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# ARTICLE I PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the international club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the international club. (1/21/94) [see Policy 1.1 Order of Business]

#### ARTICLE II CORRESPONDENCE

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# ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

**Sec. 1** The Standing Committees shall be: (01/23/20)

Α. Budget J. International Relations В. Caravan K. Lifetime Membership Fund **C**. Constitution and Bylaws L. Long Range Planning D. Ethics and Grievance M. Marketing N. Membership Ε. Family and Youth Historical O. National Rallies F. G. Information Technology P. Planning Guides **International Rally** O. Publications H. I. Intl. Rally Site R. Technical

- Sec. 2 The chairs of all standing committees, except the International Rally, International Rally Site, Lifetime Membership Fund and Budget, shall be appointed by the International President and approved by the Executive Committee.
  - **A.** Each appointed committee chair will serve for one year and may be reappointed by the incoming International President.
  - **B.** A standing committee will undertake no program unless approved by the Executive Committee and funding for such program included in the annual budget.
  - C. The President shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in the chair position occurring by reason of death or resignation. (1/20/17)
- Sec. 3 All Standing Committees should have a minimum of two additional members selected from the membership by the committee chair.

- **A.** Names and contact information of the committee chairs shall be in the WBCCI directory and website to allow members to contact the chairs directly and volunteer for any committee based upon their interest, experience or expertise.
- **B.** The chair may also invite members to serve on their committee and in the event of a vacancy occurring by reason of death or resignation the chair shall advertise the opening and select a replacement member.
- C. This section does not apply to the International Rally Site and International Rally Committees, as their composition is defined in Sec. 4 and Sec. 5. (6/25/15)
- Sec. 4 The members of the International Rally Committee shall be the President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the 3rd Vice President, the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer. (6/22/92)
- Sec. 5 The members of the International Rally Site Committee shall be appointed to serve for a period of four years.
  - **A.** Terms shall be staggered so that only a single member will be appointed each year.
  - **B.** The incoming International 3rd Vice President shall appoint a member to serve.
  - C. The incoming International President shall select a member of the committee to serve as chair.
  - **D.** In the event of a vacancy occurring by reason of death or resignation the chair shall advertise the opening and select a replacement member to serve the remainder of the four-year term. (6/25/15)
- Sec. 6 The members of the Lifetime Membership Fund Committee shall be the International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President elected in the odd-numbered year who shall serve a two-year term as Committee Chair. A minimum of two additional members shall be selected from the Region Presidents, Vice Presidents or the membership by the committee chair. Costs of administration are to be charged against the lifetime membership fund with approval of the IBT. (6/25/15)
- Sec. 7 The members of the Budget Committee shall be the International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, who shall serve as Committee Chair, the International President, the remaining International Vice Presidents, the International Treasurer, the International Treasurer nominee, and the Corporate Manager. The Chair will call an annual meeting prior to the International Rally. (1/20/17)
- Sec. 8 All standing committee chairs will submit a half-year report to the IBT's annual business meetings by December 1 and May 1 of each year.
  - **A.** With the exception of the Budget Committee, no reports are required for the IBT meeting following the International Rally.
  - **B.** The reports will be published on the website WBCCI website in a downloadable format and sent electronically to all members of the IBT prior to the mid-winter and annual business meetings.

- C. The chairs of the standing committees or committee member may be at the meetings to answer any questions arising from the report by either the IBT or the members in attendance.
- **D.** The reports need not be read aloud at the meetings. Members of the committee shall have the privilege of submitting a minority report on issues of concern. (1/14/16)
- Sec. 9 Special committees may be appointed by the President for the purpose of carrying out projects not within the purview of a standing committee.
- Sec. 10 The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall serve as the principal advisor and consultant to the President on all matters of parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian shall attend all delegates meetings; all board of trustees meetings, and upon request of the President, the Executive Committee meetings. (1/19/96)
- Sec. 11 All Standing Committees, or special committees appointed by the President, may conduct the business of the committee electronically. This includes the use of, but not limited to, teleconferencing, video conferencing, or any other appropriate means of electronic communication. (1/11/18)

[see Policy 3.11, Standing Committees – General Duties]

#### ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

- Sec. 1 Membership in the international club, and in any unit thereof, is restricted to adults who qualify in accordance with the requirements of Article VI of the International Constitution. (7/6/92)
- Sec. 2 An owner and each co-owner of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., upon becoming a regular member in a unit of the international club, shall be deemed to possess one vote per membership. An affiliate member shall possess all the rights and privileges of a regular member of the unit, except the following: (1/17/97)
  - **A.** The right to hold office in the unit; (1/21/94)
  - **B.** The right to vote in the selection or election of unit, region or international officers;
  - C. The right to vote on any amendment to the international or the unit constitution; (1/21/94)
  - **D.** The right to vote on the dissolution of the unit, consolidation of the unit with another unit, or the merger of the unit with another unit. (6/23/01)
- Sec. 3 To be eligible to serve as an elected officer of an Intra-club, a unit, a region, or international club a person must be a regular member of the international club. (1/17/97)
- Sec. 4 No unit shall establish, fix or observe a limit as to the number of its members.
- Sec. 5 A unit shall not establish within the unit a class of membership that is not as defined or as listed in the International Constitution, Bylaws or Policy. (1/20/95)

- Sec. 6 A unit member may invite a non-member Airstream recreational vehicle owner, as a prospective member, to attend rallies and other activities of the unit. A unit member will not invite the same non-Airstream RV owner(s) to more than one buddy rally per year. (1/17/03)
- Except as authorized by section 10 of this article, only members of the international club traveling in a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. and their guests, and visitors especially authorized by the Executive Committee of the international club, may be admitted to an Intra-club, a unit, a region, or a national caravan or to an Intra-club, a unit, a region, a national, or an international rally. However, members of the international club may attend an Intra-club, a unit, a state, a region, a national, or an international rally without their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. When it is inconvenient or impossible for them to travel in said recreational vehicle, provided such members do not attend (for the purpose of this section attend is defined as "to be present at any rally activity") in any other make of recreational vehicle. The requirements of this section shall not be applicable to members of the international club traveling outside the North American continent in caravans organized under the sponsorship of the international relations standing committee. (01/23/20)
- Sec. 8 Except as authorized by section 10 of this article, a recreational vehicle, that is not manufactured by Airstream, Inc., shall not be admitted to an Intra-club, a unit, a region or national caravan or to an Intra-club, a unit, a state, a region, a national, or an international rally, except a semi or fully self-contained motorized recreational vehicle being used to tow a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc. may be admitted to an Intra-club, a unit, a region or a national caravan or to an Intra-club, a unit, a state, a region, a national, or an international rally provided such motorized vehicle is used solely for transportation purposes at a caravan or rally parking site. (1/17/03)

# Sec. 9 Membership Dues

- A. Membership dues of regular members in the international club and in any unit or chartered body thereof may be collected electronically by Headquarters on the WBCCI website or through the Unit treasurer. International Dues collected by the Unit will be forwarded to Headquarters twice a month. Unit Dues collected by the Headquarters will be forwarded to the unit twice a month. (6/24/16)
- **B.** Renewal dues of regular members and the renewal dues and the established surcharge of members at large shall be paid after July 1 for the subsequent calendar year. When dues are not received at Headquarters by November 30, a member may not be listed in the directory for the following year. (7/5/96)
- C. Membership of regular members in the International Club, and in any Local Club or chartered body thereof, shall be terminated on December 31 if dues are not paid electronically to Headquarters or to and receipted by the Local Club treasurer on or before December 31. Any membership so terminated may be reinstated anytime within the succeeding 6 months by payment of Local Club and International dues for the current year anytime between January 1 and June 30. (01/23/20)
- **D.** Membership of a member at large in the International Club shall be terminated on December 31 if international dues and the established fee are not received at

Headquarters on or before December 31. The membership of a member at large so terminated may be reinstated any time within the succeeding 6 months by the payment of International dues and the established fee for the current year any time between January 1 and June 30. (01/23/20)

E. New members are adults who qualify for membership in the international club pursuant to the provisions of Article VI of the international constitution and such adults have not been members of the international club in the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the date of application for membership. (1/17/97)

[see Policy 4.9.1, Membership, Transfer of Membership dues]

[see Policy 4.9.2, Membership, International Dues]

[see Policy 4.9.3, Membership, Lifetime Membership]

[see Policy 4.9.4, Membership, Definitions of Member]

[see Policy 4.9.5, Membership, Membership Stars]

# Sec. 10 Non-Member Participation

**A.** A unit, once each calendar year, may host a rally or caravan or combination thereof with a recreation vehicle club not chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and it may conduct, twice each calendar year, (but not more than 50% of the rallies and caravans conducted by that unit in any calendar year) a buddy rally or a buddy caravan or combination thereof to which each member of the unit may invite not more than one non-member recreational vehicle family. (7/5/02)

