

# CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN IOWA AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I.

Name: This organization shall be known to all as the **EASTERN IOWA AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION.**

## ARTICLE II.

Purpose: The purpose of the EIAA shall be to disseminate information concerning the aquarium culture, to increase the interest of others in the hobby, and to promote fellowship and understanding among its members.

## ARTICLE III.

Membership: Membership is available to anyone agreeing to the purpose of the EIAA upon payment of dues and the approval of the executive board. Membership must also carry the approval and recommendation of one adult member in good standing.

## ARTICLE IV.

**EIAA will recognize a fiscal year being November 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Officers:

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be as follows:

President

Vice-President

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (past president if he/she so chooses)

Secretary

Treasurer

Junior Executive (13 – 18 years old)

Section 2. Nomination and Election

- A. The officers of the **Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association** (except the Junior Executive) shall be elected for a term of one year by the membership in good standing at the last meeting of the fiscal year **and assume office at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.**
- B. The Junior Executive shall be elected for a term of one year by the junior members of **Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association** ages 10 and above at the last meeting of the fiscal year and assume office at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.
- C. The same person shall not be permitted to retain the office of President for more than two (2) consecutive terms, but may, however, run again after a hiatus of one year. The past President may, at his/her option, assume the duties of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president for a term not to exceed **two** years, beginning immediately after seceding from office of President.
- D. All other persons holding office shall be permitted to retain their office for as long as the membership wishes to elect them.

- E. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) persons elected for the purpose of **finding a list of willing and qualified candidates for Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association officers who :**

**Expressed interest in the position**

**Have agreed to serve**

**Are qualified for the office for which they are nominated.**

This committee shall be nominated from the floor and elected at the last meeting of the fiscal year for a term of one (1) year. The committee chairperson shall be the committee member with the most seniority **within EIAA.**

### Section 3. Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Executive, plus the chairperson (or alternate **committee member** designated by the chairperson) of all standing committees.
- B. The Executive Board shall be solely responsible for the interpretation of **the Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association** Constitution and By-laws.
- C. Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the majority vote of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer & Junior Executive for a period of one year.
- D. Standing Committees may include:
1. Advertising / Publicity / Public Relations / Facebook page
  2. Breeders Award Program (BAP)
  3. Horticultural Award Program (HAP)
  4. Librarian
  5. Membership
  6. Programs & Videos, Outings and Special Events
  7. Publication / Newsletter / Website
  - 8 Refreshments
  9. Show
  10. Ways and Means
  11. Affiliations
  12. Bowl Show
- E. All Standing Committee actions beyond those duties specified in the By-Laws are subject to Executive Board approval.
- F. Officers shall be permitted to chair committees.

## ARTICLE V.

### Meetings

Section 1. General meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 2. Executive Board meetings shall be held quarterly

## ARTICLE VI.

### Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of those members in good standing present at a regular meeting, providing that copies of the proposed amendments have been submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the vote. Prior to submission to the membership, the proposed amendments must have Executive Board approval. Proposals for amendments may only be submitted by members in good standing.

Section 2. The By-laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of those members in good standing present at a regular meeting provided that the amendment has been proposed in writing to the Executive Board and has been announced at the previous month's meeting. Proposals for amendments may only be submitted by members in good standing.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### Rules

Section 1. This organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by this Constitution or By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### Use and Disposition of Assets

This organization is not formed for profit, and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain (relating to money) or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

All of the assets, properties and funds of the corporation shall be devoted to the furtherance of the primary objects and purposes of the organization. Its words, purposes and objects are purely scientific and educational and, to the extent incidental thereto, social and recreational; and solely in the interest of advancement of its members, and of the public along scientific and educational lines.

In the event of dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be turned over, at the discretion of the Executive Board, either to the State of Iowa for education purposes, or to a non-profit association or corporation for the continuation of such educational and scientific projects as the society may have commenced.

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Per conversation at Nov. Board meeting  
With additional review at Dec. Board meeting  
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