



Statement of Inclusion

GaL-AA (Gays and Lesbians in AA) was established to serve and have the involvement of lesbians, gay men, and others in Alcoholics Anonymous, regardless of how they choose to identify themselves. In selecting the name, careful consideration was given to a variety of combinations. While the name only directly reflects gays and lesbians, we embrace all LGBT+ members of the AA fellowship.

2020 Detroit Update

Greetings from Detroit. The 2020 Detroit World Conference Committee is taking shape. As of the last newsletter, several more important positions have been filled. We are delighted to have added Heidi M as our Treasurer. Some of you may know Heidi from Detroit but others may know Heidi from San Antonio, TX. She participated in the World Conference held there. John J has volunteered to be our Outreach Chair. He brings a lot of enthusiasm and experience to the table. Reaching beyond metro Detroit from Ann Arbor, Charles C and Ted T have joined the committee. Charles as Volunteer Coordinator and Ted as Hospitality Chair. Both have served in many capacities in the recovery community. Ted's hospitality chair experience is unbelievable. One of the most important jobs needed to make this all happen is fundraising. Julie M, a past Chair for Together We Can (Detroit's LGBT Recovery Conference) has agreed to be our Fundraising Chair.

Speaking of fund raising, our next fundraiser is a post-Sweetest Day, pre-Halloween Brunch on Oct 21. The theme is "30 at 30 for 2020" The brunch is limited to 30 guests at 30 dollars each. We are very excited that Keith W has opened up his beautiful home for this event! He is even planning a bonus "Tea Dance" afterward. It promises to be a great success.

Our website is up and running at <https://detroit2020.gal-aa.org>. feel free to volunteer, donate or just give us your helpful suggestions. Hope to see you in the "D" in 2020.

Yours in Service,

Martin M, Deputy Chair

Detroit 2020 GaL-AA Host Committee

GaL-AA Seeking Candidates for 2019 Elections (Term 1/1/2019- 12/31-2020)

Well, it's that time of the year again—time for the GaL-AA Spirit of Rotation to inspire and excite your Spirit of Service for the LGBT+ AA Community!

GaL-AA 2019-2020 Positions:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Advisor I
- Advisor III

Election Time Line:

Oct. 11 – Nov. 24, 2018: Resume Submissions accepted

Dec. 8 2018: Slate of Candidates announced and ballots distributed via email

Dec. 8-22, 2018: Online voting open

Dec. 27, 2018: Results announced

January 1st, 2019: New Officers assume responsibilities

Do you want to be of service but the positions above don't seem the right fit for you? Don't worry, we have something for everyone! Also available are non-voting positions that are simply appointed by the board.

- Help with Newsletter
- Roundup Liaison/Liaisons
- Website Team Member

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The GaL-AA Executive Committee looks forward to your joining the fellowship to help bring a message of Experience, Strength and Hope to our LGBT+ AA Community. For questions and submissions, please email Elections@GaL-AA.org.

In Service,
Carol N.
carol@gal-aa.org
Deputy Chair

For Your Reference:

GaL-AA Charter and By-Laws are available at GaL-AA.org

GaL-AA Executive Committee Terms ending 31 December 2018

- Chair - Denise R.
- Treasurer - Pierre B.
- Advisor I - Jim A.
- Advisor III - Randall R.

Any GaL-AA member may run for the Executive Committee by sending a service resume.

Service Resumes outline an individual's work within the fellowship and specific talents that contribute to the GaL-AA mission.

Brief descriptions of responsibilities for each position are outlined below.

