

2009 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM
for the
Northeast Region Caucus
to be held at 10:00 a.m., November 8, 2008
at the Christ the King Retreat Center
Syracuse, New York
and for the
2009 Delegate Meeting

Important Notes

1. Only groups currently registered with the ISO of SAA, Inc. can send a delegate to the Northeast Regional Caucus. A list of SAA meetings currently registered can be found at <http://www.saa-recovery.org/rmlist.htm>. If your group is not listed, you must accompany your Delegate Certification Form with a completed Group Registration Form. A copy of the Group Registration Form can also be found at <http://www.saa-recovery.org/rmlist.htm>.
2. Suggested guidelines for selecting your Delegate to the Northeast Region Caucus and to the 2009 Delegate Meeting are attached.
3. There is a \$5 caucus registration fee to help pay for meeting. Board members and alternates and Literature Committee members and alternates must also pay. This fee is in addition to the fee for the 2009 ISO Delegate Meeting. Those who register for the NE Region Caucus will be pre-registered for the Delegate Meeting but will have to pay the additional delegate fee on site.
4. **Before October 31**, the form certifying your Delegate should be mailed to ISO, P.O. Box 70949, Houston, TX 77270. **After October 31**, your Delegate may hand carry this form to the caucus.

GROUP IDENTIFICATION		
Group Name	Region	Group Code
Mailing Address		
DELEGATE		
Name	Phone	E-Mail
Mailing Address		
ALTERNATE DELEGATE		
Name	Phone	E-Mail
Mailing Address		
DELEGATE CERTIFICATION		
This certifies that the above individual(s) has been elected to represent our group at the Northeast Region Caucus to be held on November 8, 2008, in Syracuse, NY, and at the 2009 Delegate Meeting.		
Trusted Servant's Signature	Trusted Servant's Printed Name	Date
Witnessing Member's Signature	Witnessing Member's Printed Name	Date

GUIDELINES FOR GROUPS

Identifying Leaders for International Service Work¹

The ISO of SAA has learned through experience that the following guidelines are necessary for effective leadership at the International Level. The guidelines were adopted at our Organizing Convention in Houston in 1989, updated by the Board of Trustees in 1998, and modified specifically for Delegates in 2003.

1. At least one year experience in the program.
2. At least six months of continuous sexual sobriety. Sobriety to include abstinence from all activities which might draw SAA into public controversy. Examples of these activities include but are not limited to: rape, child molestation, incest, voyeurism, exhibitionism, prostitution, use of a prostitute, frequenting sexually oriented adult only establishments (such as "men's clubs," adult bookstores and movie theaters, massage parlors, peep shows, etc.), and adultery.
3. Completion of 12 Steps with a sponsor.
4. Demonstrated leadership in service work at the local level.
5. Endorsement of their home group -- affirming their belief that the individual has the serenity and wisdom in the program to serve at the international level.

The ISO Board is convinced that those who serve well at the international level must have had success in their personal recovery based on the Twelve Steps of SAA. International Service work cannot be left to those who lack sobriety. We affirm the assembly's conviction that international service work requires more than what can work well at the local group level. We believe the identification process needs to begin at the local level sometime before the convention. Then the group conscience can take action to see that those who have the skills, serenity and wisdom are at the convention. In areas with Intergroups this structure can further enhance the identification and endorsement process.

¹ These guidelines are for international service as **Delegates**. Service Guidelines for Board and LitCom members are found in the annual Call to Convention.

OTHER QUALITIES IMPORTANT FOR OUR TRUSTED SERVANTS

- A good grasp of the Twelve Traditions and a high sense of ethics.
- Individuals who will accept the commitment that each position requires. They need to follow through with actions on projects undertaken to fulfill the goals set by the membership at the annual meeting.
- International Service work sometimes involves working in or with committees, either in person, through the mail or through teleconferences.
- Willingness to listen to all viewpoints.
- Humility that cripples any desire for personal over collective goals.
- Willingness to support group decisions even when they are not what the individual would have preferred.
- Ability to place principles before personalities. This means refraining from gossip and working with others in the spirit of respect.
- Know patience, as work based on broad group consensus moves slowly.
- Remember, when conducting the business of our fellowship, that our program is primarily a spiritual program.

The guidelines listed above should not be construed so as to disqualify those in the program who have strong convictions and beliefs. The energy such people often carry with them can be a valuable asset to our program, so long as they recognize that the ultimate authority in our program is God, as God is revealed in our group conscience.

Just as there are demands made on those engaged in international service work, there is more than enough in the way of compensating rewards. Personal growth, the joy of seeing others who have been under the heel of their addiction finding sexual sobriety, and the joy of giving something back to a program that has given so much to us. It is true that we grow in our recovery by sharing it with others.

We hope these comments will help your group identify and send forth trusted servants who can serve our fellowship with integrity, vision, and energy.