

The Columbus Stompers

Articles of Organization and Bylaws

Article ~~I~~1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be The Columbus Stompers. The organization shall be a social- and community service-oriented not-for-profit ~~social and service in nature.~~

Article ~~II~~2 – Purpose

This Corporation is a not-for-profit country-western dance club whose purposes are:

1. To promote the culture of and provide education in country western dancing, activities and music to all persons without regard to age, sex, gender or gender identity, religion, national or cultural origin, sexual orientation, disability or HIV status.
2. To provide opportunities to its individual members for education in country western dancing as well as to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among the members.
3. To support and encourage the growth of its membership and improve communication among the membership and the community.
4. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, cultural and educational purposes as defined in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of the Corporation will include the promotion of country-western dancing, activities and music to all persons without discrimination in any form. The Corporation is established as a permanent organization seeking to enrich the local community by promoting such activities. The Corporation may engage in any activity that furthers its purposes.
5. The corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

~~The purpose of this organization shall be to:~~

- ~~1.The Columbus Stompers will promote country western dancing, activities and music to all persons without discrimination in any form. The Columbus Stompers has been established as a permanent organization seeking to enrich the local community by promoting such activities.~~
 - ~~1.The Columbus Stompers will coordinate fundraising activities and make donations to local charitable organizations, notwithstanding any other provision of these ByLaws, which adhere to the goals and philosophies of The Columbus Stompers.~~
 - ~~1.The Columbus Stompers will provide for an opportunity for the social and dancing interchange of individual members as well as to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among its members.~~
- ~~The Columbus Stompers may engage in any activity that furthers its~~

Article 3 - Use of Funds Raised

1. ~~purposes.~~ No part of the organization's net earnings ~~of The Columbus Stompers shall inure to the~~ directly benefit ~~of any of the organization's~~ Directors, ~~of The Columbus Stompers,~~ Officers, ~~of The Columbus Stompers,~~ Members ~~of The Columbus Stompers,~~ or any private individual (except ~~that~~ for reasonable compensation ~~may be paid~~ for services rendered to or ~~for on~~ The Columbus Stompers affecting one or more of its purposes ~~the~~ organization's behalf).
- 5.2. ~~_____~~ No substantial part of the organization's activities ~~of The Columbus Stompers shall include the dissemination~~ be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. ~~and The Columbus Stompers organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements)~~ any political campaigning on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article III-4 – Fiscal Year

1. The organization's fiscal year ~~of the organization shall run from November~~ January 1 through ~~October~~ December 31.
2. Any reference in ~~this document~~ these bylaws to "year" ~~or calendar~~ calendar- related items ~~(such as: "annual dues" or "term of one year," etc., shall be understood to mean "fiscal year" or "concurrent to the fiscal year," etc.~~

Article IV5 – Membership

1. Membership in this organization is open to any person ~~of legal age, as defined by the State of Ohio, interested in country/western music and dance.~~
2. Members are required to pay dues (as outlined in Article ~~IVII~~ IVII) to be considered a ~~"member~~ Member in ~~good~~ Good ~~standing~~ Standing."
1. ~~Member's names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses will be made available to members only.~~
- 4.3. ~~_____~~ Honorary ~~memberships~~ Memberships may be awarded to those persons nominated and approved by the general membership. Honorary ~~m~~ Members ~~are~~ shall be non-voting members.

Article 6 - Benefits of Membership

- 5.1. ~~_____~~ Members in Good Standing shall earn the organization's Benefits of ~~membership~~ Membership which shall include:
 - A. ~~Receive a~~ Columbus Stompers membership T-shirt ~~each year.~~ All Members in Good Standing, including those who are not eligible to receive a complimentary t-shirt, shall have the option of purchasing a member T-shirt, or additional member t-shirts, at a cost determined by the Executive Board, which shall be at least enough to recover the cost to the organization.
 - B. ~~Members in good standing are e~~ Eligibility to participate ~~with~~ on the performance dance teams. Separate ~~dance team and specific~~ rules ~~will~~ may apply to each of the performance teams, as set by the individual teams and their coaches.
 - C. Opportunity to ~~travel~~ participate with the organization ~~to in~~ hoe-downs and other ~~club~~ organization-related ~~excursions~~ events.
 - A. ~~Opportunity to raise funds to help defray the cost of above mentioned travel.~~

