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Changes Required to AAN! Constitution
By Proposals to be Presented to AGM

EXISTING

6. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

....Meetings of members may also be called without the necessary approval of the steering committee by the expressed wish of 15 or more members of the organization.

PROPOSED

....Meetings of members may also be called without the necessary approval of the steering committee upon written requisition of at least five (5%) of the members of the organization.

This change reflects the current and future growth of the organization (5% of a membership base of 300 = 15) and is more consistent with articles of incorporation.

EXISTING

13. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There shall be up to fifteen (15) members of the organization's steering committee. The chairperson, treasurer, secretary and designated members of the organization's subcommittees shall all be steering committee members. The remainder shall be elected by the members of the organization from among themselves at the annual meeting.

PROPOSED

There shall be up to twenty (20) members of the organization's steering committee, a majority of whom shall be HIV+ individuals, elected by the members of the organization from among themselves at the annual meeting. The co-chairpersons, treasurer, and secretary shall be elected to these offices at the annual meeting and are steering committee members included in the total indicated herein. Designated members of the organization's sub-committees shall all be steering committee members, appointed by the steering committee.

The position of chairperson is filled on a rotating basis by one of the two co-chairpersons.

The first change has been discussed and agreed to. I am unclear about the next. The amendment re: co-chairs is to reflect our new practice.

EXISTING

15. QUORUM AND MEETING, STEERING COMMITTEE

Eight (8) committee members shall form a quorum....

PROPOSED

A majority of steering committee members shall form a quorum..."

This change reflects the increase in SC membership and allows for fluctuating totals in SC membership due to resignations, ill health, etc.

EXISTING

28. POWER OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Each sub-committee shall designate, by a process agreed upon by a decision of the majority of its members, one member of the sub-committee to sit on the steering committee.

PROPOSED

Each sub-committee shall designate, by a process agreed upon by a decision of the majority of its members, one member of the sub-committee to attend steering committee meetings. In the event that the member so designated is not a member of the steering committee, (s)he shall sit as an ex-officio member of the steering committee.

The expansion of the SC to 20 members should largely alleviate the problem of sub-committees being represented by non-SC members. Article 29 (DUTIES OF THE DESIGNATED MEMBER) makes it clear that this is a reporting and feedback mechanism and was not intended to increase the number of voting SC members. This change makes it clear that the number of voting SC members does not fluctuate with the addition and deletion of sub-committees.

EXISTING

30. NOT FOR PROFIT

No member of the organization shall (except for repayment of expenses incurred on behalf of the organization) receive any income of the organization and the activities of the organization shall be carried on without a view to profit.

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PROPOSED

No member of the organization shall receive any income of the organization except for employees, consultants, researchers and others duly authorized and hired by the steering committee and except for repayment of authorized expenses incurred on behalf of the organization. The activities of the organization shall be carried on without a view to profit.

This change reflects the growth in the organization (eg. T.I.E.) and allows for future expansion as funds and projects require.