

CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS of the George Sutton Toastmasters Club

Mission: The George Sutton TM club exists to foster the personal and professional growth of its members. The Club strives to balance a friendly, enjoyable environment with the structure and discipline necessary to effectively develop communication, leadership, and social skills.

Membership:

Any person 18 years of age or older who has attended at least three consecutive meetings may apply for membership. Membership is considered a privilege and is subject to the approval of the current members. Club membership is limited to 31 *active* members.

*Active / Inactive Status and Waiting List Procedures:*

*Active member:* A member in good standing, whose dues are current, and who is fully participating in the monthly schedule.

*Inactive member:* A member in good standing, whose dues are current, who does *not* appear on the monthly schedule. A member may request inactive status at any time -- a member *should* request inactive status when he or she anticipates a prolonged (several weeks) absence for any reason. A member may be *involuntarily* placed on inactive status by a vote of the Executive Committee (see Attendance, below). Inactive members are welcome to attend meetings and fill-in for other members, when applicable.

*Waiting List:* Active membership will be allowed to grow to 31 without regard to the number of members in inactive status. Upon reaching 31 active members, the club will maintain a waiting list, if necessary, to "queue up" new applicants and inactive members desiring return to active status.

*Note: If a waiting list is in effect when an inactive member requests reinstatement, his/her name will be placed on that list no earlier than 2 weeks prior to his/her anticipated return date. Members desiring return to active status will not "bump" new applicants already on the waiting list.*

Dues:

George Sutton TM club dues are determined by a vote of the club. They are added to, and collected concurrently with, the dues assessed by Toastmasters International. Club dues are currently \$12 per year. International dues are currently \$36 per year. All dues are collected in two increments, in March and September. Club initiation fee is currently \$6. All dues amounts are subject to revision.

Meetings:

George Sutton TM meets every Thursday (except Holidays) from 11:30AM until 1:00PM at a suitable place in Aurora, CO. 'Robert's Rules of Order' governs the conduct of club business. The George Sutton Manual covers all regular duties and meeting procedures. A current George Sutton Manual will be furnished each member.

The Executive Committee shall meet monthly at the call of the president.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is expected. Chronic absenteeism or absences without advance notice *may* result in a member being involuntarily placed on inactive status (i.e., removed from the monthly schedule) by the Executive Committee. The member will be notified in writing that *inactivation* is contemplated and will be given an opportunity to appeal in writing.

Election of Officers:

Executive Committee officers shall be officially nominated and elected at the first meetings of December and June. Their new six-month terms begin January 1 and July 1.

Revision approved by the membership on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ President.