

Sample ASG Bylaws
of
NAME OF YOUR AFFILIATED SUPPORT GROUP (ASG)

1. Name

The name of this support group shall be the **(NAME OF YOUR ASG)**. This Ostomy Support Group is affiliated with the United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc., a nonprofit Organization incorporated in the State of New Jersey.

2. Mission Statement

The **(NAME OF YOUR ASG)** is organized to advocate for, and provide information and peer counseling to, those people who have, or will have, bowel or urinary diversion surgery.

3. Purpose

The **(NAME OF YOUR ASG)** is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. Members

Regular members are those who have had or will have bowel or bladder diversion surgery, and non-ostomates such as care-givers, spouses or significant others, relatives and medical professionals who have an interest in the affairs of this support group.

5. Management

The managing body will be an Executive Committee composed of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as elected by the membership.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day activities, programs and business decisions of the support group and for promulgating any appropriate policies and procedures.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual operating budget and the determination of the use of any funds received from UOAA.

6. Dues

The Executive Committee will determine the annual membership dues fee, and shall be responsible for the payment of the Annual Affiliation Fee to UOAA.

7. Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of the membership and may be made at any time at their discretion.

8. National Affiliation

(NAME OF YOUR ASG) shall be affiliated with the United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc, and shall conform to the requirements of affiliation and shall support, and when applicable, be governed by the provisions of UOAA's Constitution. It shall participate in UOAA's programs to support, educate and advocate on behalf all people with bowel and urinary diversions and those who may have them in the future.

9. Dissolution

If the (NAME OF YOUR ASG) Executive Committee in consultation with the UOAA Management Board of Directors determines that (NAME OF YOUR ASG) must dissolve, all members of the (NAME OF YOUR ASG) must be notified of the intent to dissolve.

Upon dissolution of this Network, after satisfying any outstanding debts and obligations, any remaining assets provided by UOAA shall be returned to the UOAA and any assets acquired independent of the UOAA shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, with strong preference given to the UOAA, Inc. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20xx

For the Membership by: _____
President

And,
by: _____
Secretary

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