

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS LA CROSSE COUNTY, INC.
RECOMMENDED REVISION OF BYLAWS 4/20/2010

1. MISSION STATEMENT

- a. The mission of NAMI La Crosse County is to improve the quality of life of people affected by mental illness and to promote recovery.
- b. NAMI La Crosse County will accomplish its mission through the following:
 - i. Advocate locally to meet the needs of people affected by mental illness.
 - ii. Promote education and support of caregivers, families, friends of people living with mental illness.
 - iii. Reduce stigma associated with mental illness.
 - iv. Advocate for local government funding and services for people with a mental illness.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership shall be open to all persons sympathetic to the purposes of the corporation.
- b. Membership may be obtained on application and payment of dues, or waiver thereof for the current year.
- c. Membership may be on either an individual or family basis. A family membership shall entitle both the husband and wife to hold office and to vote.
- d. Members shall be dropped from the membership roll who are in arrears for one year and whose dues have not been waived.
- e. A member in good standing is one whose dues have not been delinquent or have been waived.
- f. A member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office and to vote (but only in person) on all questions at general membership meetings.
- g. Any action of the Board shall be subject to review by the membership on request of any member at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose. Any action of the Board may be altered or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regular meeting.

3. DUES

- a. Members shall pay yearly dues as established by the Board, which are payable on January 1.
- b. New memberships paid after September 1 shall be for the following year.
- c. The Board may waive dues when deemed advisable.

4. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Regular meetings of the membership shall be held each month unless the Board shall determine otherwise.

5. FISCAL YEAR:

The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

6. AUDIT:

- a. The books of the corporation shall be audited each year within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year.

7. OFFICERS:

- a. The general officers of the corporation shall be the immediate Past President and annually by the general membership the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. The regular term of office of the officers of the corporation shall be for one year continuing until the election of their successors *and an officer can serve consecutive terms if reelected.*

8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors will be composed of not fewer than 9 or greater than 15 members including officers. Three directors will be elected by the full membership each year to serve a three-year term.

9. VACANCIES:

- a. The Board may replace (to fill out the term of) any director or officer who has failed to attend three (3) successive meetings of the Board, if such absence is declared by the Board to create a vacancy, upon reasonable notice to the director or officer to such declaration.

- b. All vacancies on the elective positions, except that of President, shall be filled for the unexpired term by persons elected by the Board.

10. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board. The President shall appoint the chairpersons and members of all committees, with the approval of the Board, and supervise directly or indirectly their work, except the Nominating Committee. The President shall act as the executive officer of the corporation and, in general, perform the duties usually associated with the office of President.
- b. The First Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency in the case of a vacancy in that office and shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or disability. The First Vice President shall undertake such other responsibilities as the President shall assign.
- c. The Second Vice President shall undertake such other responsibilities as the President shall assign.
- d. The Secretary shall handle the correspondence of the corporation and maintain a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and the Board.
- e. The Treasurer shall receive all revenues of the corporation and shall have the responsibility to maintain a complete and accurate account of all funds received and disbursed. The Treasurer shall deposit or arrange for deposit and disbursement of all such funds. The Treasurer shall present an annual report to the membership listing all receipts and disbursements by budget categories.
- f. The Past President shall undertake such other responsibilities as the President shall assign.

11. ELECTIONS:

- a. There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of three members, of which at least one shall be a past President, appointed by the President by October 1.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for the November election of officers and three directors and shall secure the consent of its nominees to serve if elected.
- c. Nominations shall be permitted from the floor. All nominees, whether nominated by the committee or from the floor, shall be members in good standing who give consent to the nomination.

12. STANDING COMMITTEES:

- a. The Board of Directors by resolution adopted by a majority its members in office may designate Standing Committees.
- b. Special committees may be provided for by the Board as the need arises.
- c. The President shall make all appointments to such committees.

13. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

A current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of business in all cases in which they are applicable and not in conflict with this constitution and bylaws.

14. AMMENDMENTS:

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws, along with the date it is to be voted upon, shall be presented in writing to the general membership at least three weeks prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon, and a two-thirds vote of members in good standing present required for ratification.