

# MAICO

## Madison Area Intergroup Central Office

Guidelines  
For the MAICO Web Site

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### **Section I. *Statement of Purpose***

The purpose of the MAICO Web Site is to help the still suffering alcoholic by carrying the message of recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous to the general public and to provide information regarding events, meetings, workshops, conferences and other matters of importance to recovering alcoholics.

### **Section II. *Guiding Principles***

For purposes of the principles guiding all of our activities related to the MAICO Web Site we adopt the “Preamble” of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.”

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Additionally, we adopt the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous for all of our internal and external relationships.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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Furthermore, we adopt AA's Public Information Policy that was unanimously adopted in the 1956 General Service Conference of AA, which is stated as follows:

“In all public relationships, A.A.'s sole objective is to help the still suffering alcoholic. Always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity, we believe this can be done by making known to the still suffering alcoholics, and to those who may be interested in their problem, our own experience as individuals and as a fellowship in learning to live without alcohol.

We believe that our experience should be made available freely to all who express sincere interest. We believe further that all efforts in this field should always reflect our gratitude for the gift of sobriety and our awareness that many outside of A.A. are equally concerned with the serious problem of alcoholism.”

### **Section III. Administration**

Responsibility for all matters pertaining to the MAICO Web Site resides with the MAICO Steering Committee and the MAICO Office Manager. The primary contact person for such matters will be the Office Manager.

The MAICO Web Site shall link only to the Alcoholics Anonymous Web Site maintained by the General Service Office, the AA Grapevine Web Site maintained by The AA Grapevine Inc., and the Area 75 Web Site maintained by Area 75.

The MAICO Web Site shall display only AA and AA related activities and events in the “Calendar of Events” section.

No full names or photographs of AA members may be published on the MAICO Web Site. Nor can any information that will specifically identify any AA member be placed on the Web Site.

The MAICO Web Site is not to be used to publish personal events or information; nor may it be used as a “message board”.