1. General:

The Executive, in July of 1997, originally prepared the Trillium Convention Charter for Ontario South Assembly (OSA) approved. In October 2005, OSA passed a document, adapted from the transcript of the original Charter, edited to conform to the format of this manual.

The following is adapted from the transcript of the original Trillium Convention Charter, which was edited to conform to the format of this Manual, and is intended to replace same, primarily to separate the dynamic parts of the Charter, i.e. the Position Guidelines, from the parts that do not change from year to year.

Position Guidelines for the Trillium Committee may change from year to year and are not part of this Charter (see Section 7:B Trillium Convention Guidelines). Any major change to the Position Guidelines will be brought before the OSA for approval.

2. Name:

Ontario South Assembly Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups Annual Trillium Convention – (Trillium)

3. Statement of Purpose:

Trillium will continue to build on our inherited legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service by presenting an annual gathering that will allow for greater autonomy and unity within the fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups, and will encourage and attract to our program of recovery, those who still suffer.

4. Date:

Trillium will be held at a date determined by the Trillium committee. It will be a three-day convention.

5. Location:

The Trillium Charter be amended to allow a three year trial period where Trillium could be held in any part of Ontario South with the option of having it for less than three days.
The facility will be agreed upon by the Trillium Committee and the OSA Executive. The contract will be signed by the current Delegate after which time, all dealings with the facility will be through the Trillium Chairperson and/or the Hotel Liaison Coordinator.

6. **Financial Backing:**

OSA Treasurer will set up Trillium Convention Fund so that the name will appear in the Treasurer’s report for consistency with charter.

Financial sponsorship (start-up fund) is provided by the OSA to a maximum of $4,000.00. Should the agreed upon facility for Trillium require a deposit (facility deposit) with signing of the contract, this facility deposit shall be paid by OSA in addition to the start-up fund.

The start-up fund and the facility deposit for Trillium will be returned to the OSA Treasure in the amount agreed upon by the Trillium Chairperson and OSA Executive within 60 days of the end of Trillium or upon such other date as agreed by the parties.

A full financial report will be presented to the OSA Executive prior to the Assembly following Trillium.

7. **Trillium Committee Autonomy:**

While operating as a separate entity, the Trillium Committee will maintain a close liaison with the OSA through its Executive, the AWSC and the Assembly.

"Separating the Convention leaves the Assembly free to pursue its already heavy duties and responsibilities, while the Convention Committee is free to plan a unique program apart from Assembly concerns.” (From ‘Guidelines for Al-Anon/Alateen Area Conventions G-20)