~~6.2.~~ Members are encouraged to participate in the ~~various-organization's~~ social and ~~community-service activities-of-the-organization.~~

Article ~~V~~Z – Dues

1. Dues will be assessed ~~and collected per-from~~ each member at the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. The Executive Board will determine ~~the amount of individual~~ dues on an annual basis.
3. Dues will not be assessed to ~~honorary~~ Honorary members Members.

~~A.4.~~ Dues ~~will~~ shall be prorated based on when ~~during the fiscal year~~ a ~~person-becomes-a-m~~ Member joins the organization.

~~5.a.~~ Dues-Prorated dues shall be assessed at a rate of 75% of the ~~set-annual~~ dues if a Member joins during the second quarter of the year.

~~6.b.~~ Dues-Prorated dues shall be assessed at a rate of 50% of the ~~set-annual~~ dues if a Member joins during the third ~~and-or~~ fourth quarter of the year.

~~7.5.~~ Should a change in fiscal year be necessitated, the Executive Board shall define the number of months which constitute each quarter of the year, assuming a non-standard year is created by said change in fiscal year.

~~8.6.~~ A ~~person~~ Member who joins the organization at the reduced rate shall not receive a complimentary membership T-shirt ~~for-said-until the following~~ fiscal year.

~~1.The color of the member t-shirt shall be decided by a vote of the members present at the same member meeting at which elections take place; and shall be different from the previous three years' colors.~~

~~1.All Members in Good Standing, including those who are not eligible to receive a complimentary t-shirt, shall have the option of purchasing a member T-shirt, or additional member t-shirts, at a cost determined by the Executive Board, which should be at least enough to cover the cost of said t-shirt.~~

Article 8 - Privacy

Members' private information, including names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, will be made available only to other Members in Good Standing and only after Executive Committee review of the circumstances and necessity. Third parties shall not be given a Member's private information without the Member's approval.

ARTICLE 9 - Board of Directors

1. Directors. The organization shall have seven directors. Collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The elected President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be voting, ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

2. Powers. Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, the activities and affairs of this organization shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

3. Duties. It shall be the duty of the directors to:

A. Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, or by these Bylaws;

B. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly.

- C. Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;
- 4. Qualifications and Terms of Office. Directors shall be nominated and elected by the General Membership at the prescribed annual General Membership Meeting and shall serve a one year term. Directors must be Members in Good Standing.
- 5. Compensation. Directors shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be allowed and paid the actual, necessary and Board-approved expenses they incur on behalf of the organization.

Article 10~~XII~~ --~~Duties of the Officers~~

1. President

- A. The President shall be the official representative of the organization.
- B. The President shall preside at all Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- ~~B.C.~~ The President ~~Shall~~ shall be responsible for ~~holding~~ scheduling and chairing all meetings of the organization.
- ~~C.D.~~ The President ~~Assumes~~ shall be the ~~responsibility~~ responsible for the day-to-day business of the organization.
- ~~D.~~ Shall be the coordinator of the annual hoe-down of the organization.
- E. The President ~~Shall~~ shall appoint chairs to all committees with the approval. ~~Committee chairs must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board Committee.~~
- F. The President ~~Shall~~ shall serve as an ~~ad hoc~~ ex-officio, voting member of all committees.
- G. The President ~~S~~ shall attend all Board of Directors, ~~executive~~ Executive Board Committee and General membership Membership meetings ~~on~~ of the organization.
- H. The President shall serve as the Organization's representative at functions or meetings of the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Country-Western Dance Clubs (IAGLCWDC) and shall be responsible for the cost of his or her travel for such functions or meetings.