The non-member RV family to be invited is intended to be one which is a prospective member, and one which does <u>not</u> own an Airstream. The family is invited to the buddy rally or caravan to introduce them to the WBCCI "Way of Life" and the unit members in the hope they might decide to purchase an Airstream and join the club. A buddy rally is not intended to be used by current or past WBCCI members to attend a WBCCI rally in their non-Airstream vehicles. (7/5/02)

- **B.** The sponsor or sponsors of a national, a region, a state, commonwealth or multi-unit rally may invite non-member owners of recreational vehicles manufactured by Airstream, Inc. to attend such rallies. The sponsors of such rallies may receive assistance, as may be established by the International Executive Committee. (01/23/20)
- C. The International Executive Committee may authorize members of overseas caravan clubs, traveling in recreational vehicles not manufactured by Airstream, Inc. To, upon the payment of the required caravan fees, participate in a national caravan of the international club with all the rights and privileges of members of the international club participating in such a national caravan. (1/17/97)

#### ARTICLE V DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

# **Sec. 1** Grievance Filing

- A. Any member, hereafter referred to as the complainant, may file a grievance alleging that another member has violated any WBCCI Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, or Code of Ethics, or any comparable governing rules of any Region or Unit of WBCCI, or that the member is guilty of any misconduct at a Unit, Region or International event. Such complaint shall be filed at the lowest appropriate level, with the Unit, Region, or International President. (See Grievance Process located on the WBCCI website.) (7/20/19)
- **B.** Complaints resulting from misconduct at a Unit event should be filed at the Unit level, Region event at the Region level, and International event at the International level. In every case, the first step will be to attempt a negotiated settlement between parties. All the steps included here shall be followed at all times. (7/22/17)
- C. Units and Regions will follow the process outlined in their Bylaws. In the case where Unit or Region Bylaws do not include a procedure, the process use shall conform with Article V of the International Bylaws. (7/22/17)

#### Sec. 2 Grievance Procedure

- A. Complaints shall be filed in writing and shall state the date and location of the alleged violation or misconduct, the facts on which the complaint is based and, if applicable, the particular provision of the rule or regulation which was violated. The complaint must be filed with the Unit, Region, or International President no later than thirty (30) days after the alleged violation or misconduct occurred or was discovered. The complaint must be signed and dated by the complainant, and include his or her Airstream Number. (7/22/17)
- **B.** Upon receipt of the complaint, the Unit, Region or International President shall review the complaint and determine if it is filed at the appropriate level. The Unit, Region or International President shall inform the applicable level Grievance Committee that a complaint has been filed and shall forward a copy of the grievance to the International Ethics and Grievance Standing Committee. (In the case where no Grievance Committee exists, one shall be appointed by the President of the appropriate level.) (1/11/18)
- C. It will be the duty of the Grievance Committee Chair to mail a copy of the complaint by certified mail, return receipt requested, restricted delivery to addressee only, to the accused member, and to notify him or her that any defense which the member may wish to present on his or her behalf, may be presented in the form of a written response, and further, that a hearing before the Committee may be requested by the accused member. Any such demand for a hearing shall be filed in writing with the Chair of the Committee no later than thirty (30) days following the member's receipt of the complaint. The hearing request shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, restricted delivery to addressee only. (7/22/17)
- **D.** The Committee will upon receipt of the complaint, handle the matter confidentially. (7/22/17)

- E. If the accused member demands a hearing, it shall be the duty of the Committee Chair to set the date and place for such a hearing, and notify the accused member and the complainant by certified mail of such time and place. Such hearing may be held by conference call with agreement of all parties. (7/22/17)
- F. At such a hearing, all relevant testimony, documents or other evidence shall be admitted and considered by the Committee. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Committee shall make findings of fact, based upon the above. The Committee's findings, together with its recommendations, shall be reported in writing to the Unit, Region, or International President. (7/22/17)
- G. Findings of fact by the Committee shall be based on the complaint, the accused member's response (if any is filed), the testimony presented at the hearing (if any), the written evidence or documents produced and any additional information discovered as the result of the investigation, which may be deemed appropriate by the Committee. (7/22/17)
- H. The committee's determination may be, but is not limited to: (1) the grievance be dismissed, (2) the member(s) be given a letter of reprimand, (3) the member(s) be suspended from membership in WBCCI for a period of time, or (4) the member(s) be expelled from membership in WBCCI. Suspension from WBCCI by a Unit requires written approval of their Regions Executive Committee. Any expulsion from WBCCI, at any level, requires the approval, in writing, of the International Executive Committee. (7/22/17)
- It shall be the responsibility of the appropriate Unit, Region, or International President to send, by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery to addressee only, a copy of the Committee's determination to the accused member and the complainant. (7/22/17)

