Oxford House™ Chapter Manual©

"Sharing the Experience, Strength, and Hope of Oxford Houses for the Common Good"

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Oxford Houses are self-run, self-supported recovery homes for individuals recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction. Each house operates independently, holding weekly democratic meetings to manage daily operations and maintain financial stability. Monthly Chapter meetings bring together houses within a geographic area to share experiences, support one another, uphold the reputation of the Oxford House model, and allow more established houses to mentor newer ones.

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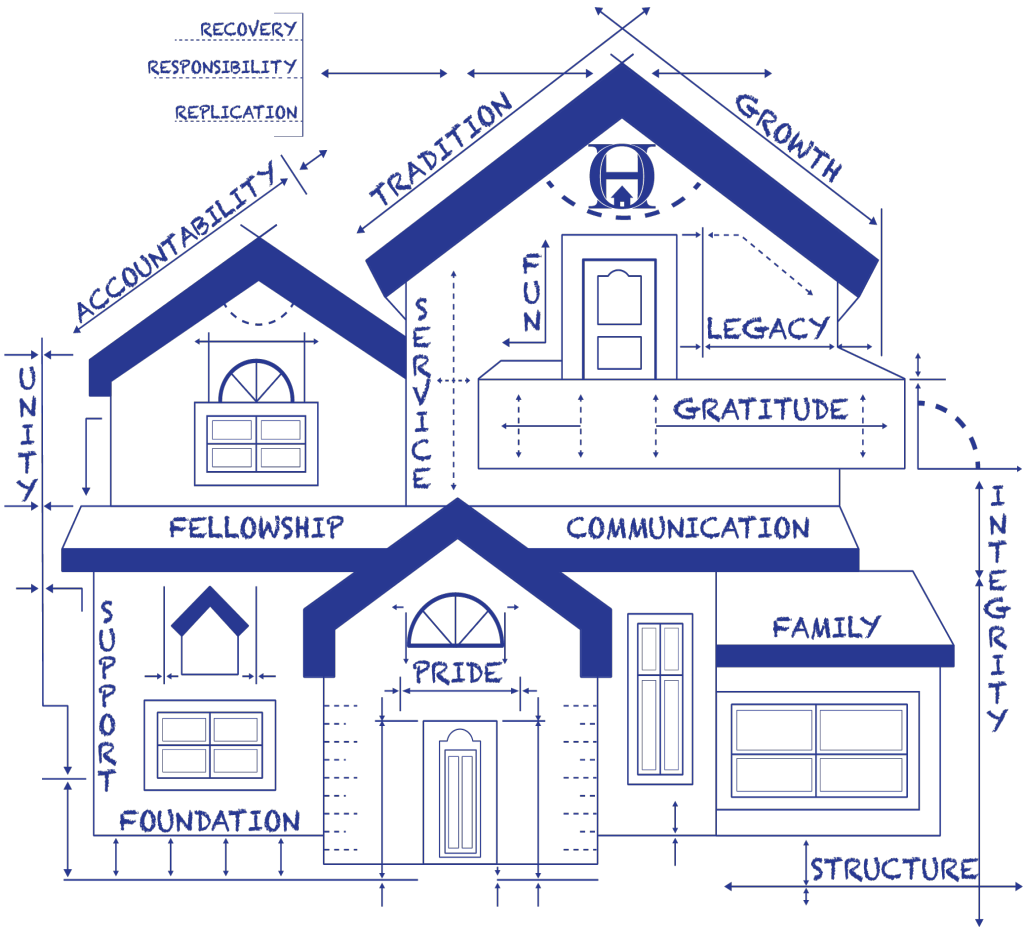
Purpose and History of Chapters

The primary purpose of each Chapter is to ensure that every Oxford House™ operates in a manner consistent with the Oxford House™ traditions and the system of operations outlined in the Oxford House Manual©. Experience has shown that both individual Oxford Houses and Oxford House, Inc. (OHI) as a whole are more likely to succeed and endure when every house belongs to a Chapter. Membership in a Chapter, however, is entirely voluntary—no house is required to join. Tradition Five makes it clear that each Oxford House™ is autonomous and self-governing. That means the members of each house decide for themselves whether to be part of a Chapter. In practice, most houses choose to join because they recognize the value of being connected to other houses. They know that at some point, their house may need the help of other Oxford Houses in the area—and making friends is always better than not making friends, especially in a network like ours where every house shares the same goal: to live clean and sober, one day at a time.