2. Vice President

- A. The Vice President ~~S~~ shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and. ~~A~~ assumes the ~~office~~ Office of President in the event the elected President cannot fulfill his/her term of office.
- B. The Vice President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, ~~Shall be responsible for the publications of the organization~~ shall oversee the Publicity, Website and Fundraising Committees.
- C. The Vice President ~~S~~ shall attend all Board of Directors, Executive Board Committee and General mMembership meetings as well as the meetings of the Committees under his/her oversight.

3. Secretary

- A. The Secretary ~~S~~ shall record the official minutes of all meetings of the organization and file them appropriately to maintain the organization's official records ~~and report them to the club at regular membership meetings.~~
- ~~B.~~ Shall keep a record of attendance from all meetings and appropriate events of the organization.
- ~~C.B.~~ The Secretary ~~S~~ shall compile and maintain a database of the phone, email, and mailing list of organization's mMembership including all Members' contact information.

~~D.C.~~ The Secretary, I in conjunction with the President, ~~is~~ shall be responsible for all correspondence ~~for~~ with the organization. Electronic mail to the Membership shall be considered official correspondence and notification.

D. The Secretary shall be responsible for the publications of the organization.

~~D.E.~~ The Secretary shall compile, track and m ~~Maintains at~~ the ~~pertinent~~ records and files of the organization.

~~E.F.~~ The Secretary S shall attend all Board of Directors, Executive ~~Board~~ Committee and General m ~~M~~ Membership meetings.

4. Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer S shall be responsible for maintaining the ~~official~~ organization's financial records and required filings. ~~of the organization and report to the membership at regular membership meetings.~~
- B. The Treasurer S shall be responsible for maintaining the organization's bank account(s).
- C. The Treasurer shall be responsible for depositing ~~organization dues~~ and all income that may be generated by the organization.
- D. With the approval and oversight of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer S shall be responsible for the disbursement of funds to cover the organization's expenses. ~~upon approval of the Executive Board.~~
- E. The Treasurer S shall attend all Board of Directors, ~~e~~ Executive Board ~~Committee~~ and General m ~~M~~ Membership meetings.

Article 11 - Removal from Office

~~1. Removal from office-~~

~~A.1.~~ An Director or Executive Board Officer member may be removed from an elected ~~/ or~~ appointed position for failure to meet minimum attendance at meetings and functions. Minimum attendance shall be defined as below 60% attendance.

~~B.2.~~ An Director or executive Board member Officer may be removed from an elected ~~/ or~~ appointed position by for not fulfilling the responsibilities designated to ~~the specific that~~ position.

3. ~~The A motion to remove removal of~~ an ~~e~~ Elected e ~~Officer or Director~~ must be ~~moved and~~ approved by a two-thirds vote of ~~those Members in Good Standing~~ in attendance at an official General m ~~M~~ Membership m ~~M~~ Meeting. ~~If fewer than half of the organization members are in attendance at the meeting, a ballot vote of more than half of the general membership being in agreement with the motion for removal must then be taken to remove said officer. The petition must be signed by a minimum of one third of the members in good standing. If the petition is successful, a vote by ballot of the general membership must then be taken and if more than two thirds of the members in good standing vote to remove, the officer shall be removed from office.~~

Article 12 - Vacancy in Office

1. — In the case of a vacancy in any office, other than President, the Executive ~~Board~~ Committee shall appoint a ~~m~~ Member, in G ~~good~~ S ~~standing,~~ to fulfill the term of the vacanted office.

2. — In the case of vacancy in the ~~e~~ Office of President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President, as described in Article 10.2.A. ~~and the~~

~~previously prescribed process shall fill the vacated position of vice president.~~

Article ~~X~~13 - Qualification, Election and Terms of Officers and Directors

2.1. Qualifications for Office

- A. A candidate for President must be a Member in Good Standing and must have maintained that status for at least two years immediately prior to his/her nomination for the office.
- B. A candidate for Vice-President must be a Member in Good Standing and must have maintained that status for at least one full year immediately prior to his/her nomination for the office.
- C. Candidates for Director, Secretary, Treasurer or Committee Chair must be Members in Good Standing.