# Sec. 3 Appeal Process

- A. Any member who has been expelled or suspended from membership in the International Club, may at any time within thirty (30) days following such expulsion or suspension, file a written notice of appeal with the International President. Such notice shall state the errors relied upon as grounds for the reversal of the decision on such expulsion or suspension and may contain a demand for a hearing. (7/22/17)
- **B.** Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, it shall be the duty of the International President to appoint an appeals board composed of three members of the International Board of Trustees, one of whom he/she shall name as chair. (7/22/17)
- C. The appeals board, so appointed, shall mail to the complainant a copy of the notice of appeal advising the complainant of the appeal. The appeals board shall obtain the complete record from the original hearing including notices of complaint, accused response, evidence, documents and any record made at the original hearing, including a recording, if available and the written ruling of the prior hearing. (7/22/17)
- **D.** The hearing on appeal shall be on the original record made, the complainant and the accused may present argument based on the original record only. No further evidence or witnesses shall be heard. (7/22/17)

- E. At any such hearing, equal time shall be accorded the accused and the complainant, and each shall be entitled to question the other. (7/22/17)
- F. Upon conclusion of the hearing, or if no hearing is requested upon receipt of all information provided to the appeals board, the appeals board shall render a judgment, in writing, based upon the written records and the arguments presented at any hearing. Such judgment may affirm, overrule, or modify any judgment previously taken on the complaint, and such judgment so rendered, shall be final and conclusive. If suspension or expulsion is recommended, the International President will then inform the Region and Unit Secretaries as well as the Corporate Manager, who will notify the secretaries of all Units of the name and address of the person expelled. The approval of the International Executive Committee shall not be required for suspension or expulsion as determined by the appeals board. (7/22/17)
- G. Any member expelled or suspended as provided in section 3 hereof who fails to file an appeal within 30 days of the mailing of notice, shall be deemed expelled or suspended as the case may be after the 30 days have expired. If suspension or expulsion is recommended, the International President will then inform the Region and Unit Secretaries as well as the Corporate Manager, who will notify the secretaries of all Units of the name and address of the person expelled. (7/22/17)
- Sec. 4 The suspension or expulsion of any member, as provided in this article, may be deemed to include, any spouse or significant other of that member. (7/22/17)

# Sec. 5 Grievance Conclusion

- **A.** The information supplied to, or received by, any fact-finding committee, complainant, or accused, during any investigation, at all levels, shall be strictly confidential. Violating this provision may result in disciplinary action. (7/22/17)
- **B.** Upon conclusion of all the steps of the process, including appeal, the applicable President, (Unit, Region or International,) <u>may</u> report to the assembly, a final decision of the action. All details and evidence of the case shall remain confidential in perpetuity. (7/22/17)
- Expelled members may at any time, after two years following expulsion, file with the office of the Executive Committee of WBCCI a written petition for reinstatement. The Executive Committee, upon receipt of any such petition, and after conducting inquiries and investigation, as it deems necessary, shall grant or deny the same. The determination of the Executive Committee is at its sole and absolute discretion. (7/22/17)
- Sec. 7 Subject to the other provisions of this article, any discipline imposed pursuant to this article shall be recognized and enforced by the international, region, and unit organizations of WBCCI. No international, region or unit organization shall take any action that is inconsistent with any discipline imposed in accordance with this article. (7/22/17)
- Sec. 8 Any grievance committee or appeals board shall have the authority to negotiate resolution of any dispute brought pursuant to this article, with or without the approval of the complainant. If

the grievance committee or appeals board reaches a negotiated resolution with an accused member, that resolution shall be in writing, shall be signed by the accused member (and any spouse or significant other) and the members of the applicable committee or board, and shall be distributed the same as any determination that would have been made by the applicable committee or board. (7/22/17)