Chapters are essential links in the democratic structure that supports Oxford House™. In the early years, when there were only a handful of houses in the Washington, D.C. area, Chapters weren't needed; the Houses naturally helped one another. However, as the number of Oxford Houses grew and spread across the country, we needed a structure that would allow houses to share their experiences, strengths, and hopes with each other. That's when the idea of the Chapter came into play. The first Oxford House Chapters were formed in 1989, following the passage of the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (PL 100-690), which encouraged states to support self-run, self-supported group recovery homes using the Oxford House Model. The Act required states to set up revolving loan funds to help new houses get started and, in turn, helped expand Oxford House from 13 Oxford Houses in the D.C. area to thousands nationwide.

Even after Congress made the loan provision optional in 2000, OHI supported the change. Members and alumni believed Oxford House should be a program of attraction, not a requirement—something people choose because it works, not because the law says so. And they were right. The continued growth of Oxford Houses and Chapters is living proof that our model works best when it's voluntarily embraced. The Chapter is where the Oxford House family comes together, not just to keep each house on track, but to enjoy sobriety, build friendships, and have fun. Whether through car washes, bowling leagues, picnics, service work, or visiting treatment centers, Chapters help members stay connected, accountable, and build a meaningful life in recovery.

For more than 50 years, Oxford House has demonstrated the strength of organized self-help, democratic principles, peer support, and accountability. Our continued growth reinforces what experience has taught us: when Oxford Houses stay connected through Chapters, they are better able to help one another, strengthen the Oxford House network, and make sure the opportunity for recovery is there for the next person who needs it.



Overview of the Work of Chapters

The work of Oxford House Chapters is to give practical meaning to the three Chapter principles: sharing, quality control, and expansion.

1. Oxford Houses Share Their Experience, Strength, and Hope With Each Other

The principle of sharing among Oxford Houses reflects the foundational spirit of twelve-step recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Just as individuals in recovery strengthen their own sobriety by helping others, Oxford Houses grow stronger when they share their experiences, successes, and mistakes with one another. Because all Oxford Houses operate under a standardized system, there is common ground for learning, growth, and mutual support.

Each house is democratically self-run and financially self-supported. Houses face similar day-to-day challenges: managing finances, resolving conflicts, following House procedures, and maintaining cleanliness. When one house figures out how to navigate an issue, whether handling a relapse or running a more efficient meeting, other Oxford Houses can benefit from that experience. The goal is the same in every Oxford House: to provide a safe, sober environment for comfortable recovery.

Chapters help foster this community of learning. Practical ways to strengthen sharing include:

- Holding regular Chapter meetings with broad participation to build relationships.
- Hosting social events like barbecues, dances, open houses, and picnics is important because recovery should be enjoyable.
- Facilitating job networking and sharing employment opportunities.
- Keeping in touch with alumni to support them and strengthen the network.
- Raising funds to send members to the Oxford House World Convention.
- Supporting newer houses by sharing experience and helping them succeed early on.
- Identifying houses in trouble and helping them regain stability.
- Leading by example, offering guidance through cooperation, not control.
- Making Chapter involvement fun, purposeful, and energizing.

Successful Chapters also share Oxford House with the broader recovery community:

~ Dropping off literature and making presentations at treatment centers and referral agencies.

~ Building relationships with re-entry organizations and drug courts.

This makes the principle of sharing a lived reality for the benefit of all Oxford House members, alumni, and the recovery community.

2. Quality Control Assures the Common Welfare of All Oxford Houses

Oxford House works because it is based on a proven model with a clear system of operations and a strong set of traditions. That model depends on every house honoring the conditions of its charter:

1. Self-run on a democratic basis;
2. Financially self-supported; and
3. Immediate expulsion of any resident who uses alcohol or drugs.

While most Oxford Houses uphold these conditions, some may struggle. It is the responsibility of Chapters to identify when a house is off track and to guide it back. One troubled house can damage the reputation of the entire network. Chapters help protect the integrity of the Oxford House name—not by exerting power, but by carrying the message and offering support.