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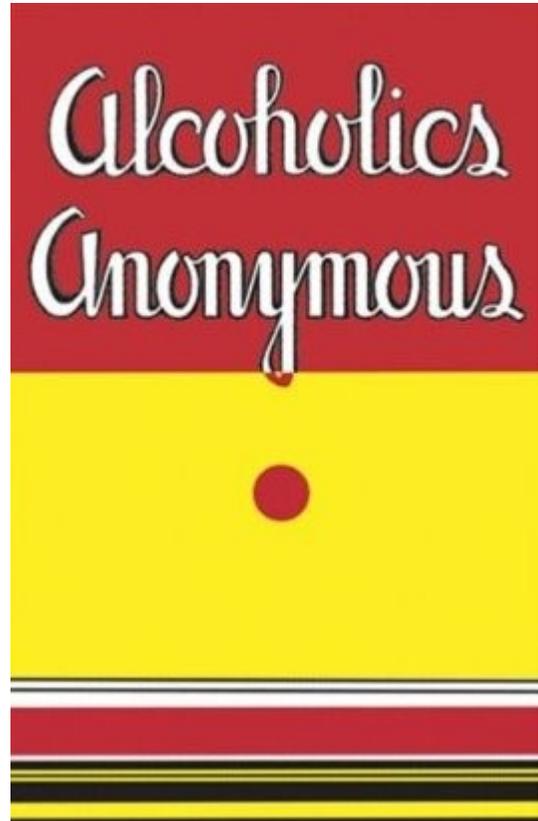
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General Committee Member Responsibilities

(All members share these responsibilities)

- ◇ Participate in all planning to ensure that GaL-AA serves the LGBT+ members of Alcoholics Anonymous; works in the spirit of unity with AA as a whole and carries the message of recovery for the alcoholic who still suffers.
- ◇ Attend all meetings of the Executive Committee whether in person or via conference call or electronic media.
- ◇ Encourage and support the participation of members, representatives and volunteers in all areas of GaL-AA service.
- ◇ Maintain fiscal accountability for GaL-AA through the development of an annual budget, approval of the annual budget, raising funds as needed and monitoring the financial reports and the Treasurer's reports.
- ◇ Participate in periodic inventory of GaL-AA mission, services and goals; this inventory to take place in all odd-numbered years.

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“When I am willing to do the right thing I am rewarded with an inner peace no amount of liquor could ever provide.
 When I am unwilling to do the right thing, I become restless, irritable, and discontent. It is always my choice.”
 -Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 317

- ◇ Participate in the oversight responsibility for the GaL-AA newsletter, GaL-AA website, all print materials, public information and media endeavors.
- ◇ Agree to release full name and contact information while serving on the Executive Committee in keeping with the public corporate and fiduciary responsibilities.
- ◇ Participate in the formulation and membership of standing committees and ad-hoc committees as determined by the Executive Committee.
- ◇ At the time of rotation off the committee, each member will prepare and train the incoming member to ensure an orderly transition to maintain the purpose and services of GaL-AA. This includes all documentation and verbal explanation of position responsibilities.
- ◇ The Executive Committee will work within the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous in all matters, reminding us to act as trusted servants; trust the process of the group conscience and remember to place principles before personalities.
- ◇ GaL-AA shall endeavor to use the guidelines of Alcoholics Anonymous wherever possible. The General Service Office provides specific guidelines on most matters which are based on the experiences of other service groups. In addition, the GSO offers literature models for written information. Our goal is not to reinvent the wheel but to use the work of those who have come before us in service to the alcoholic.
- ◇ Participate in other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Chairperson

- ◇ Preside over all meetings of the full Executive Committee and the General Membership.
- ◇ Develop the agenda for all Executive Committee meetings in consult with the Deputy Chairperson.
- ◇ Maintain co-signatory authority on bank accounts
- ◇ Maintain responsibility as signatory for all contracts and financial matters.
- ◇ Designate a member of the Executive Committee to serve as coordinator/manager of all responsibilities for GaL-AA representatives.
- ◇ Develop and maintain a Manual of Policies and Practices with the approval of the Executive Committee. Primary responsibility will be with the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary.
- ◇ To facilitate efficient cooperation, the Chairperson will serve as the primary contact with the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous and/or its designated contractors in order to plan GaL-AA participation with the International Alcoholics Anonymous Conventions held every five years.

Treasurer

- ◇ Prepare and present an annual budget.
- ◇ Prepare and present quarterly financial reports.
- ◇ Prepare and present monthly status reports on income, expenditures and budget adherence.
- ◇ Maintain standard record keeping system for fiscal matters.

