## **BY-LAWS**

**OF** 

# EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### Article 1.

#### **Definitions**

Section 1.01 <u>Name.</u> The "Corporation" shall mean: <u>EASTERN BRAHMAN</u> <u>BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC</u>, its successors and assigns. It shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Section 1.02 <u>Board.</u> The "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## Article 2.

Purposes, Objectives and Governing Instruments

Section 2.01 Charitable, Educational, and Scientific Purposes and Powers. The purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, are exclusively charitable, educational, or religious, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax law ("Section 501(c)(3)"). In furtherance of such purposes, the Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to organize and grow an association of American Brahman Breeder Members in the Eastern part of the United States to market and promote American Brahman and Brahman-influenced cattle through education of its members and the general public as to the benefits of Brahman and Brahman-influenced cattle, to organize and host cattle related events that offer educational opportunities for our members and the general public and to mentor our Junior members helping them develop personal and leadership qualities that will benefit them in the future.

Section 2.02 <u>Governing Instruments</u>. The Corporation shall be governed by its Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws.

Section 2.03 <u>Nondiscrimination Policy</u>. The Corporation will not practice or permit any unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, religion, physical handicap or disability, or any other basis prohibited by law.

Section 2.04 <u>Limitations on Activities</u>. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, nor shall the Corporation operate a social club, nor shall the Corporation operate for the benefit of private interests such as those of its founder or officers or board of directors, nor shall the earnings of the Corporation inure to the benefit of private interests such as those of its founder or officers or board of directors, or carry on business with the general public in a manner similar to an organization operated for profit. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law.

Section 2.05 <u>Mission Statement.</u> To organize and grow an association of American Brahman breeders in the Eastern part of the United States to market and promote American Brahman and Brahman-influenced cattle through education of its members and the general public as to the benefits of Brahman and Brahman-influenced cattle, to organize and host cattle related events that offer educational opportunities for our members and the general public and to mentor our Junior members helping them develop personal and leadership qualities that will benefit them in the future including scholarship opportunities. To fund all such activities through membership fees, sponsorships, grants, fundraising and charitable donations.

Section 2.06 <u>Geographical Area.</u> The EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. represents members in the following Eastern states of the United States of America; Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

#### Article 3.

## Membership

Section 3.01 <u>Eligibility for membership</u>. Membership is granted after completion and receipt of a membership application and payment of association dues if required. The EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. accepts members from areas outside the geographical area that it represents. The Board of Directors has the right to deny any membership application for any reason it deems appropriate by majority vote.

Section 3.02 <u>Types of memberships</u>. There are paid memberships for adults and free memberships for Junior members.

Section 3.03 <u>Annual dues</u>. The amount required for annual dues shall be \$25 a year if paid annually, \$100 for five years, or \$200 for a lifetime membership. Continued membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues.

Section 3.04 <u>Rights of members</u>. Each adult paid member; which may represent a ranch, farm or organization, shall be eligible to appoint one voting representative to cast the vote of the ranch, farm, or organization in association elections and vote on other issues and agendas brought to the membership for a vote at our annual meeting. Junior members are eligible to participate in annual meetings and have a voice that is heard. They may bring issues up for a vote but cannot themselves vote.

Section 3.05 <u>Resignation and termination.</u> Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary. Resignation shall not relieve a member of unpaid dues or other charges previously accrued. A member can have their membership terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Terminated members are not due any refund on dues paid.

# Article 3a. Board Members at Large (BMAL)

Section 3a.01 <u>Board Members at Large</u>: The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the voting Directors, may designate from among the EBBA members in good standing up to 10 Board Members at Large (BMAL) to serve at the pleasure of the Board participating in quarterly board meetings and open discussions through group texts and emails having a voice in such matters as advisors to the Board of Directors. BMAL will serve by appointment of the Board of Directors.