Importantly, Chapters are not courts. Tradition Five affirms that each Oxford House is autonomous, except in matters that affect other houses or Oxford House, Inc. as a whole. If an Oxford House is operating within its charter, the Chapter may offer suggestions but not mandates. If a house violates its charter by failing to elect officers, mismanaging finances, or not expelling members who relapse, the Chapter must step in. In such cases, Chapters should consult the OHI office for guidance. Only OHI can revoke a charter, and early involvement ensures that revocation remains a real but avoidable outcome.

Even when no charter violation exists, houses may still need support. Chapters can help with interpersonal conflict, unfilled vacancies, or financial strain by:

- Attending house meetings and providing guidance.
- Reviewing house guidelines.
- Assisting with audits and reports.
- Being available for questions and encouragement.
- Leading through example—not by issuing orders, but by showing what works.

Strong Chapters preserve the good name of Oxford House and prove to the world that, yes, "the inmates can run the asylum."

3. Expansion of the Number of Oxford Houses Is Necessary

Oxford House believes in expansion, not in time limits. Tradition Three states: "No member of an Oxford House™ is ever asked to leave without cause, a dismissal vote by the membership because of drinking, drug use, or disruptive behavior." This principle has always encouraged growth. As soon as a house becomes full, the waiting list begins. Members, knowing how life-changing Oxford House is, often step up to help start a new house.

Expansion is part of the Oxford House DNA. Chapters, with or without outreach worker support, are central to this process. When space is limited and the need is clear, Chapters must assess local demand and take initiative. Even where outreach workers are present, Chapters should lead by example, because the strength of the network depends on members helping one another, not relying solely on staff.

Chapter steps for opening a new house include:

- Finding and touring a suitable rental property.
- Assisting with lease negotiations.
- Helping with startup loan applications (when available).
- Creating flyers and recruiting new members.
- Collecting donated furniture and supplies.

To help a new house succeed, Chapters can:

- Attend house meetings as an advisor.
- Teach members how to run effective business meetings.
- Help organize files and house records.
- Share lessons from their own early experiences.
- Guide members to local 12-step meetings and community supports.

Chapter work is demanding, but when done well, it's deeply rewarding. It protects the good name of Oxford House, supports its expansion, and fosters a vibrant, recovery-centered community. Strong Chapters show the world what is possible when individuals come together, support one another, and take responsibility, not only for themselves, but for the success of the entire Oxford House network.

Creation of Chapters

The Structure of Chapters

An Oxford House Chapter may be created in one of two ways. First, two or more Oxford Houses may, by mutual agreement, form a Chapter and notify Oxford House, Inc. (OHI) of their action. Upon receipt of such notification, the OHI central office shall issue a Chapter kit, including the Oxford House Chapter Manual and a Certificate of Recognition acknowledging the new Chapter. Second, a Chapter may subdivide into two Chapters when its membership reaches twelve (12) or more houses. When subdivision occurs, the existing Chapter must notify OHI. The new Chapter shall then receive its own kit and Certificate of Recognition. This process promotes manageable Chapter sizes and encourages active participation from all member houses.

Size and Membership

Chapters function as democratic bodies in alignment with the Oxford House traditions. A typical Chapter consists of between three and twelve Oxford Houses within a defined geographic area. In rural or geographically dispersed areas, a Chapter may consist of two Houses. When a Chapter exceeds the typical range, experience has shown that it can become less cohesive and may face challenges in conducting effective meetings and maintaining consistent participation. In such cases, Chapters are encouraged to divide. If a Chapter believes it should remain unified despite exceeding the typical size, an officer shall consult with OHI to discuss and document the reasons. Participation in a Chapter is voluntary, but the majority of Oxford Houses choose to join due to the sense of community, structure, and mutual accountability it provides. Chapters are encouraged to create committees tailored to their needs, such as Housing Services, Events, Presentations, and Fundraising Committees, to organize efforts, increase engagement, and uphold the integrity of Oxford House values.