#### ARTICLE VI CLUB ORGANIZATION

- Sec. 1 Units may incorporate under the non-profit laws of their respective states and provinces provided that the corporate powers thus acquired do not conflict with the corporate powers granted by the state of Ohio to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. If so incorporated, such units may acquire and hold property, both personal and real, individually or in conjunction with other units, and may improve and develop the same for the use and benefit of their members. Such incorporated units, as well as any other units, may engage in any activities they deem necessary for the benefit and pleasure of their members. (1/19/07)
- Sec. 2 In order for a Unit to continue to be chartered and supervised by the International Club and to maintain the International Club's tax exempt status, every five (5) years all units and intraclubs shall prepare a Constitution and Bylaws (incorporated units may use their incorporation documents as the unit constitution) and any amendments thereto; and shall deliver four copies of each or one (1) copy (by electronic mail) to the International office for review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Such Constitution and such Bylaws shall not be in conflict with, or be inconsistent with the Constitution, Bylaws or Policy of the International club. Such Constitution and Bylaws shall include but not limited to, provisions for: (a) election of officers, (b) regular meetings and quorum of each, (c) a method of selecting a delegate and an alternate to the WBCCI delegates meetings, (d) a dissolution clause in compliance with federal, state, and provincial laws, (e) a method of amendment. (7/5/13)
  - **A.** Any Unit/Club or Intra-Club who is more than five years in arrears in fulfilling this requirement will have their charter suspended by the IBT. (7/20/19)
  - **B.** The suspended Unit/Club or Intra-Club will have 90 days from the date of suspension and notification to submit the required documents. If the documents are not submitted, a Trustee will be appointed by the International President to oversee the dissolution of the Unit/Club or Intra-Club, following the procedures outlined in Article VII. Members of the Unit/Club will revert to Member at Large status and have the opportunity to join another functioning Unit/Club. (7/20/19)
  - C. If a suspended Unit/Club or Intra-Club submits Constitution and Bylaws, approved by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee within 90 days, the Executive Committee may lift the suspension and reinstate them. The Executive Committee will advise the International Board of Trustees of its action at the next scheduled meeting of the International Board of Trustees. (7/20/19)
- Sec. 3 Each Unit, Region, Intra-Club and National Caravan is required to sign the Sublicense Agreement regarding AIRSTREAM Licensed Property in which they agree to do nothing inconsistent with the terms of that License Agreement. (7/22/17)

- A. WBCCI grants to the Unit, Region, Intra-Club and National Caravan a nonexclusive, nontransferable sublicense to use the Licensed Property only with a defined geographic region and only for the purposes of signifying affiliation with the WBCCI in the course of performing club services and in communications consistent with the bylaws, rules and standards of WBCCI. The Unit, Region, Intra-Club and National Caravan may not grant further sublicenses. Airstream reserves all rights not specifically granted in this Sublicense Agreement. (7/22/17)
- **B.** This sublicense is contingent upon a Unit, Region, Intra-Club and Caravan continuing to be in good standing as determined by WBCCI and satisfying all criteria with respect to the organization, membership, performance and operation established by WBCCI. (7/22/17)
- C. Violation of any terms or conditions of the Sublicense Agreement will result in an automatic suspension of a Unit, Region, Intra-Club or Caravan by the Executive Committee. A Unit, Region, Intra-Club or Caravan may be re-instated once the term or condition has been satisfied. (7/22/17)
- Sec. 4 The International Club shall provide a unit <u>model Constitution and Bylaws</u> for the use of the units that is compatible with the constitution, bylaws and policy of the International Club.
- Mail, electronic mail, or facsimile balloting procedures are authorized for all votes to be taken by units provided the unit Constitution or Bylaws permits such a ballot procedure. If a unit elects to use these procedures, it must take steps to ensure the accuracy and validity of the vote. Votes allowed in this manner should also be received at the unit no later than two (2) days before the regular or special meeting at which a vote is to be taken. These votes must be kept confidential until voting at a meeting has taken place. (6/26/09)
- Sec. 6 Members and proposed members wishing to form a Unit of the International Club outside of the countries of Canada, Mexico and the United States shall adhere to the following additional guidelines: (1/14/16)
  - **A.** All communications to and from the International Club, its headquarters, officers and committees shall be in the English language.
  - **B.** Initial requests for the formation of this category of units shall be made directly to Headquarters, and the WBCCI Executive Committee has the authority to grant such provisional charters. The Granting of actual charters will continue to be the authority of the IBT. Thereafter, coordination to/from these units will be the responsibility of the Standing Committee Chair for International Relations, and these Units will be provided with that contact information.
  - C. WBCCI is a US Ohio-based non-profit corporation. Depending on the availability of liability insurance through WBCCI and the requirements of the US Revenue Service, each Unit may be required to furnish a minimum liability insurance policy in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000 in US currency and continue to keep current) naming the WBCCI as the insured before any charter can be given and retained. Each Unit may be required to be organized as a not for profit or tax-exempt corporation or organization