Section 3a.02 <u>Rights and responsibilities</u>: Board Members at Large (BMAL) have the same voting rights as general membership including opportunities to vote on agenda items that the Board of Directors presents to them for a vote in quarterly meetings and open discussions. BMAL will be the first chosen to participate on committees and are expected to volunteer at events when they are available to attend.

Section 3a.03 <u>Resignation and termination</u>. Any BMAL may resign by filing a written resignation with the secretary. A BMAL can have their position terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

# Article 3b. Junior EBBA Members

Section 3b.01 <u>Junior EBBA Members</u>: Junior EBBA members are defined as EBBA members who are 19 years old or younger on January 1st of the current year.

Section 3b.02 <u>Rights and responsibilities</u>: All Junior EBBA Members in good standing are eligible to serve on all EBBA committees, including, but not limited to, the Junior EBBA Membership Committee. There will be a minimum of two adult EBBA Members serving on all committees at all times serving in a mentorship capacity.

Section 3b.03 <u>Resignation and termination</u>: Any Junior EBBA Member may resign by filing a written resignation with the EBBA Secretary. Any Junior EBBA member can have their membership terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

# Article 3c. Code of Ethics for all EBBA Members

Section 3c.01 <u>Application</u>: This Code of Ethics applies to ALL EBBA Members at ALL times.

Section 3c.02 <u>Principles and Values:</u> The EBBA values Honesty, Integrity, Fairness, Equality, Respect, Kindness, Education, and Mentorship as its core principles and values.

Section 3c.03 <u>Conduct</u>: All EBBA Members will conduct themselves in such a way as to protect the good order, welfare, and reputation of the EBBA, abiding by its Bylaws and doing no harm to the Association. Members will be committed to the highest ethical principles, values, and standards and will be accountable for their actions and decisions.

#### Article 4.

# Annual Members Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors

Section 4.01 <u>Annual Meeting.</u> One annual meeting of the members shall take place in the month of December, the specific date, time and location of which will be designated by the Board of Directors. Members shall receive reports at the annual meeting on the activities of the association, and help determine the direction of the association for the coming year. The Board may determine that a meeting of the members may be held solely by means of remote, electronic or virtual communication.

Section 4.02 <u>Notice of meetings</u>. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to each voting member by email or text, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 4.03 <u>Quorum</u>. The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4.04 <u>Voting</u>. All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.

Section 4.05 <u>Number</u>. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be fixed by the Board, but such number shall not be less than three (3).

Section 4.06 Election and Term of Office. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be those persons appointed by the President listed in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation. Each Director shall hold office for a two year term and until the annual meeting of the Association members where they shall elect new Directors to the Board and until such Director's successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her death, resignation or removal. New Directors/Officers shall be nominated starting in the month of October and elections shall be held in the second half of the month of November. Elections will be organized and conducted using a secure third party online election application that allows all qualified voting members to participate in elections. Election results will be announced at the annual membership meeting in December. Newly elected Director/Officers will begin their term January 1st of the following year.

Section 4.07 <u>Powers and Duties.</u> Subject to the provisions of law, of the Certificate of Incorporation and of these By-Laws, but in furtherance and not in limitation of any rights and powers thereby conferred, the Board of Directors also serving as Officers shall have the control and management of the affairs and operations of the Corporation and shall exercise all the powers that may be exercised by the Corporation.

Section 4.08 <u>Additional Meetings</u>. Regular quarterly meetings of the Board may be held at such times as the Board may from time to time determine. Special meetings of the Board may also be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Directors then in office.