Officers

Each Chapter shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, in addition to Committee Chairs. These officers shall be elected annually by a democratic vote and must maintain continuous sobriety throughout their term. Their primary responsibilities include presiding over Chapter meetings, maintaining financial records, documenting meeting minutes, and coordinating committee functions. Officers serve as trusted servants in accordance with Tradition Two of the Oxford House Manual. While smaller Chapters may have multiple officers from the same house, larger Chapters are encouraged to elect officers from different houses to ensure diverse representation and shared leadership responsibility.

Committees

Chapters are advised to form committees to carry out the ongoing work of the Chapter. Common committees include Housing Services, which supports new and struggling houses; Events, which plans recovery-friendly activities; Presentations, which fosters outreach to referral sources; and Fundraising, which assists in generating funds to support Chapter initiatives and participation in the Oxford House World Convention. Each committee shall appoint a Chairperson who reports on the committee's activities during each Chapter meeting. In larger Chapters, multiple members from different houses should be encouraged to serve, ensuring a spirit of collaboration rather than hierarchy. Committees empower members and alumni to take ownership in the continued growth and integrity of the Oxford House community.

Helping to Start a New Oxford House

A core function of the Chapter is to support the establishment of new Oxford Houses. When member houses report receiving more applicants than they can accept, this indicates the need for expansion. The Chapter should then work collectively to locate suitable rental properties, assist in forming a new resident group, and help complete the Temporary Charter application through OHI. The Chapter may also assist in obtaining a Federal Tax Identification Number and establishing a house checking account in accordance with Oxford House's financial practices. In some cases, an experienced member of an existing house may volunteer to move into the new house temporarily, serving as an informal mentor while allowing the new group to elect its own officers and learn responsibilities firsthand. The Chapter may also provide guidance at weekly meetings during the early months to ensure the new house adheres to the Oxford House system of operations.

Helping the Oxford House in Trouble

When a house within a Chapter shows signs of distress—such as recurring vacancies, late rent or loan payments, unresolved conflicts, or suspected substance use—the Chapter has an affirmative obligation to investigate and offer support. The three-step process involves: (1) assessing the nature and scope of the problem, (2) meeting with house leadership to discuss potential solutions, and (3) attending a house meeting to present and support an action plan. Chapter support should always respect the autonomy of the house unless a violation of the Charter conditions has occurred. Financial support in the form of loans must be approved by a majority of the Chapter and documented with a signed promissory note that includes repayment terms. Chapter members offering support shall act in a collegial, non-punitive manner.

Recommending Charter Revocation

The Oxford House Charter is the official document that makes a self-run, self-supported recovery house part of the Oxford House network of houses. The Charter is provided free of charge, but it carries with it the responsibility for the new house to work to obtain a permanent charter and to comply with three basic charter conditions:

1. The house must be self-run on a democratic basis.
2. The house must be financially self-supporting and
3. Any resident who drinks alcohol or uses drugs must be immediately expelled.

The Chapter has an affirmative obligation to ensure that each member house adheres to the conditions of its Charter, but only OHI can revoke a Charter. Generally, other houses in a Chapter will spot a violation of Charter conditions quickly. The most serious Charter violation is the failure of a house to immediately expel any resident who has relapsed into using alcohol or drugs. Likewise, a clear-cut problem is apparent whenever a house gets behind in paying its bills. In both cases, the Chapter should immediately intervene and help a house violating its Charter to correct its problems.

Sometimes, personality differences within a house will cause one or more members to complain that a house is not being run democratically. A Chapter is wise to ask several questions to determine the facts of a particular case when such an issue arises. For example, does the house in question have regular weekly business meetings? Have the officers of the house been duly elected, or is another election in order because the officers have served more than the six-month limit suggested in Tradition Two of the Oxford House Manual©? A first step to providing corrective action for a house in trouble is to get the facts straight up front. Armed with the facts, the experience of the Chapter can usually bring effective help to a house to correct any problem it may have with democratic procedures, financial self-support, or maintenance of an alcohol and drug-free living environment.

If corrective action is not possible, a Chapter may want to recommend to OHI that the Charter of a house be revoked. Only when corrective action is not possible should a Chapter decide to recommend that the charter of a local Oxford House™ be revoked. When this last resort action is taken, OHI will independently investigate the facts surrounding the house in question and promptly undertake appropriate action.

