

**ARTICLES OF CORPORATION – (BY-LAWS)**

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**ARTICLE #1 – BUSINESS NAME, LOCATION & TYPE**

The legal name of this organization shall be NEW BEGINNINGS CLUB, INC. while the trade name of this organization shall be NEW BEGINNINGS. This organization shall reside in Runnemede, New Jersey and be legally registered with State and Federal agencies as a non-profit 501(c)-3 organization, its principal business activity being categorized as a private non-profit corporation, and its date of establishment noted as June 28, 2010.

**ARTICLE #2 – PURPOSE**

PLEASE NOTE: The term of recovery is used in the following articles; it is used instead of sobriety or clean-time to embrace all twelve step fellowships. Sobriety and clean time are requirements for membership and officer positions (hereinafter referred to as "recovery").

The purpose of New Beginnings is to coordinate carrying the message of 12 step programs to the still suffering as well as charitable and educational. Its' activities may include, among others:

- A. To associate men and women whose lives have become unmanageable and to encourage recovery among them by practicing the twelve steps.
- B. To promote the physical, mental and spiritual improvement of its members.
- C. To render relief and assistance to all who are recovering as deemed necessary and judicious.
- D. To maintain and operate a private meeting place for the purpose of providing refreshment, entertainment, exercise and social enjoyment of its members.
- E. To assist the community when approved by the governing board and its members.
- F. To make hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise or request, any property, real or personal, that is deemed necessary and desirable for attaining the aforementioned and purposes of this association.
- F. New Beginnings welcomes use of its facilities to most recovery groups, including, but not limited to Alanon and Alateen.

**ARTICLE #3 – TRADITIONS**

These Articles of Association are based, in spirit, upon the Twelve Traditions of A.A.; said Traditions will be strictly followed in any given situation.

**ARTICLE #4 – GUIDELINES**

These articles cover the general policies of New Beginnings, more detailed and specific information will be found in these supporting guidelines. The listings of the current guidelines are as follows:

- A. New Beginnings Guideline on Membership
- B. New Beginnings Guideline on Club Officers
- C. New Beginnings Guideline on Committees
- D. New Beginnings Guideline on Finance

Amendment to the guidelines can be proposed during the monthly business meeting. If a motion is made and seconded, the proposed change will be posted within two business days. At the next business meeting, the amended guideline will come up to a vote by the membership. The Treasurer will provide the Chairperson with the names of all members eligible to vote prior to the meeting, and if passed, the changes will take place immediately.

**ARTICLE #5 – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization shall be open to any person who is associated with any twelve-step group and has attained one month of continuous recovery. For further information on membership requirements, privileges, obligations, disciplinary actions and dues please refer to 'New Beginnings Guideline on Membership'.

**ARTICLE #6 – NOMINATING MEETING**

In order to obtain officers as referenced in Article #8:

Every two years, at the November Business Meeting of even-numbered years, nominations will be open from the floor. A member must be present in order to be nominated. At the December Business Meeting, an Election Committee will be organized, ensuring the election is conducted by process of the Third Legacy Procedures. The newly elected officers shall begin their term immediately following the election. Prior to the nominations and elections, written notice shall be given by the Secretary at least ten days in advance and shall be posted on the bulletin board. For further information regarding the nominations of the officers please see ‘New Beginnings Guideline on Club Officers’.

**ARTICLE #7 – OFFICERS, ELIGIBILITY AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

The membership shall elect as their trusted servants a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary. All of the officer positions are two-year terms. Any interruption in recovery time or membership would be automatic disqualification. There are also five Trustees whose terms are indefinite. For further information regarding the functions and responsibilities of the officers please see ‘New Beginnings Guideline on Club Officers’.

**ARTICLE #8 – RESIGNATION**

Any officer may resign from this organization by tendering to the Chairperson a written notice of such desire to withdraw. Withdrawal from office shall be effective from the date of such written notice. For further information regarding the resignation of officers please see ‘New Beginnings Guideline on Club Officers’.

**ARTICLE #9 – REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICERS FROM OFFICE**

For information regarding the removal of elected officers please see ‘New Beginnings Guideline on Club Officers’.

**ARTICLE #10 – COMMITTEES**

Subject to unanimous approval by the Club Officers, Committees usual to the operations of New Beginnings shall be formed and Chairpersons selected to head Committees. Said Committee Chairpersons in turn will select a Co-Chairperson, all to serve for a 1-year term. Although there is no recovery time requirement, any interruption of recovery from the start of the term would be automatic disqualification. For more information regarding the committee processes please see ‘New Beginnings Guideline on Committees’.

**ARTICLE #11 - FINANCE**

New Beginnings Inc. shall be financed from donations from its members, recovery groups that utilize the meeting room, and events. Additional financial support may be obtained by any method that does not violate the laws of Runnemede, NJ and Federal laws pursuant to 501(c)-3 compliance. For more information regarding finances of this corporation please see ‘New Beginnings Guideline on Finance’.

**ARTICLE #12 - AMENDMENTS**

These Articles may be amended by majority vote of attending members at any monthly business meeting. The Treasurer will provide the Chairperson with the names of all eligible members prior to the vote. A notification announcing the intention of having amendments proposed shall be included in the Minutes of New Beginnings for two (2) consecutive months preceding the meeting that the proposed amendments would be voted on. In addition, a copy of the proposed amendments shall be attached to the Minutes of those two meetings.

**ARTICLE #13 - POSTING OF ARTICLES**

These Articles and their accompanying Guidelines must be posted in the club in a conspicuous location at all times. They must also be posted on the website in pdf format. Any paid member requesting a copy should forward the request to the Secretary, and allow reasonable time for the copies to be made.