

REGION IV FALL 2010 PROPOSED MANUAL CHANGE 5

Motion :

Move to revise **Definitions, Duties, Guidelines, Section 17. Region IV Newsletter** as follows:

Proposed Wording:

Statement of Purpose of the Region IV Newsletter

- ~~To communicate the business of our Region~~
- To publicize recovery events
- ~~To be the voice of assembly~~
- To publish, ~~within space limitations~~, recovery articles
- To build and strengthen the unity of Region IV

A. *Guidelines for the Region IV Newsletter*

1. The name of the Region IV newsletter shall be *IV Thought* (1984b)
2. The newsletter shall be published quarterly (in March, June, September and December)
3. All materials to be included in the newsletter shall be sent to the editor for final draft and layout, on or before the dates set forth each year in the Region IV Timeline.
4. ~~The newsletter shall not print copyrighted material without permission. OA service bodies may reprint articles from A Step Ahead or the Courier without permission as long as credit is given (e.g., "From A step Ahead, Fall 1996. Copyright 1996 by Overeaters Anonymous, Inc"). Individual Lifeline articles may be reprinted by registered OA service bodies for limited personal and group use. They may not be revised, recombined into other publications. Most OA newsletters contain a statement that any other anonymous group is welcome to reprint without permission.~~
1. ~~The newsletter shall not use printed contain materials from outside OA or AA~~
2. ~~Opinions on controversial issues or disagreements over group, intergroup, or region policy shall not dominate the newsletter.~~
4. The current *Guidelines for OA Newsletters*, available on oa.org, will be used to determine acceptable content.
5. All submitted material may be subject to editing.
 - a. Submission does not guarantee an article will be published.
 - b. OA members shall have the right to appeal editorial decisions to the Region IV assembly.

Guidelines for the Region IV Newsletter Editor

1. ~~The editor shall be elected annually and shall be someone who has served at the intergroup level for at least one year~~
2. ~~Using guidelines adopted by the Region IV delegates, the editor shall prepare a quarterly newsletter.~~
3. ~~The editor shall have someone trustworthy check the issues for tradition breaks (advertising of non-OA events, endorsing or opposing of "causes", outside enterprises, etc) before printing.~~
 1. The editor shall provide the Secretary with a draft of the newsletter for review one week prior to the publication deadline.
4. 2. The editor shall deliver an electronic version of the ~~quarterly~~ newsletter to the Region IV Web

Coordinator on or before the deadlines set forth each year in the Region IV Timelines.

5. ~~3.~~ The editor shall submit an electronic report of his/her activities to the Secretary for the Spring and Fall Assemblies.
6. ~~4.~~ The editor shall submit expense vouchers and receipts to the Region IV Treasurer in a timely manner, taking care to stay within budget guidelines.
7. ~~The editor reserves the right to edit all material and the right to refuse to print any submissions. OA members shall have the right to appeal editorial decisions to the Region IV assembly.~~

(Note:1992b)

Region IV Newsletter Format

Each quarterly issue shall contain:

A masthead, which includes the names of the newsletter and the region, a list of states, provinces, and territories in the region, the Region IV logo, and the date (month, year) of publication;

Newsletter articles and items according to Region IV guidelines

Region IV Chairman’s report;

~~Region IV Information sheet;~~

~~Region IV Contributions sheet;~~

“dates to remember” (that portion of the Region IV Timeline covered by that particular issue);

A list of upcoming Overeaters Anonymous events (retreats, workshops, conventions, etc);
(Note: 1983b,1992b)

A disclaimer: (“The opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent Region IV or Overeaters Anonymous as a whole.”);

Region IV Trustee and Chairman articles;

Region IV Mission Statement displayed on a prominent location.

The basic newsletter (those items listed in #1) shall not exceed ~~eight~~ twelve pages (three 11x17 inch pages) whenever possible to defray publishing costs, the *IV Thought* editor will prepare inserts and the items listed in #3 to fill 11x17 inch sheets.

In addition to the basic newsletter, the following items (by month) shall be ~~forwarded to the IV Thought editor to be included as an integral part of the IV Thought issues for that month. The items are due to IV Thought editor by the same deadline as other submissions.~~

March	September
Spring Assembly Agenda Location information of the Spring Assembly	Fall Assembly Agenda
Recap of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws Region IV Manual	Location information of the Fall Assembly
New Business Motions	Proposed Budget for Next Year
Financial Report	Recap of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws <u>Region IV Manual</u>
Convention Registration Form <u>in year of convention</u>	New Business Motions
Announcement that convention registration fee is suggested donation only (1983b)	Nominations for Region IV Officers
Group Donations, January through December of the previous year.	

June	December
Trustee Report	Trustee Report
Chair's Report	Chair's Report
Vice Chairman's Report	Vice Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's Report/Budget
Reports of Committees (3)	Reports of Committees (3)
Reports of Coordinators (6)	Reports of Coordinators (6)

Submitted by:

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Intent:

Change content of Newsletter to Recovery Items.

Cost:

None

Rationale:

All business items are now posted on the region website, so our newsletter can now focus recovery articles.