There is a presumption that a Chapter has a proper basis for requesting a Charter revocation, and generally, the recommendation of the Chapter will be followed, but only if corrective action is not possible. The knowledge that there are many alcoholics and drug addicts still using should always force us to do everything possible to keep as many Oxford House recovery

beds in existence as possible. Getting a house "back on track" is always better than closing a house, thereby reducing the number of possible beds in the local, national, and world networks of Oxford Houses.

Every Oxford House realizes the importance of Oxford House Tradition Five, recognizing the autonomy of each Oxford House except in matters affecting other houses or OHI. It is the autonomy provided by Tradition Five that makes the network of Oxford Houses truly self-run. Oxford House™ is a "bottom-up" democracy with elected House officers, Chapter officers, and World Council members. The organization belongs to the men and women in Oxford Houses. Once a House receives a charter, it has rights equal to the rights of every other Oxford House™. The protection of this autonomy allows every resident of every Oxford House™ to gain comfortable sobriety through the acceptance of new values, behavior, and assumption of individual responsibility. The members can pursue comfortable sobriety with a true sense of long-term security. No individual is ever asked to leave an Oxford House™ without a specific cause. No Oxford House Charter is ever revoked without a specific charter violation.

Assuring Chapter Self-Support

Chapters generally have minimal but necessary expenses and are expected to remain financially self-sufficient. Member houses contribute dues, as determined by the Chapter, to support administrative needs, outreach, event planning, and emergencies. Some Chapters choose to establish a reserve fund to provide temporary loans to struggling houses. All loans must be documented with a formal promissory note. Chapters may also collect additional voluntary contributions to support repayment of state loans, send members to the World Convention, or recover from unexpected events such as theft or natural disaster. Contributions to OHI are encouraged to help sustain national operations and may qualify houses for recognition under the Directors' Hundred Years Award program.

Working with Other Chapters and State Associations

In regions where multiple Chapters exist, collaboration among them is both encouraged and beneficial. While each Chapter is autonomous, joint efforts such as outreach presentations, community events, fundraising, and shared training can strengthen local networks and increase visibility of Oxford House in the broader recovery community.

Chapters may formalize this collaboration through Chapter Coordinating Committees or regular joint meetings. These efforts foster consistency, reduce duplication, and promote shared learning across Chapters. Working together allows multiple Chapters to coordinate efforts with local

treatment providers, re-entry programs, and community organizations, increasing efficiency and impact.

When available, Outreach Workers may also support Chapters in their activities—particularly in helping to open new houses, troubleshoot issues, and communicate with external stakeholders. However, Outreach Workers do not run Chapters or Houses. Oxford Houses and their Chapters are self-governing entities rooted in peer support. Outreach serves as a resource, offering guidance, technical assistance, and institutional knowledge when needed, but ultimate decision-making and operations always remain with the members themselves.

State Associations, where established, can further strengthen this coordination by supporting training, fostering leadership development, and serving as a statewide forum for collaboration and support. Together, Chapters, State Associations, and Outreach Workers, when available, can strengthen the three Chapter principles of Sharing, Quality Control, and Expansion.

Chapters and Oxford House, Inc.

Oxford House, Inc. (OHI) is the national nonprofit organization that supports the Oxford House network and safeguards the integrity of the Oxford House model. OHI retains exclusive authority to grant and revoke Oxford House Charters and serves as the central coordinating body for training, technical support, and quality control across the network. Each newly formed Chapter receives a Certificate of Recognition and a Chapter Kit from OHI, which includes the Oxford House Chapter Manual and recordkeeping forms. Chapters are expected to report regularly to OHI with updates on house demographics, financial stability, and occupancy. These reports help maintain consistency and transparency throughout the Oxford House network.

Outreach workers, when available, provide valuable support on behalf of OHI, assisting with tasks such as opening new houses, advising houses in difficulty, and working alongside Chapters to promote fidelity to the Oxford House model. However, Outreach staff do not run individual houses or Chapters. Their role is to support—not to govern. Oxford Houses are rooted in democratic self-governance, and that autonomy is essential to their success.

Chapters and Houses should use the standardized forms and procedures developed by OHI to ensure consistent operations and accountability. Feedback and recommendations for improving manuals or procedures may be submitted to OHI and are often reviewed in partnership with the World Council to ensure that any updates reflect the collective experience and time-tested practices of Oxford House members nationwide.

