

# The Twelve Traditions of SAA

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon SAA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for SAA membership is a desire to stop addictive sexual behavior.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or SAA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the sex addict who still suffers.
6. An SAA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the SAA name to any related facility or outside enterprise lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every SAA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Sex Addicts Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. SAA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Sex Addicts Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the SAA 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, TV, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities

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## Vancouver Area SAA Group Meeting Positions and Responsibilities

## Optional Group Positions

Groups may choose to have these positions in order to get other members involved, or the duties of these positions may be done by the Secretary or Treasurer.

### Literature Representative:

*The Literature Representative ensures that the group has a good supply of materials on hand.*

DUTIES USUALLY INCLUDE:

- Making sure that the group has enough literature to meet the needs of the group
- Using money from the group to order more pamphlets, sobriety chips, green books, etc. as needed

### Intergroup Representative:

*The Intergroup Representative attends monthly Intergroup meetings.*

DUTIES USUALLY INCLUDE:

- Giving Intergroup Reports on the status of their group
- Participating in intergroup business, event planning and outreach
- Bringing back news from intergroup to share with the group

### Temporary Sponsors:

*Temporary Sponsors sponsor newcomers so they get a solid foundation in SAA recovery.*

DUTIES USUALLY INCLUDE:

- Phoning the sponsee on a regular basis
- Encouraging and assisting newcomers in writing their 3 circles
- Supporting newcomers to continue working the SAA program
- Helping newcomers get started on the 12 steps

## Essential Group positions

### Secretary:

*The Secretary ensures that the SAA meeting happens each week.*

DUTIES USUALLY INCLUDE:

- attending meetings each week
- coming to the meeting a few minutes early to unlock the door and set up materials
- calling business meetings for the group as needed
- taking note of meeting attendance, who the chair was, the 7th tradition
- being a contact person for the landlord or whoever is renting out the space

TIME COMMITMENT:

ABOUT 2 HOURS A MONTH PLUS WEEKLY MEETINGS

### Treasurer:

*The treasurer is in charge of money for the group.*

DUTIES USUALLY INCLUDE:

- Collecting the 7th tradition money from each week's meeting
- Keeping the money safe
- Keeping track of income (donations and book sales) as well as expenses (rent, donation to intergroup) on a spreadsheet or similar document
- Paying the rent in a timely fashion
- Occasionally reporting the finances to the group
- Participating in business meetings

TIME COMMITMENT:

1 HOUR A MONTH PLUS WEEKLY MEETINGS

Service is essential to keep groups running smoothly and to help reach out to newcomers. Helping to keep SAA running is an extension of carrying our message of recovery in Step 12.

Service also helps us stay sexually sober ourselves as we engage with the program and spiritual principles.

If you have been contemplating doing service we encourage you to try out a position that you feel you can comfortably handle.