2. Election of Officers and Directors

- A. A General Membership Meeting shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of September for the purpose of electing the organization's directors and officers.
- B. The candidates for directors and officers shall may be properly nominated by any the mMembership in Good Standing and elected by a simple majority of those attending. the membership meeting that shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month of September.
- C. Should unforeseen circumstances prohibit a General Membership mMeeting and elections on said the prescribed Thursday, the Executive Board Committee, at its discretion, may shall choose to hold the elections on another date that shall fall within the month of September and notify the Membership.

- 3. A candidate must be a member in good standing for at least a period of one year. Terms of office Office - The terms of Elected Officers and Directors shall run concurrent with the fiscal year October 1 through September 30. Should a change in the fiscal year take place, the term of office runs for the length of the fiscal year even if it is less than, or more than 12 actual months. However, no term of office may exceed 24 actual months; in that event the Executive Board shall decide the term limit, and provide for an interim election of officers.

Article ~~XIII~~14 - Standing Committees

~~1. Standing committees of the organization shall include:~~

A.1. Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee s shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. The Executive Committee's Duties shall include the determination of policy for the organization and the oversight and enforcement of these bylaws.

~~Duties of the Executive Board~~

~~1. Determine policy for the organization.~~

~~1. Oversee the enforcement of these bylaws.~~

~~Conduct business on behalf on the organization.~~

2. Dance Committee

- ~~i.a.~~ The Dance Committee shall be responsible for organizing dance performances and exhibitions of for the Columbus Stompers organization.
- ~~ii.~~ Shall coordinate the performance dance team including selection, rehearsals, performances, choreographers, appropriate costumes, etc. The Dance Chair must obtain funding approval from the Executive Board or at a membership meeting. Each year, the Dance Committee shall, with the Executive Committee's guidance and approval, develop and distribute ~~on a yearly basis,~~ Performance Team Rules and Guidelines.
- ~~iii.b.~~ Shall be responsible for selecting appropriate music for performances and general activities.
- ~~iv.c.~~ The Dance Committee shall coordinate dance lessons including that are associated with any Columbus Stomper related activity. This includes the recruiting, scheduling and oversight of obtaining dance instructors.
- ~~v.~~ Inform the executive Committee and membership of changes in or to the program area.
- ~~vi.~~ Shall attend all Executive board and membership meetings.

B.3. Website/Online Committee

- ~~i.a.~~ The Online Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the official organization's website and social media outlets Columbus Stompers Website. This includes and the timely posting of any applicable information including, ~~i.e.~~ performances dates, dance lessons, travel, ~~related~~ official activities, links, etc.
- ~~ii.~~ Coordinate Columbus Stompers Website with IAGLCWDC or other affiliated organization's websites.
- ~~iii.~~ Obtain releases from all persons who may have information or photos posted on the website.
- ~~iv.~~ Inform the Executive Committee and membership of changes in or to the program area.
- ~~v.~~ Shall attend all Executive Board and membership meetings.

C.4. Fundraising Committee

- ~~a.~~ The Fundraising Committee shall coordinate all fundraising activities.
- ~~b.~~ The Fundraising Committee is tasked with ~~Includes~~ developing new programs, ideas, and efforts to raise funds for the good benefit of the organization and the charitable ~~organizations~~ causes the Membership approves as that are selected to be benefactors ~~of the organization~~.
- ~~ii.c.~~ The Fundraising Committee shall ~~Coordinate~~ with the Treasurer to keep detailed records of funds raised, expenses incurred and the charitable disbursement of ~~related~~ funds.
- ~~iii.~~ The Fundraising Committee shall maintain ~~Contact~~ potential with charitable organizations that best fit-match the philosophy and goals of this organization.
- ~~iv.d.~~ Shall attend all Executive Board and membership meetings.

D.5. Publicity/Community Outreach and Engagement Committee

- ~~i.a.~~ The Publicity Committee shall, with the Executive Committee's oversight and approval, ~~Coordinate~~ all press-news releases and public announcements ~~promotional activities~~ for the organization.
- ~~ii.~~ Establish and maintain communication with media.
- ~~iii.b.~~ The Publicity Committee shall, with the Executive Committee's oversight and approval, ~~Develop,~~ and implement and maintain a program to increase the general public's awareness of the Columbus Stompers organization and to increase membership.

