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Finger Lakes Alliance for the Mentally Ill (FLAMI)

BY-LAWS

Section 1 - NAME

1.1 The name of the organization shall be the Finger Lakes Alliance for the Mentally Ill (FLAMI).

Section 2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of FLAMI shall be to:

- 2.1 Advocate and work towards a system of quality care and rehabilitation to meet the needs of all those in the Finger Lakes region who suffer mental illness.
- 2.2 Advocate and work for increased research on all aspects of mental illness by both public and private sources.
- 2.3 Work to eradicate the stigma associated with mental disorders.
- 2.4 Provide information and support to individuals, families and organizations coping with problems of mental illness.
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- 2.5 Promote and support/on all aspects of mental illness.

Section 3 - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any individual or family who has a mentally ill relative or who subscribes to the purposes of FLAMI may become a member upon payment of dues.

Section 4 - OFFICERS

4.1 The officers of FLAMI shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected for one terms of one year, and shall not be eligible to serve for more than three consecutive years.

- 4.1.1 President - shall preside at all regular and special meetings of FLAMI and of the Executive Board; shall call meetings when duly requested; shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees; shall represent FLAMI when necessary, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of President.
- 4.1.2 Vice-President - shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- 4.1.3 Recording Secretary - shall keep minutes of all meetings of FLAMI, including meetings of the Executive Board, and maintain them in a permanent record book. All decisions of the Executive Board shall also be kept in such record book. The Recording Secretary shall also perform such duties as are assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

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- 4.1.4 Corresponding Secretary - shall handle FLAMI correspondence as directed by the President or Executive Board, including acknowledging the organization's gratitude to guest speakers.
- 4.1.5 Treasurer - shall have the custody of all FLAMI funds; shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements; shall pay all bills incurred by FLAMI, and in so doing shall issue checks over the signatures of the Treasurer and President; and from time to time shall present statements of receipts and expenditures to the membership.

Section 5 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

5.1 There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the officers of the organization, the immediately past ~~XXXX~~ President, and two members to be elected annually from the membership-at-large.

5.1.1 A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the full membership.

Section 6 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 6.1 Election of officers and members of the Executive Board shall take place at the annual meeting of FLAMI.
- 6.2 A nominating Committee, appointed by the President and consisting of three members who are not officers or members of the Executive Board, shall distribute a list of candidates to each member of the organization at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting.
- 6.3 Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting, provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.
- 6.4 Election of officers and members of the Executive Board must be by written ballot whenever there is more than one candidate for an office.
- 6.5 Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term by vote of the membership at the first general meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Section 7 - MEETINGS

- 7.1 A proposed schedule of regular meetings of the general membership shall be presented by the Executive Board for approval of the general membership at its annual meeting.
- 7.2 Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the President with approval of a majority of the Executive Board. Notice of the time and purpose of such a meeting shall be distributed to the membership at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

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- 7.3 An annual meeting of the general membership, for the purpose of election of officers and other annual business, shall be scheduled by the Executive Board.
- 7.4 A quorum at any general or special meeting of the membership shall consist of a majority of the voting members of FLAMI at that time, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership at a previous regular meeting.
- 7.5 Any interested person, whether or not a voting member of FLAMI, may attend regular meetings.

Section 8 - FINANCES

- 8.1 A schedule of dues shall be developed by the Executive Board and submitted to the general membership for approval.
- 8.2 The fiscal year of FLAMI shall correspond to the calendar year.
- 8.3 Checks drawn against FLAMI shall require the signatures of the President and Treasurer.
- 8.4 The Treasurer shall present a brief statement of FLAMI finances at each regular meeting.

Section 9 - AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 Amendments to the by-laws shall be proposed to the membership by the Executive Board at least 10 days before being voted on.
- 9.2 Amendments shall require a two thirds majority vote at a meeting of the general membership at which a quorum is present.
- 9.3 These by-laws shall become effective upon their acceptance by a two-thirds majority of the general membership at which a quorum is present.

(The by-laws were discussed and approved by a unanimous vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the FLAMI membership on February 17, 1986, at which a quorum was present.)