:

CHAIRPERSON: To stand and be approved by the area assembly and in case of vacancy, replaced by the Alternate Chairperson who would have to also be approved by the area assembly.

CO-CHAIRPERSON: To stand and be approved by the area assembly (must be Hispanic)

ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON: To be nominated and elected by the committee and in case of vacancy replaced the same way. After Chairperson rotates in two years, Alternate Chairperson to stand for Chairperson and be approved by the area assembly.

SECRETARY: To be nominated and elected by the committee and in case of vacancy replaced the same way.

NOTE: These officers shall serve a two year term.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRPERSON: Shall preside over CPC meetings; prepare an agenda to be used at the meeting; report to the Area Service Committee and/or Area Assembly when requested.

CO-CHAIRPERSON: Shall be in charge of the Hispanic "AA Cooperating With The Professional Community" informational meeting each year and communicate to the Hispanic Districts as well as work together with the Chairperson.

ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON: Shall carry out the duties of the Chairperson when asked or when the Chairperson is unable to do so. Shall assist the Chairperson as necessary.

SECRETARY: Shall circulate a sign-in sheet at each ASC & Area Assembly and hand it to the CPC Chairperson for update to phone list. Take minutes of meetings and give to Area Secretary when Chairperson is not available. Take minutes for the CPC roundtable at the Pre-Conference Workshop.

RESPONSIBILITY: The CPC Committee shall be responsible to the Area Assembly and the MSCA Board, and be responsive to suggestions from either.

MEETINGS: The CPC Committee will meet at each ASC and Area Assembly.

FUNDING: The CPC Committee (both English & Hispanic) will submit their estimated budget for the upcoming year to the Area Finance Committee before the Finance Committee presents the proposed Area Budget to the Area Assembly. Funds for special projects not included in the Area Budget will be provided only with the approval of the September Area Assembly. Appropriate documentation for all committee expenditures will be recorded and provided to the Area Treasurer.

approved 5/03 by substantial unanimity. Brenda H.