- ~~iv. The Publicity Committee shall bring new promotional programs and ideas to the Executive Board Committee on a regular basis.~~
- ~~c. Shall attend all executive Board and membership meetings.~~

~~Article XIV—Duties of Committee Chairs~~

- ~~1. Dance~~
- ~~1. Website~~
- ~~1. Fundraising~~
- ~~1. Publicity~~

~~Article X—Executive Board~~

- ~~1. Article XI—~~

Article ~~X~~15 - Committees

- ~~E.1.~~ 1. Additional ~~e~~ Committees may be ~~added~~ created by the Executive Committee to fulfill requirements at specific times for specific needs, ~~including, but not limited to the annual hoedown of the organization.~~
- 2. Committee Chairs
 - A. Must be a ~~m~~ Member in ~~g~~ Good ~~s~~ Standing.
 - B. Shall be appointed by the President and placed in office by a majority approval, ~~but must be approved by a majority~~ of the Executive ~~Board~~ Committee.
 - ~~B. Shall be members of the Executive Board.~~
 - C. Shall serve for a period of one year.
 - ~~D. Shall report to the membership at the general membership meetings.~~
 - ~~A. Shall attend all executive Executive Board Committee and General membership Membership meetings.~~
 - D.

Article ~~16~~VI – Meetings

- ~~1. Officers' Meetings.~~
 - ~~A. Officers Meetings should be held on a monthly basis.~~
 - ~~A. In no instance shall a period of more than two consecutive months go by without an Officers Meeting.~~
 - ~~A. The President of the Organization shall determine the time and location of the Officers Meetings.~~
 - ~~A. The Officers Meetings may be combined with the Executive Board Meetings.~~
 - ~~A. The Officers Meetings may not be combined with the General Membership Meetings; but may be held before or after the General Membership Meeting.~~
- 1. Board of Directors Meetings
 - A. The Board of Directors shall meet, at a minimum, once per quarter.
 - B. The President, in consultation with other Officers, shall determine the time and location of the Board of Directors' meetings.

C. The Board of Directors Meetings may not be combined with the General Membership Meetings but may be held before or after the General Membership Meetings.

2. Executive ~~Board-Committee~~ Meetings.

A. Executive ~~Board-Committee~~ Meetings ~~should~~shall be held, at a minimum, once a monthly basis per quarter.

~~A. In no instance shall a period of more than two consecutive months go by without an Executive Board Meeting.~~

~~C. B.~~ The ~~Officers of the Organization~~ President, in consultation with other Officers, shall determine the time and location of the Executive ~~Board-Committee~~ Meetings.

~~A. The Executive Board Meetings may be combined with the Officers Meetings.~~

~~E. C.~~ The Executive ~~Board-Committee~~ Meetings may not be combined with the General Membership Meetings; but may be held before or after the General Membership Meeting or before or after a meeting of the Board of Directors.

3. General Membership Meetings.

A. General Membership Meetings should be held on a ~~monthly~~quarterly basis.

~~A. In no instance shall a period of more than two consecutive months go by without a General Membership Meeting.~~

~~C. B.~~ The Executive ~~Board of the organization~~ Committee shall determine the time and location of the General Membership Meetings.

~~A. The General Membership Meeting shall not be combined with either the Officers Meeting or the Executive Board Meeting~~

Article ~~17VII~~ – Quorums

1. General Membership Meetings. A quorum, for the purpose of conducting business at a ~~g~~General ~~M~~membership ~~m~~Meeting, shall be defined as a minimum of five ~~(5)~~ ~~m~~Members in ~~g~~Good ~~s~~Standing. At least three of these members must be ~~e~~Officers or Directors.

2. Board Meetings. A quorum, for the purpose of conducting business at a Board of Directors meeting, shall be defined as a minimum of four ~~(4)~~ Directors.