Chapter Officer Duties

Terms of Office

Chapter officers are elected for a term of one year, with a limit of one continuous year in any single office. To be eligible, the individual must be living in an Oxford House at the time of election. If an officer leaves their house involuntarily, they are automatically removed from office, and a special election shall be held to fill the unexpired term. If the departure is voluntary, the officer may complete their term of office.

Duties of Chapter Officers

Chairperson

The Chairperson serves as the Chapter's chief executive officer. They are responsible for ensuring the Chapter meets monthly and for rotating the location of meetings among member houses.

Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson assists the Chairperson and presides over Chapter meetings in the Chairperson's absence.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for collecting dues from all houses and promptly depositing them into the Chapter Checking Account. Both the Treasurer and the Chairperson should be listed as signatories on the account. All checks to pay Chapter expenses or submit contributions to OHI should be prepared during the Chapter business meeting and mailed no later than the following day.

Secretary

The Secretary records the minutes of each meeting using standard forms and sends the required monthly report to OHI. The Secretary also reminds each house of the upcoming Chapter meeting, including time and location.

Committee Chairpersons

Each Committee Chairperson organizes and directs the work of their respective committee. Committees meet as needed and provide a report of their activities at every Chapter meeting.

Three-Chapter Principles

Sharing | Quality Control | Expansion

Procedure for a Chapter Meeting

Order of Business for Chapter Meetings

1. The Chairperson opens the meeting.
2. A member reads the principles from the Oxford House Chapter Manual to open the meeting.
3. The Secretary calls the roll of all houses in the Chapter. Each house reports the number of current vacancies, the financial condition of the house, and any resident turnover or changes since the last meeting.
4. The Secretary reads the minutes from the last meeting. The Chair invites corrections or changes.
5. If changes are suggested, the Chair requests a motion to accept them. A second is required before a vote is taken.
6. If there are no changes, or after changes are handled, the Chair calls for a vote to approve the minutes.
7. The Treasurer presents the financial report. The Chair opens the floor for questions or discussion.
8. The Chair introduces unfinished business from previous meetings. Each item is discussed and resolved, and committee reports are presented during this time.
9. The Chair introduces new items of business. Each is discussed, and the group votes to approve or reject proposed actions.
10. When all business is concluded, the Chair calls for a motion to adjourn and announces the time and location of the next meeting.

Questions and Answers

Q. What is an Oxford House Chapter?

A. An Oxford House Chapter is an official group of individual Oxford Houses that meets monthly so that individual houses can share their strength, experience and hope.

Q. How many individual Oxford Houses does it take to form a Chapter?

A. Two or more Oxford Houses may form a Chapter, although most Chapters consist of at least three Houses. In rural or geographically dispersed areas, a Chapter may consist of two Houses. Houses in a Chapter are usually located within a reasonable geographic area, although distance may be greater in rural areas. Modern communication makes distance communication easier, and Oxford Houses make use of Internet communication and social networks.

Q. Does a Chapter have officers?

A. Yes. Chapters have a Chapter Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Secretary and Committee chairpersons.

Q. How long can officers of a Chapter serve?

A. Chapter officers serve for one year. Unlike officers of an individual house who are limited to terms of six months, Chapter officers are limited to one-year terms of office. The difference in limitation is for practical reasons – the Chapter meets only once a month, and the officer must be living in a house at the time of election and stay clean and sober during the period of service.

Q. Where are Chapter meetings usually held?

A. Chapter meetings are usually held at one of the individual houses in the Chapter. Usually, the Chapter meeting is held at a different Oxford House each month so that all Oxford House members can host a Chapter meeting and learn from each other about the things to do – or not do – in operating an Oxford House.

Q. How are Chapter meetings conducted?

A. Chapter meetings follow the Order of Business outlined in this Manual. After opening the meeting and reading the Chapter principles, the Secretary calls the roll of Houses and each House reports its financial condition, vacancies, and who left the House since the last meeting and under what conditions. The Chapter then reviews the minutes, hears the

Treasurer's report, addresses unfinished business and committee reports, and takes up new business. Each new business item is discussed and either voted up or down or tabled for decision at a later date.