Section 4.09 <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Notice of any annual or regular quarterly meetings of the Board shall be given to each voting member by email or text, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 4.10 Notice of a special meeting. Notice of special meetings of the Board shall be given by service upon each Director in person or by email or text message or mailing the same to him at his or her post office address as it appears upon the books of the Corporation at least two business days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays not being considered business days for the purpose of these By-Laws) if given in person, or at least four business days, if given by mailing the same, before the date designated for such meeting specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting. Whenever all of the Directors shall have waived notice of any meeting either before or after such meeting, such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. A Director who shall be present at any meeting and who shall not have protested, prior to the meeting or at its commencement, the lack of notice

to him, shall be deemed to have waived notice of such meeting. In any case, any acts or proceedings taken at a Directors' meeting not validly called or constituted may be made valid and fully effective by ratification at a subsequent Directors' meeting that is legally and validly called. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of any Directors' meeting or any waiver thereof need not state the purpose of the meeting, and, at any Directors' meeting duly held as provided in these By-Laws, any business within the legal province and authority of the Board may be transacted.

Section 4.11 Quorum. At any meeting of the Board, fifty percent of the Directors then in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, should a quorum not be present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time to another time and place, without notice other than announcement at such meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 4.12 <u>Voting</u>. At all meetings of the Board, each Director shall have one vote. In the event that there is a tie in any vote, the President shall have an additional vote to be the tie-breaker.

Section 4.13 <u>Action Without a Meeting.</u> Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or any such committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consents thereto by the members of the Board or any such committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or such committee.

Section 4.14 <u>Removal.</u> Any Director may be removed for cause by vote of the Board provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting at which such action is taken.

Section 4.15 <u>Resignation</u>. Any Director may resign from office at any time by delivering a resignation in writing to the Board of Directors, and the acceptance of the resignation, unless required by its terms, shall not be necessary to make the resignation effective.

Section 4.16 <u>Vacancies</u>. Any newly created directorships and any vacancy occurring on the Board arising at any time and from any cause may be filled by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any Directors' meeting. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

Section 4.17 <u>Committees.</u> The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the voting Directors, may designate from among the Board of Directors, The Board Members at Large, EBBA members, and Junior EBBA members in good standing to serve at the pleasure of the Board to delegate and accomplish such tasks within committees as needed, examples being but not limited to; Junior EBBA Membership Committee, Show Committee, Sales Committee, Membership Committee, Social Media and Marketing Committee.

Section 4.18 <u>Participation by Telephone or Online Virtual Meeting.</u> Any one or more members of the Board or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar online communications allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at

the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

## Article 5.

#### Officers

Section 5.01 <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy occurring in any office, whether because of death, resignation or removal, with or without cause, or any other reason, shall be filled by the Board.

Section 5.02 <u>Powers and Duties of the President.</u> The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The President shall from time to time make such reports of the affairs and operations of the Corporation as the Board may direct and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the President by the Board.

Section 5.03 <u>Powers and Duties of the Vice-Presidents.</u> The Vice-President shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to such Vice President by the Board.

Section 5.04 <u>Powers and Duties of the Secretary.</u> The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board. The Secretary shall be the custodian of, and shall make or cause to be made the proper entries in, the minute book of the Corporation and such books and records as the Board may direct. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation and shall affix such seal to such contracts, instruments and other documents as the Board or any committee thereof may direct. The Secretary shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Secretary by the Board.

Section 5.05 <u>Powers and Duties of the Treasurer.</u> The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the Corporation. Whenever so directed by the Board, the Treasurer shall render a statement of the cash and other accounts of the Corporation, and the Treasurer shall cause to be entered regularly in the books and records of the Corporation to be kept for such purpose full and accurate accounts of the Corporation's receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall at all reasonable times exhibit the books and accounts to any Director upon application at the principal office of the Corporation during business hours. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Treasurer by the Board.

Section 5.06 <u>Powers and Duties of the Area Director Representative</u>. The Area Director Representative shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Area Director Representative by the Board. The Area Director Representative position must be held by an American Brahman Breeders Association Director of Area 11 or 12.

Section 5.07 <u>Powers and Duties of the Junior Representative</u>. The Junior Representative shall represent the united voice of all EBBA Junior members, and shall be an active participant on the EBBA Junior Membership committee. The Junior Representative shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Junior Representative by the Board. The Junior Representative position must be held by an EBBA Junior Member in good standing.