- ◇ Establish and maintain GaL-AA checking and savings accounts.
- ◇ Collect all monies for deposit to the bank.
- ◇ Approve all invoices; disburse funds and prepare checks for payment.
- ◇ Serve as primary contact with banking institutions and arrange for authorization of check signatories.
- ◇ Maintain co-signatory authority on all bank accounts.
- ◇ Maintain prudent reserve fund as determined by the Executive Committee and other reserve funds as designated by the Executive Committee.
- ◇ Prepare and submit appropriate tax documentation to maintain compliance with IRS rules for non-profit corporations.
- ◇ Maintain incorporation status, in cooperation with Secretary.
- ◇ Develop policies and procedures for financial matters.
- ◇ Perform other duties as assigned.

Advisor I

- ◇ Maintain the primary role for development of opportunities for representatives/volunteers to participate in the work of GaL-AA, to share in decision making and to assume responsibilities for service work.
- ◇ Maintain responsibility for distributing information from the Executive Committee to the representatives/volunteers.
- ◇ Maintain responsibility for channeling information from representatives/volunteers to the Executive Committee.
- ◇ Maintain responsibility for all materials (written or via website) which pertain to representatives/volunteers (with approval of Executive Committee). This includes job descriptions, flyers, brochures, handbooks, etc.
- ◇ Coordinate with Advisor II for all representatives/volunteers hosting a GaL-AA presence at roundups or conferences to ensure consistency of model and materials.
- ◇ Serve to orient new members of the Executive Committee who take office on January 1 in even numbered years.
- ◇ Serve as the primary liaison with the Grapevine.

Advisor III

- ◇ Facilitate special projects identified by the Executive Committee.
- ◇ Respond to individual and group requests for assistance from GaL-AA.
- ◇ Serve as GaL-AA Liaison to the LGBT+ AA host community in planning for the GaL-AA participation in the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous held every five years.

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“Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure”. –Bill W.

Dear GaL-AA Members and Groups:

We are kicking off our fundraising campaign to cover expenses for the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous (July 2-5, 2020) in Detroit, Michigan. GaL-AA will be hosting a hospitality suite, meetings and a dance at a Detroit hotel near the convention. This is one of our larger undertakings as a special composition group within Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are thankful for the support we have received from LGBT+ groups and members over the years and accept contributions only from within the fellowship, following AA's 7th Tradition.

Many groups have made us a part of their regular contribution allocations in the service structure along with central office/intergroup and local AA committees. Your contributions help support our continuing operations. For the next two years we hope you consider increasing your allocation to GaL-AA, or if your group doesn't regularly contribute to GaL-AA, consider us a separate service organization within the AA fellowship in the disbursement of excess funds available for distribution.

Any allocation is always a decision for the collective members of your group (please consider the typical allocation with GaL-AA as an AA service entity) with percentages determined by your group:

___% GaL-AA

___% to area committee

___% to G.S.O.

___% to intergroup or central office

___% to district

Our contribution link is: <http://gal-aa.org/donate/>

Our mailing address is:

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Visit the GaL-AA website for information about our purpose, operations, group meetings and roundups, newsletters, our finances and our activities for the upcoming International Convention.

Sober & Out

In keeping with our mission to support LGBT+ in AA, we will supply the book Sober & Out (LGBT stories from the AA Grapevine) to Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) groups upon request to Jim A.:

jim@gal-aa.org

Newsletter Contributors

We need your help! Are you interested in contributing to the quarterly newsletter? Do you have any AA-related news from your area you would like to share with others within the GaL-AA community? Do you have ideas and suggestions in improving our communications with this rest of the community? Then, please let us know today!

We're looking for other LGBT+ editorial contributors from around the US or abroad that would be interested in helping us compile important news to share with the AA community. **Personal stories are always welcomed.**

For more information or if you have questions, please email: Eric W.: eric@gal-aa.org

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June 2018—August 2018 Contributions

