

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. The treasurer will find an officer of the club to use his or her credit card for dues payment to Toastmasters International and treasurer will write a check to that officer for reimbursement." 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: 11/16/2017

Signed: Marty Dickinson, President