Section 5.08 <u>Delegation</u>. In case of the absence of any Officer of the Corporation, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Board may at any time and from time to time delegate all or any part of the powers or duties of any Officer to any other Officer or to any Director or Directors.

Section 5.09 <u>Removal.</u> Any Officer may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any meeting of the Board.

Section 5.10 <u>Resignation</u>. Any Officer may resign his or her office at any time, such resignation to be made in writing and to take effect immediately without acceptance by the Corporation.

#### Article 6.

Bank Accounts, Checks, Accounting, Contracts and Investments

Section 6.01 <u>Bank Accounts, Checks and Notes.</u> The Board is authorized to select the banks or depositories it deems appropriate for the funds of the Corporation. The Board shall determine who shall be authorized from time to time on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes or other evidence of indebtedness.

Section 6.02 <u>Accounting</u>. The fiscal accounting year will follow the calendar year and will run from January 1st through December 31. The cash method of accounting will be used for record-keeping, financial reports and filing tax forms.

Section 6.03 <u>Contracts.</u> The Board may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents, in addition to those specified in these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, no Officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 6.04 <u>Investments</u>. The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal or otherwise, or stocks, bonds or other securities, as the Board may deem

desirable.

#### Article 7.

#### Indemnification

Section 7.01 <u>Indemnity Under Law.</u> The Corporation shall indemnify and advance the expenses of each person to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 7.02 Additional Indemnification. The Corporation hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify each of its Directors, Officers, employees and agents (the "Indemnitee") from and against, and to reimburse the Indemnitee for, any and all judgments, fines, liabilities, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred, as a result of or in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, including an action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise for which the Indemnitee served in any capacity at the request of the Corporation, to which the Indemnitee is, was or at any time becomes a party, or is threatened to be made a party, or as a result of or in connection with any appeal therein, by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee is, was or at any time becomes a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving or at any time serves such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise in any capacity, whether arising out of any breach of the Indemnitee's fiduciary duty as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise under any state or federal law or otherwise; provided, however, that no indemnity pursuant to this Section 2 shall be paid by the Corporation (i) if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Indemnitee establishes that the Indemnitee's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that the Indemnitee personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which the Indemnitee was not legally entitled; or (ii) if a final judgment by a court having jurisdiction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful. The termination of any such civil or criminal action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create any presumption that the Indemnitee acted in bad faith and/or was dishonest.

(a) The obligation of the Corporation to indemnify contained herein shall continue during the period the Indemnitee serves as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation and shall continue thereafter so long as the Indemnitee shall be subject to any possible claim or threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee was a Director or Officer of the Corporation or served at the request of the Corporation in any capacity for any other corporation,

partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

- (b) Promptly after receipt by the Indemnitee of notice of the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding, the Indemnitee will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the Corporation under this Section 2, notify the Corporation of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the Corporation will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to the Indemnitee otherwise than under this Section 2. With respect to any such action, suit or proceeding as to which the Indemnitee notifies the Corporation of the commencement thereof:
  - (i) The Corporation will be entitled to participate therein at its own expense; and,
  - (ii) Except as otherwise provided in the last sentence of this subpart ii, to the extent that it may wish, the Corporation jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified will be entitled to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to the Indemnitee. After notice from the Corporation to the Indemnitee of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the Corporation will not be liable to the Indemnitee under this Section 2 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by the Indemnitee in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation or as otherwise provided in the last sentence of this subpart ii. The Indemnitee shall have the right to employ his or her own counsel in such action, suit or proceeding but the fees and expenses of such counsel incurred after notice from the Corporation of its assumption of the defense thereof shall be at the expense of the Indemnitee unless (A) the employment of counsel by the Indemnitee has been authorized by the Corporation in connection with the defense of such action, (B) the Indemnitee shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Corporation and the Indemnitee in the conduct of the defense of such action, or (C) the Corporation shall not in fact have employed counsel to assume the defense of such action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel for the Indemnitee shall be borne by the Corporation (it being understood, however, that the Corporation shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one counsel for the Indemnitee in connection with any action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances). The Corporation shall not be entitled to assume the defense of any action, suit or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Corporation or as to which the Indemnitee shall have made the conclusion provided for in clause (B) of the preceding sentence of this subpart ii.
  - (iii) Anything in this Section 2 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not be liable to indemnify the Indemnitee under this Section 2 for any amounts paid in settlement of any action or claim effected without its written consent. The Corporation shall not settle any action or claim in any manner which would impose any penalty or limitation on the Indemnitee without the Indemnitee's written consent.

