

By-Laws of Deo Volente, Incorporated

Article I - Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be "Deo Volente, Incorporated."

Section 2. Its principal office shall be located at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of Deo Volente, Incorporated is to be a servant organization, bringing into being a fellowship of concern among women involved in an anonymous program of recovery from the disease of alcoholism and its effects, experiencing together the universal love of God, providing support and encouragement in a spiritual program to be shared as the result of healing experiences, and the desire to grow in serenity. To accomplish this purpose, the corporation may, among other things, establish, operate, and maintain a retreat house as a meeting place for such women as an open retreat. In addition, open retreats may be held for such women directed by one who is knowledgeable concerning the disease of alcoholism.

Article III - Seal

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporate Seal.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1. Any person of the age of 18 or older who demonstrates a desire to support and promote the purpose for which this corporation is established shall be eligible for membership. The Board of Directors reserves the right to establish membership dues.

Section 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the corporation, at a place and time to be designated by the Board of Directors, but no later than the first day of November. The membership shall elect the members of the Board of Directors and may make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the corporation's business.

Article V - Board of Directors

Section 1. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, so that there can be a turnover of no more than three (3) members per election. No Board member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

Section 2. In addition to the voting members of the Board of Directors, said Board may appoint non-voting committee chairmen and advisors. The term of service shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any person nominated/elected (AA, Al-Anon) to a position as an officer of Deo Volente, Incorporated, Board of Directors, Deo Volente Serenity Retreat Chairman or Co-Chairman must have a minimum of two (2) years continuous/concurrent sobriety (AA), or be active in a program of recovery (Al-Anon) in order to qualify for said position. In the event of a slip, the Deo Volente, Incorporated Chairman will:

1. Request her to resign in writing.
2. Inform all Board members of her decision/action as Chairman of Deo Volente, Incorporated, in writing.
3. Call an emergency meeting of the Board or canvas by telephone and/or e-mail requesting opinions for a substitution for the vacant position. (This step may be omitted if members of the Board are in agreement that the board can continue until the next annual meeting of Deo Volente, Incorporated).

Article VI - Management

Section 1. The business and property for the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, (to consist of at least six (6) elected, rotating members, and not more than nine (9) elected, rotating members, plus two (2) appointed members to consist of the Serenity Retreat Chairman and Co-Chairman. These two (2) appointed members shall be appointed by the six (6) to nine (9) elected, rotating members of the Deo Volente, Incorporated Board.) The Board of Directors reserves the right to make solicitations for, or to refuse contributions to, the corporation. The members of the Board of Directors shall receive no compensation for their services as such.

Section 2. There will be three Board of Directors meetings held each year. In order that the business of the corporation be conducted, any Board member who is unable to attend two out of three meetings would be expected out of courtesy to offer her resignation. The Chairperson may call additional meetings if necessary.

Section 3. The annual membership meeting shall be held in March. Notice of this meeting shall be made available to each member of the corporation by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days previous to the time fixed for the meeting.

Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the Board membership. A majority of Board members present at any meeting shall have power to adjourn the meeting to a future time.

Section 5. Following the annual Corporation meeting the Board shall elect the officers of the corporation. An officer, board member, or committee chairman may be removed at any time by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Directors.

Section 6. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board, to serve for the remainder of an unexpired term, or until the next annual meeting of the membership of the corporation.

Section 7. Advisors may be appointed by the Board of Directors to lend support and advice to the business of the corporation. Such advisors shall consist of no more than nine (9) persons and shall be selected by the Board of Directors to serve for an indefinite term.

Article VII - Officers

Section 1. The officers of this corporation shall be a Chairman, a Co-Chairman, a Secretary, a Co-Secretary, a Treasurer, a Co-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for the term of one to three (1-3) years and shall hold office until her successor is duly elected and qualified; in keeping with the spirit of rotation.

Section 2. The Chairman shall preside at all Board meetings; shall have general supervision over the affairs of the corporation and over other officers; shall sign all written contracts of the corporation, and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to the office. In case of the absence or disability of the Chairman, her duties shall be performed by the Co-Chairman.

Section 3. The Secretary, or in her absence the Co-Secretary, shall attend and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and meetings of the membership of the corporation; shall keep updated all non-financial corporate books, records and papers; shall be custodian of the corporate seal; shall attest with her signature and impress with the corporate seal all written contracts of the corporation; and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to her office, including keeping DV archives updated.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all money and securities of the corporation. She shall keep regular books of accounts and shall submit them, together with all her vouchers, receipts, records, and other papers, to the Board of Directors for their examination and approval as often as they may require; and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to her office, including keeping DV archives updated. The Treasurer shall be assisted by the Co-Treasurer, and the Co-Treasurer may act for the Treasurer in the latter's absence.

Article VIII - Finance

Section 1. The funds of the corporation shall be deposited in such bank or trust company as the Board of Directors may designate, and shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the Treasurer and one other officer, as designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will oversee all annual tax filings and IRS 501 (c) 3 requirements.

Article IX - Dissolution

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable or other organizations which would then qualify under the provision of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.