

Philosophy Statement

The object of a support group is to empower its members with the tools necessary to make adjustment needed to continue a life of dignity and independence. It is with this objective in mind that we, the members of *Post Polio Awareness & Support Society of MN (PPASS MN)* have embraced the following statements:

We will:

- Share our common health concerns.
- Govern ourselves and our agenda with success dependent on each member's feelings of ownership.
- Use professionals as resource persons but not as leaders.
- Provide non-judgmental emotional support.
- Gather and share accurate and specialized information.
- Maintain a fluid membership – newcomers are helped by veterans and become veterans who may outgrow the need for a group.
- Increase public awareness and knowledge by sharing unique and relevant information.
- Charge small dues for involvement and seek sources of other funds for major expenses.

The purpose of the Support Group is clearly state above and should be reviewed each year to assure proper focus of the group.