- under the laws of their respective country and shall provide proof of good standing to Headquarters at that time of incorporation and any subsequent change of status. Legal review may be required. All international WBCCI dues paid shall be in US Funds. (1/14/16)
- **D.** If no delegate from an overseas Unit is available to be present at the annual Delegates Meeting during the International Rally, the Chair of the WBCCI Standing Committee for International Relations shall, if requested by that Unit, designate a Delegate if voting preferences are provided. The Corporate Manager and/or this Standing Committee Chair will provide representation at IBT meetings; however, the International President will provide their vote if Unit so requests. (1/14/16)
- E. These Units will be considered as an official part of the WBCCI Club, subject to all appropriate rules and regulations as determined by the IBT. Members will be considered as regular members of the WBCCI and enjoy the privileges of membership, but likewise be governed by the regulations of the Club including their own WBCCI approved unit constitution and bylaws.
- F. If requested by any one of these units, the IBT may authorize special considerations to that unit and/or its members in such matters as travel in Canada and/or the United States, etc., which may differ from rules governing units/members residing within the North American continent as appropriate. An additional postal charge will be added to individual dues unless the Unit chooses to opt out of mailings.
- **G.** Every member is encouraged to fly the flag of their nation and those of WBCCI and to observe international flag protocol if traveling in other nations.

[see Policy 6.6 Local Clubs]

# ARTICLE VII MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR DISSOLUTION OF UNITS

- Sec. 1 In the case of a unit that is unable to obtain officers as required by the unit Constitution and/or Bylaws, or is unable to enlist ten (10) members in order to retain the unit charter as required by Article XI, Section 3 of the International Constitution, such unit may merge with another unit, consolidate with one or more units, or the unit may dissolve. In all cases units shall comply with the requirements as listed hereunder. (1/19/07)
- Sec. 2 In the case of a merger of two Local Clubs, one of the Local Clubs will continue as a Unit/Club of the international club and the other Local Club will lose its independent identity and cease to exist as a Local Club of the international club.
  - A. The Local Club into which another Local Club wishes to merge shall send, by First Class mail or Email, a copy of the proposal to accept the merger to all regular members of the Local Club at least thirty (30) days prior to a business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the notice of the proposal shall also be sent to the President of the Region and to Headquarters.
  - **B.** A Local Club that proposes relinquishing its independent identity by merging with another Local Club shall send, by First Class mail or Email, a notice of the proposal to

merge to all regular members of the Local Club at least thirty (30) days prior to a business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the proposal shall also be sent to the President of the region and to Headquarters. The copy to Headquarters shall also include the Local Club charter, an inventory listing of the property, bank accounts and other assets owned by the Local Club including International Club property. The property, funds and other assets of the Local Club shall be held in trust by the International Club and the International President shall appoint a trustee to act on behalf of the International Club. Pending the completion of the merger, the property, funds or assets of the Local Club held in trust shall be disbursed or disposed of as determined by the trustee in consultation with the merging Local Club.

- C. Each Local Club proposal shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the international dues paying members of each Local Club voting at a business meeting or the special meeting as listed in the prior notice to members of the Local Club. Copies of the minutes of the meetings of each Local Club shall be sent to the President of the Region and to Headquarters. The trustee, upon determining the requirements for a merger have been met, shall disburse or dispose of the property, funds or assets held in trust as previously determined. The charter of the defunct Local Club shall be kept, for historical purposes, by the Local Club with which it merges. (01/23/20)
- Sec. 3 In the case of the consolidation of two or more units, each unit will discontinue its independent existence as a unit of the international club and a new unit shall be formed which shall include the international dues paying members of the units that have consolidated and the newly formed unit shall assume the assets and liabilities of each of the units that have consolidated to form the new unit. (1/20/95)
  - A. Each unit wishing to consolidate shall send, by First Class mail or email, a notice of the proposal to consolidate to all regular members of the unit at least thirty (30) days prior to a business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. Each unit shall send a copy of the notice of the proposal to the President of the Region and to Headquarters. The copy of the proposal from each unit to Headquarters shall include the unit charter and an inventory listing of the property, bank accounts and other assets owned by the unit including international club property such as blue books. The property, funds and other assets of each unit shall be held in trust by the international club and the International President shall appoint a trustee to act on behalf of the international club. Pending the completion of the consolidation of the units, the disbursement or disposal of the property, funds or assets of each unit shall be in a manner as determined and as prescribed by the trustee. (6/22/18)
  - **B.** The adoption of the proposal to consolidate shall be by a two-thirds vote of the international dues paying members of each unit present and voting at the unit business meeting or the special unit business meeting listed in the notice of the proposal to consolidate. Each unit shall send a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the proposal was adopted to the President of the region and to Headquarters. (1/20/95)
  - C. The newly formed unit shall submit, through the President of the region in which the unit will function, an application in writing to the International Board of Trustees for the