Group/Individual	Amount
808 LGBTQI Group, Brattleboro, VT	60.00
Acceptance Group, Summerville, SC	639.50
Bell Book and Candle, Atlanta, GA	60.00
Daniel R., Denver, CO	50.00
Douglas S., Monroe, NJ	36.00
Friday Night Fun Too, Washington, DC	55.20
Friday Night Gay & Lesbian Step Study Group, Lansing, MI	28.08
Friday Nite Group @ St. Andrews, Ann Arbor, MI	200.00
Fruits of Recovery, Ann Arbor, MI	70.00
Fundraiser, Martin's/Detroit Local	500.00
G&L AA, Des Moines, IA	25.00
GALIS, Winchester, MA	62.50
Gary D., Southfield, MI	50.00
Gay 18 New Castle, Rehoboth Beach, DE	51.50
Gay, Joyous and Free, Rehoboth Beach, DE	150.00
Lambda Group of AA, Dallas, TX	30.00
Lambda Miami Dade Spiritual Awakening, Miami, FL	400.00
LGBT Group of RI	40.00
LGBTQ AA Meeting #177988, Portland ME	100.00
Live & Let Live (Group 150), St. Louis, MO	12.00
Live & Let Live AA, St. Paul, MN	27.75
Live & Let Live, Birmingham, AL	69.75
Michael H., Dayton, OH	30.00
Naples, FL Free 2 Be	16.90
Primary Purpose, Columbia, SC	152.37
Rush-Hour Group, Miami, FL	43.25
Safe Haven P-11, Galveston, TX	14.21
Step by Step, Maplewood, NJ	60.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition, Palm Springs, CA	15.00
Unknown (Portland, OR)	11.10
Wednesday Big Book, Montclair, NJ	15.00
Total	3,075.11

Thank you for your continued support of the 7th Tradition!

Contribute to GaL-AA

We heard your voice and have made available two alternate ways to send your contribution. You can go to the web or download the mobile apps for each of Venmo or Square Cash:

Venmo: venmo.com/GaLAAContribution **Square Cash:** [cash.me/\\$GaLAAContribution](https://cash.me/$GaLAAContribution)

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The Steps...

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Tradition 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.

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

...The Traditions

Upcoming Roundups around the US and Canada

If you see a roundup missing, please email eric@gal-aa.org with the specific roundup information (Name, Location, Dates, etc.)

City	Roundup Name	Website	Start Date	End Date
Phoenix	Renewal In the Desert	renewalinthedesert.org	10/12/2018	10/14/2018
Provincetown	Serenity by the Sea	provincetownroundup.org	10/17/2018	10/21/2018
Houston	Houston Roundup	houstonroundup.org	11/22/2018	11/25/2018
SEMRU	Southeastern Massachusetts	semru.org	2/15/2019	2/18/2019
Rehoboth	Spirit by the Sea	rehobothroundup.org	2/15/2019	2/17/2019
South Carolina	Quest Roundup	questcarolinaroundup.org	2/22/2019	2/24/2019
Honolulu	Aloha Roundup	aloharoundup.com	2/22/2019	2/24/2019
Detroit	Together We Can	twcdetroit.com	3/15/2019	3/17/2019
Miami	Florida Roundup	floridaroundup.org	3/20/2019	3/24/2019
Vancouver	Celebrate Sobriety	celebratesobriety.ca	4/19/2019	4/21/2019
San Jose	Sober & Free	soberandfree.org	5/3/2019	5/4/2019
Long Island	Long Island Roundup (Fire Island)	longislandroundup.org	5/9/2019	5/12/2019
Atlanta	The Highlands Retreat by Hotlanta Roundup	thehighlandsretreat.com	5/10/2019	5/12/2019
Palm Springs	Sober in the Sun	soberinthesun.net	5/16/2019	5/19/2019
Dallas	Big D Roundup	bigdroundup.com	5/24/2019	5/27/2019
New Mexico	New Mexico Roundup	nmroundup.org	5/24/2019	5/25/2019
Palm Springs	Hot n Dry	hotndry.com	6/20/2019	6/23/2019
New York	Gay & Sober Men	gayandsober.org	6/27/2019	6/30/2019
New York	Big Apple Roundup	bigappleroundup.org	6/29/2019	6/30/2019
Austin	Austin Roundup	austinroundup.com	7/5/2019	7/7/2019
Halifax	Courage Roundup	courageroundup.ca	8/9/2019	8/11/2019
Ohio	Ohio Roundup	ohioroundup.org	8/23/2019	8/25/2019

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