Each house has one vote in a Chapter Meeting. All Oxford House forms for Chapter Meetings can be downloaded from the Oxford House website: www.oxfordhouse.org. Using these forms makes it easier to keep an orderly Chapter.

Q. How often do Chapters meet?

A. A Chapter meets once a month unless some emergency situation requires getting together sooner or more often.

Q. Does a Chapter have any committees?

A. Yes. Every Chapter usually has four committees: Housing Service Committee, Events Committee, Presentation Committee and Fundraising Committee. Multiple committees are important for each Chapter to avoid exclusively dealing with 'problems' or "bad news." Living in Oxford House should be fun.

- The Housing Service Committee serves the important purpose of helping new houses get started and helping existing houses that are having problems. The committee is generally made up of individuals who understand how Oxford House works and have the desire to help other houses gain what their house has achieved. Serving on this committee allows a house member to share his or her experience, strength and hope. It is also rewarding to help another house to get or stay on track. The members of the Housing Service Committee should include individuals from several houses in the Chapter. It is also helpful if they hold or have held offices within their own house.

- An Events Committee promotes events to share the fun of being clean and sober and creating strong Oxford House communities. Many events, from dances to picnics to sporting events, bring Oxford House family members into contact with the larger community, creating new friends, new contacts and new opportunities.

- A Presentation Committee should be part of every Chapter to carry Oxford House's message to treatment providers, drug courts, and still-suffering addicts. Sharing the good news about Oxford House living keeps Oxford House strong. It helps fill vacancies and gains respect within the community at large.

- A Fundraising Committee serves three purposes: (1) money is raised to help start new Oxford Houses through a local revolving loan fund,

(2) money is raised to help serve the community from fighting hunger to fighting addiction, and (3) money is raised to pay expenses of local individuals to attend national and state conventions established to enhance the Oxford House movement.

- Chapters are democratically self-run – just like an individual Oxford House – and, by majority vote, can create special committees and local rules for presentations, events and fundraising.

Q. When should a Chapter apply for recognition by OHI?

A. A Chapter should apply for recognition as soon as possible because recognition is provided quickly, and the start-up kit can ensure that the Chapter gets off on the right foot.

Q. When should a Chapter be divided into two chapters?

A. A Chapter should divide whenever it becomes too large to operate effectively. Usually, 13 or 14 Houses in a Chapter is about as large as a Chapter can become without losing effectiveness. Chapters are encouraged to consider dividing as they approach that size.

Q. How does a Chapter divide?

A. The best way to make the division is to list all the houses according to the date the houses started, with the oldest house at the top of the list. Make sure older houses are equally divided between the new Chapters. That way makes certain that each of the new Chapters will have both older and newer houses as members.

Q. Are there standard forms to be used by an Oxford House Chapter?

A. Yes. The forms, including the Application for Oxford House Chapter Recognition Form, can be downloaded from the Oxford House website at www.oxfordhouse.org.

Notes

OXFORD HOUSE TRADITIONS

1. Oxford House has as its primary goal the provision of housing for the alcoholic and drug addict who wants to stay clean and sober.
2. All Oxford Houses are run on a democratic basis. Our officers serve continuous periods of no longer than six months.
3. No Member of an Oxford House is ever asked to leave without cause -- drinking, drug use, or disruptive behavior.
4. Oxford House members realize that active participation in AA and/or NA offers assurance of continued sobriety.
5. Each Oxford House should be autonomous except in matters affecting other houses or Oxford House, Inc., as a whole.
6. Each Oxford House should be financially self-supporting.
7. Oxford House should remain forever non-professional.
8. Propagation of the Oxford House, Inc. concept should always be conceived as public education.
9. Members who leave Oxford House in good standing should become associate members.

Oxford House™

Since 1975

More Than 50 Years of Organized Self-Help to Enable Those with Substance Use Disorders to Achieve Long-Term Recovery

- Providing sole authority for Oxford House charters
- Providing technical assistance to establish new Oxford Houses
- Providing technical assistance to keep existing Oxford Houses on track
- Providing organization of Chapters to help Oxford Houses to help themselves
- Providing the time, living environment, and support to enable alcoholics and drug addicts to achieve recovery without relapse
- Providing the legal, philosophical, and scientific framework for a cost-effective, worldwide network of supportive recovery housing

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