~~Section Article 18VIII~~ – Parliamentary Procedure

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order will govern the conduct of all meetings.

Article ~~IX~~19 – Voting

1. All matters before the organization, which require a vote, shall be ~~carried~~ approved by with the consent of a simple majority of those present with the exception of ~~e~~Expulsion ~~F~~from ~~m~~Membership and ~~d~~Dissolution of the ~~e~~Organization. All ~~v~~voting willshall be ~~done~~carried out by voice or a show of hands. ~~h~~However, at the request of any Member in Good Standing, voting ~~wi~~shall be ~~done~~ by secret ballot ~~at the request of one member, in which case,~~ and the Executive ~~Board-Committee~~ ~~wi~~shall appoint an impartial group of three (3) members to count the ballots. Each ~~M~~member in Good Standing shall have one (1) vote. Honorary ~~m~~Members shall have no vote.

2. When deemed necessary by the President, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors may cast electronic votes on issues before their respective bodies. A Request for Votes explaining the issue in question will be e-mailed to the appropriate parties and voters will e-mail their votes to the Secretary for tabulation. The vote will not be secret. The Secretary will compile the names of voters and their votes and distribute the results to all parties involved. The results shall also be included in the official minutes of the next physical meeting. In the event a voter believes his or her vote was miscounted or misinterpreted, he or she may request a re-vote. The number of voters must be equal to or greater than those required for quorum at a physical meeting.

~~Article XV~~ — ~~Official Logo~~

~~The Columbus Stompers have adopted an official logo. If a new logo is proposed, a majority vote of the members in good standing must approve said logo.~~

Article ~~XVI~~20 – Dissolution and Distribution of Assets

A motion ~~to to the general membership to d~~Dissolve the ~~e~~Organization may come only from the Executive ~~Board~~Committee and ~~must, which motion will~~ have been ~~previously~~ considered and ~~carried~~approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive ~~Board~~Committee. The motion must ~~then~~ be ~~carried~~approved at a General Membership Meeting by two-thirds of the attending Members in Good Standing by written ballot ~~of the general members in good standing~~. Upon the ~~d~~Dissolution, ~~d~~Disbanding, or other ~~t~~Termination of the organization, all the ~~remaining~~ Organization's ~~assets of the organization~~, after final expenses as determined by the Executive ~~Board~~ Committee are paid, shall be distributed by the ~~Executive Board~~ Treasurer to such organization(s) as may qualify as charitable deductions for income tax purposes under the Income Tax Laws of the United States in such proportions as the Executive ~~Board~~ Committee may determine. In no event shall any part of the assets be returned to or distributed among any officer, member of the Executive ~~Board~~Committee, member, or any individual connected with the organization directly or indirectly.

Article ~~XVI~~21 – Indemnification and Disclaimer of Personal Liability

1. Indemnification: – The organization shall indemnify all present and former officers against any liability and any necessary expenses actually incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties or party by reason of being or having been officers, except for willful misconduct in the performance of his/her duties. If an officer incurs liability as a result of following the advice of legal counsel selected the ~~Board~~, he/she shall likewise be indemnified.
2. Personal Liability: – The members and officers of the organization shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability or obligation of the organization. All persons, corporations or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against, the organization may look only to the funds and property of the organization for the payment of any such contract or claim, or for the payment of any debt, damages, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the organization. A majority of the Executive Board is required to indebt the organization.

Article ~~XVII~~22 – Ratification

These Articles of Organization and By-laws must be approved by a majority vote of ~~m~~Members in Good Standing. Once approved, these Articles of Organization and By-laws shall replace all other existing articles of organization, by-laws, or rules of the organization.

Article ~~XIX~~23 – Amendments

These By-laws may be changed or amended by a majority vote of ~~these~~ Members in Good Standing in attendance at a general Membership Meeting ~~and must be affirmed by a majority of the members in good standing~~. Proposed By-laws changes and amendments must be presented to the membership at least fourteen (14) days prior to an ~~an~~ actual vote.

~~Approved by unanimous vote February 14, 2001, Columbus, Ohio.~~