

BYLAWS OF
THUMB AREA UNITY COUNCIL

Revised – 05.08.18

1. NAME

The name of this organization is the THUMB AREA UNITY COUNCIL (“TAUC”).

2. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

TAUC is a non-profit Michigan Corporation and as such, shall file annual reports with the State of Michigan.

3. PURPOSE

The Primary Purpose of the TAUC is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous (“AA”) and Al-Anon Family Groups (“AFG”) in Tuscola and Huron Counties, Michigan. It shall be the collective responsibility of TAUC to follow the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, Principles and Policies of both AA and AFG.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The Body of TAUC shall consist of the duly elected officers and selected committee members, including: one Group Service Representative (“GSR”) and an alternate (“ALT GSR”) per AA Group, one Group Representative (“GR”) and an alternate (“ALT GR”) per AFG Group in Tuscola and Huron Counties who care to participate in TAUC. Membership is not mandatory for AA and AFG Groups, and any member of AA or AL-ANON may attend meetings.

5. MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of TAUC shall be held each month at a time and place as may be selected by TAUC. Presently they are being held the Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at St. Francis Borgia Church Hall in Pigeon, Michigan. By a majority vote of TAUC Members at a Meeting, the time and place of meetings may be changed. However, at least one month notice shall be provided to members prior to a vote upon same.

6. OFFICERS

The Officers of the TAUC shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall have a minimum of five years of continuous and uninterrupted Sobriety or Service.

7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. Chairperson

The Chairperson shall preside and preserve order at all meetings of TAUC and *appoint all Chairpersons* of all committees. He/she shall have the direct authority to sign all documents on behalf of TAUC and as directed by the members. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of TAUC.

B. Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and perform all the duties of the Chairperson in his/her temporary absence.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of all proceedings of the meeting. He/she shall publish the minutes thereof to members who care to receive minutes and provide a copy to the Web-master/mistress for display at TAUC's website. The Secretary may have an assistant selected by him/her.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep a record of all monies paid into TAUC, shall pay all bills and deposit or cause to be deposited in a bank approved by the TAUC members in the name of TAUC. TAUC is to have at least two, and no more than three, signators on the bank signature card. It shall take no more than one to authorize and sign checks. The Treasurer shall report the condition of the treasury as the members may direct and submit his/her books and records to the members whenever required. Funds of the TAUC shall be used only for authorized expenses. The Treasurer is responsible to calculate and Report the Prudent Reserve Fund to the members and make recommendations. Prudent Reserve Fund shall be defined as \$900.00.

8. NOMINATIONS

The membership shall, at the applicable May meeting, nominate persons for the position for the respective upcoming vacant offices plus for an Intra-Area District Committee Member from Tuscola County and from Huron County.

9. SPECIAL ELECTIONS

If an officer dies, resigns or retires while in office, then the vacancy shall be filled by a special election at least one full month and within two months after the officer departs.

10. ELECTIONS

Elections for Chairperson and Secretary shall be held in June every other year in odd numbered years. Elections for Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer shall be held in June every other year in even numbered years.

11. TERM OF OFFICE

The length of term of each officer shall be for two years. If an officer is elected due to the death, resignation or retirement of an officer, then the new officer shall serve the remaining of the departing officer's term.

12. QUORUM

A quorum for each and every TAUC meeting shall be 10 persons which may include officers and committee members.

13. VOTING

Votes or voting on business matters and elections shall be decided by a simple majority vote.

Those eligible to vote on any matter before TAUC are as follows:

TAUC

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

AA

One Group Representative per Group (GSR)
One Alternate GSR per Group (ALT GSR)
One District Committee Member per county (DCM)
One Alternate DCM per county (ALT DCM)
All recognized Committee Chairpersons

AFG

One Group Representative per Group (GR)
One Alternate GR per group (ALT GR)
One District Representative per County (DR)
One Alternate District Representative per County (ALT DR)
All recognized Committee Chairpersons

14. COMMITTEES

The following Committees are recommended to be established and maintained by TAUC. The term of Office is one year and each Committee shall have a Chairperson selected as provided above.

- A. Executive Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer
- B. Public Information (“PI”)
- C. Cooperation with the Professional Community (“CPC”)
- D. Corrections
- E. Bylaws – Executive Committee

15. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at TAUC meetings shall be:

- A. Open with a Prayer
- B. Preambles of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-ANON Family Groups
- C. Roll Call
- D. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting
- E. Treasurer's report
- F. Report of Committees and Officers
- G. Communications and Bills
- H. Unfinished Business
- I. New Business
- J. Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer

16. GUIDANCE AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

All Meetings are guided by a loving God who makes Himself known through our group conscience.

Meetings shall be conducted pursuant to, and within the spirit of, the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

ADOPTED ON: May 8, 2018

Secretary

Notary

Per Action of the TAUC at it's May, 2018 Business Meeting

May 8, 2018

MOTION by Fred G, Supported by Kay W, that the By-Laws of the TAUC be amended, as revised, per the May 7, 2018 Recommendation of the Executive/By-Laws Committee of the TAUC;

and further,

That the Current Terms of Service of the following currently sitting TAUC Officers of the TAUC be Extended for one (1) year to allow the terms of service to accommodate the modifications in election scheduling therein, without an interruption of Service:

Chairperson Larry B: Extend Term of Service one year to July 9, 2019

Treasurer Tim B: Extend Term of Service one year to July 14, 2020

Intra-Area DCM-Tuscola Paul W: Extend Term of Service one year to July 9, 2019

and further,

That Nominations be solicited May 8, 2018 –May 31, 2018 for the following two year positions:

Vice-Chairperson July 10, 2018 – July 14, 2020

Intra-Area DCM – Huron July 10, 2018 – July 14, 2020

and further,

2018 TAUC Elections will be held on June 12, 2018.

As Adopted, the Following Officer Elections are slated in accordance with the REVISED BYLAWS:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
Chairperson		x		x	
Vice Chairperson	x		x		x
Secretary		x		x	
Treasurer			x		x
Intra-Area DCM - Tuscola		x		x	
Intra-Area DCM –Huron	x		x		x

Future Elections: Nominations in May, Elections in June each year.

The By-laws shall be Notarized, and then Filed with the Secretary.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Recorded by:

**Steven C., Secretary
TAUC
05/08/18**