EDRG Financial Guidelines

Summary of Proposed Revisions

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Purpose	These guidelines have been substantially revised and reformatted. This document highlights the key substantive changes — please refer to the full proposed guidelines for complete language.

1. Treasurer Role & Term

Area	Previous Guidelines	Proposed Guidelines
Term length	One-year term, beginning January 1	Six-month overlapping terms (rotations ~January & July)
Number of Treasurers	Single Treasurer at a time	Two Treasurers serving simultaneously — one experienced, one newer
Term limit	Individuals may serve one time	Unchanged — each member may serve one time
Handoff	Retain one year of receipts to pass to next Treasurer	Outgoing Treasurer responsible for thorough handoff of all records, receipts, and account information

2. Treasurer Qualifications

Area	Previous Guidelines	Proposed Guidelines
Al-Anon experience	At least one year in Al-Anon	At least two years in Al-Anon
Self-nomination	Not addressed	Members may not nominate themselves or volunteer for the position
Election threshold	Not specified	Two-thirds majority required; runoff process and name-drawing added if no majority reached
Absent nominees	Not addressed	May be nominated if they have confirmed willingness to serve prior to the meeting

3. Bank Account Signatory (Significantly Revised)

Key Change	The Signatory role has been substantially formalized with its own qualifications, election process, and defined responsibilities.

Area	Previous Guidelines	Proposed Guidelines
Term	Two-year term (informal)	One-year term, elected at January Group Conscience
Qualifications	"Member of the fellowship" — no other requirements stated	At least two years in Al-Anon AND must have previously served as EDRG Treasurer
Election process	Not described	Same formal process as Treasurer: nominations, two-thirds majority, runoff, name-drawing
Role definition	"Second signatory" — no further description	Oversight and accountability role; may review account activity at any time; does not manage day-to-day finances; raises concerns with Group Conscience

4. Contribution Methods

Area	Previous Guidelines	Proposed Guidelines
Accepted methods	Venmo and personal checks; Zelle and others "as agreed upon"	Venmo, Zelle, PayPal, or personal check — all listed methods shared in meeting chat at each meeting
Venmo setting	Set to Private; handle in chat script	Set to Private — all available methods shared in meeting chat

5. Group Expenses — Payment Approach

Area	Previous Guidelines	Proposed Guidelines
Website & domain	Website hosting every 3 years (due Jan 5, 2026); domain every 10 years (due Jan 2, 2033)	All group expenses paid monthly rather than annually or multi-year — grounded in Warranty One of the Twelve Concepts of Service
Disbursement method	Monthly via Venmo, check, or bank account ATM card	Paid directly from bank account wherever possible

6. What Remains Unchanged

Item	Details
Prudent Reserve	$250.00 — established by Group Conscience (September 2022)
7th Tradition disbursement split	50% to WSO, 50% to GEA — established by Group Conscience (December 2022)
Disbursement frequency	Monthly

Item	Details
WSO payment addresses	al-anon.org online; 1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA by mail
GEA payment	givebutter.com/gea
Contributions transferred to bank	Weekly
Treasurer's Report	Delivered at monthly Group Conscience (first Thursday, 8:30 AM PST); written copy to Secretary
No-report protocol	Secretary follows up; if no response in 10 days, contribution methods removed from chat until resolved
Zoom subscription	Paid automatically from bank account