# **Seniors in Sobriety Steering Committee Guidelines**

Adopted 2/28/2021

#### Name of Organization - Seniors in Sobriety

**Purpose of SIS** – Provide an organization and activities that enable senior alcoholics in recovery to connect with each other and with other seniors who have become afflicted with the disease of alcoholism later in life.

**Membership defined** – An SIS member is any person (especially those over 50 years of age) who wishes to participate in planning and putting on SIS activities, including senior friendly meetings of AA and Al-Anon, conferences, outreach opportunities, and other relevant events

**Governance of SIS** – The SIS Steering Committee is established to provide continuity of funding, leadership, communication, and accountability to Seniors in Society.

#### **Committees -**

*Steering Committee* - A group of six seniors committed to keeping SIS alive plus the addition (by invitation) of the most recent SIS conference chairperson. Terms of service shall be three years with a renewal option of an additional 3 years. Terms of renewal shall be staggered so that the membership will have continuity and the maintenance of intellectual capital going forward. The following members have indicated their willingness to serve for 2018-2021:

Mickey White – 12/31/2021 Claire Jarocki – 12/31/2021 Wayne Gould – 12/31-2021 Marianne Falkner – 12/31/2021 Vince Von Dahlen – 12/31/2024 Colin MacKinnon – 12/31-2021 Lisa Collins – 2019 Conference Chair *Outreach Committee* – to be selected by the steering committee from nominations of other members.

Michael Krivoy – Outreach Committee Chair

## Planning Committee(s)

2021 International Conference – San Diego CA

2023 International Conference -- TBD

2025 International Conference -- TBD

## Activities

#### **Bi-annual Conferences**

## **CEC and CPC Outreach**

**Zoom meetings** – Steering Committee Meetings will be held as required using the Zoom Video Conferencing System

*Face-to-face meetings* – Steering Committee will hold a face-to-face (or online) meeting during each bi-annual conference and in addition when schedules permit

*Communication via Website and email blasts* – The Steering committee will fund and maintain the SIS website (seniorsinsobriety.com) and assist each planning committee and outreach committee with their web presence

**Financial Guidelines** – The SIS Steering committee will operate a 501(a)(1)\*\* organization, and maintain a bank account with a prudent reserve of \$1500. The SIS Steering committee will provide seed funds for future conferences upon the formation of each planning committee and will receive surplus funds donated by each completed conference to assure the existence of seed money for future conferences as their first priority and the funding of expenses for the activities of the Steering Committee and other SIS Committees agreed upon by a quorum of the Steering Committee members.

\*\*Subsection (a)(1) includes churches, schools, hospitals, and other charities that are publicly supported by a broad range of donors.