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- granting of a unit charter. The President of the region may issue a provisional charter to the new unit and such unit may elect officers, collect unit and international dues and engage in usual unit activities, but until issued a permanent unit charter such unit shall not be entitled to vote or otherwise participate in the annual delegates meeting. (1/20/95)
- **D.** Upon the granting of a permanent charter to the new unit, the property, funds and assets of each unit being held in trust shall be assigned to the new unit and the charters of the units that have consolidated shall be returned to the new unit to be kept for historical purposes. (1/20/95)
- Sec. 4 In the case of the dissolution of a unit, the members paying international dues to such unit may become members of another unit of each individual members' choice, and a unit upon dissolution shall cease to be a unit of the international club. (6/22/18)
  - A. A unit wishing to dissolve shall send, by First Class mail or email, a notice of the proposal for the dissolution of the unit to all regular members of the unit at least thirty (30) days prior to a business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the proposal for dissolution shall be sent to the President of the Region and to Headquarters. The copy to Headquarters shall also include the unit charter and an inventory listing of the property, bank accounts and other assets owned by the unit including international club property such as blue books. The property, funds and assets of the unit shall be held in trust by the international club and the International President shall appoint a trustee to act on behalf of the international club pending dissolution of the unit. (6/22/18)
  - **B.** A proposal for the dissolution of a unit shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the international dues paying members of the unit voting at the business meeting or the special meeting called for that purpose as listed in the prior notice of the proposal for the dissolution of the unit. Units may use a mail ballot (electronic, email or First Class) to insure they meet their constitutional quorum. A copy of the minutes of the meeting at which the proposal was adopted shall be sent to the President of the Region and to Headquarters. Upon a determination that the requirements for the dissolution of the unit have been met, the appointed trustee shall assign the property, funds and assets of the dissolved unit as permitted or required by existing federal, state, and provincial laws governing 501(C)(7) non-profit organizations. (1/24/19)
  - C. In case a unit wishing to dissolve is unable to do so using Part A and B of Sec. 4 (has no officers and/or sufficient members to meet the quorum requirements of its constitution for a business meeting), the following procedure(s) will be used. (1/24/19)
    - 1. The Region President will seek volunteers from the existing unit membership to act as President pro tem and Secretary pro tem to conduct a business meeting of the membership to vote on the dissolution of the unit following the protocols listed in Sec. A & B above. The Region President, or his/her representative, shall be in attendance at the meeting. Unit members in attendance at the meeting to determine dissolution of the unit will constitute a quorum. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting, if the proposal is adopted, shall be sent to the Region President and Headquarters. Upon a determination that the requirements for the dissolution of the

- unit have been met, the International President shall appoint a trustee to assign the property, funds and assets of the dissolved unit as permitted or required by existing federal, state, and/or provincial laws governing 501(C)(7) non-profit organizations.
- 2. If there are no unit volunteers to oversee the dissolution of the unit the Region President will act as the unit President with the Region Executive Board acting as the unit Board. They will take charge of the unit Charter and unit property, bank accounts and other assets owned by the unit including International Club property.
  - **a.** The Region Secretary will contact Headquarters for a list of all members of the unit and will contact the members by First Class mail or email with a notice of the proposal for dissolution.
  - **b.** Included in the mailing will be a ballot to be returned either electronically or by First Class mail to the Region Secretary. The ballot will ask members to vote for or against dissolution of the unit.
  - c. Within a maximum of 90 days of sending the ballots, within a set time, the Region President, in the presence of the Region Secretary, will count the ballots. If 2/3 of the returned ballots vote for dissolution, the Unit will be dissolved. Headquarters will be advised the Unit is dissolved and the Region President will send the Unit's Charter and other WBCCI property to Headquarters.
  - **d.** The International President shall appoint a trustee for the Unit's assets. The trustee shall assign the property, funds and assets of the dissolved Unit as permitted or required by existing federal, state, and/or provincial laws governing 501(C)(7) non-profit organizations.
- Sec. 5 A unit incorporated in a state or province may merge with another unit or it may consolidate with other units or an incorporated unit may dissolve. In all cases a unit incorporated in a state or province shall comply with the requirements as listed hereunder: (1/20/95)
  - A. When an incorporated unit wishes to merge with another unit or to consolidate with other units, an attorney shall be retained by the incorporated unit for the preparation of the proper documents and to advise of all the steps necessary to meet the legal requirements of the state or province in which the unit is incorporated.
  - **B.** Unincorporated units wishing to merge or to consolidate with an incorporated unit shall comply with the requirements of sec. 2 or sec. 3 of this article as applicable.
  - C. The incorporated unit shall notify Headquarters of any proposal to merge with another unit or to consolidate with other units.
- Sec. 6 Dissolution of a unit. (6/22/18)
  - **A.** An incorporated unit proposing the dissolution of the unit shall ensure a trustee is appointed in accordance with the legal requirements of the state or province in which the unit is incorporated and an attorney shall be retained to draw up the required documents and to advise the unit of the procedures to be followed to complete the dissolution of the unit.