Neither the Corporation nor any such person will unreasonably withhold their consent to any proposed settlement.

- (c) In the event of any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding which may give rise to a right of indemnification from the Corporation to the Indemnitee pursuant to this Section 2, the Corporation shall pay, on demand, in advance of the final disposition thereof, expenses incurred by the Indemnitee in defending such action, suit or proceeding, other than those expenses for which the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to clause (ii) of the proviso to part (a) of this Section 2 or part (b) of this Section 2. The Corporation shall make such payments upon receipt of a written request made by the Indemnitee for payment of such expenses, (ii) an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation hereunder, and (iii) evidence satisfactory to the Corporation as to the amount of such expenses. The Indemnitee's written certification together with a copy of the statement paid or to be paid by the Indemnitee shall constitute satisfactory evidence as to the amount of such expenses.
- (d) The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses granted to the Indemnitee under this Section 2 shall not be deemed exclusive, or in limitation of any other rights to which the Indemnitee may now or hereafter be entitled under the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation or otherwise under the Corporation's By-Laws, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, any agreement, any vote of members or Directors, any applicable law, or otherwise.

Section 7.03 <u>Limitation</u>. No amendment, modification or rescission of this Article VII shall be effective to limit any person's right to indemnification with respect to any alleged cause of action that accrues or other incident or matter that occurs prior to the date on which such modification, amendment or rescission is adopted.

#### Article 8

# Conflict of Interest Policy

Section 8.01 <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (EASTERN BRAHMAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Section 8.02 <u>Interested Person.</u> Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined as a person who has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business investment, or family:

- (a). An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- (b). A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- (c). A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.
- (d). Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that aren't insubstantial. A financial interest isn't necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Section 8.03 a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Section 8.03 <u>Procedures - Duty to Disclose.</u> In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists. Procedures for addressing the conflict of interest shall be:

- (a). An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- (b). The chairperson of the governing board or committee shal, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- (c). After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain, with reasonable efforts, a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- (d). If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement isn't reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

- (e). If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- (f). If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Section 8.04 <u>Records of Proceedings.</u> The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- (a). The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- (b). The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

# Section 8.05 Compensation.

- (a). A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- (b). A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- (c). No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Section 8.06 <u>Annual Statements.</u> Each director, principal officer, and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

(a). Has reviewed, read and understands the conflict of interest policy as stated in The Organization's Bylaws and agrees to comply with the policy and understand the

Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities that accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Section 8.07 <u>Periodic Reviews</u>. To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes, and doesn't engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic review shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall at a minimum include the following subjects:

- (a). Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- (b). Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and don't result in inurement, impermissible private benefit, or in an excess benefit transaction.

Section 8.08 <u>Use of Outside Experts.</u> When conducting the periodic reviews, as provided for in Section 8.07, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

## Article 9.

# Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved only upon adoption of a plan of dissolution and distribution of assets by the Board that is consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and with State law. Upon the dissolution of The Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

# Article 10.

#### Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, added to or repealed at any meeting of the Board called for that purpose by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office.

# Article 11.

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# Construction

In the case of any conflict between the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation and these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation shall control.

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