- **B.** The unit shall notify International Headquarters of the proposal for the dissolution of the unit.
- **C.** All international club property shall be returned to Headquarters.

# ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Sec. 1 Major policy changes adopted by the board of trustees shall be communicated in writing to all Unit Presidents who shall so inform their members. (7/5/00)
- Sec. 2 The policy file shall be maintained by Headquarters and may be amended by a majority vote of the IBT present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. (7/5/93)
- Sec. 3 The preparatory seminar and IBT meetings may be combined for each of the three Board of Trustees meetings. (6/30/18)
- Sec. 4 In order to facilitate early distribution of the meeting agenda for the advance notice to the board members, all agenda items should be submitted as follows:
  - **A.** To Headquarters, by December 1 for the Mid-Winter Board Meeting,
  - **B.** To Headquarters, 60 days before the IBT Meeting prior to or during the International Rally, and
  - C. To the Corporate Manager, via email or by paper copy turned into the International Rally Site Office five (5) days prior to the IBT Meeting following the International Rally.
  - **D.** No bylaws changes, only amendments to policy and routine matters shall be permitted from the floor. (ref. Article XVIII, Sec. 1) (1/24/19)
- Sec. 5 A mail ballot of the members of the IBT may be authorized by the Executive Committee for matters considered urgent between meetings of the IBT and a record of the contents of such ballot and the results of such shall be recorded in the minutes at the next board meeting. (7/5/96)
- Sec. 6 In case urgent action requires approval of the IBT, the President may obtain this approval from individual members of the IBT by telephone, fax, or e-mail. Actions taken under this approval shall be ratified by the IBT at its next meeting and recorded in the minutes thereof. (7/5/00)

[see Policy 8.6.1, Board of Trustees, International]

#### ARTICLE IX REGIONS

- Sec. 1 The Regions of the club and their geographic boundaries shall be as follows: (For a list of units within a Region, See Appendix #8).
  - Region 1 Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut in the United States; New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec In Canada. (1/7/89)

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Region 2	New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, and Ontario.
Region 3	Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida (except that portion lying in the Central Time Zone).
Region 4	Michigan, except the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. (1/10/14)
Region 5	Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.
Region 6	Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and that portion of Florida lying in the Central Time Zone.
Region 7	Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba. (1/10/14)
Region 8	Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas.
Region 9	Oklahoma and Texas (except that portion of Texas lying within the Mountain Time Zone). (6/19/81)
Region 10	Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territory of Canada. (1/16/09)
Region 11	Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Mexico and that portion of Texas lying within the Mountain Time Zone. (6/19/81)

Sec. 2 The administrative body of each region shall be a region board which shall be composed of its President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President as region officers and the Presidents of all units within such region. The President may also appoint the Region's Immediate Past President, providing he/she is not serving in another elected WBCCI office. (1/28/11)

California and Nevada

- A. Each region shall elect as its officers a President, a 1st Vice President and a 2nd Vice President (optional), and such officers shall constitute and be the Executive Committee of the Region board. The President shall appoint one person from the region as the region secretary, and may appoint one person from the region as the region treasurer to administer any region funds. The President may also appoint the Region's Immediate Past President, providing he/she is not serving in another elected WBCCI office, as a member of the Region's Executive Committee.
- **B.** The term of office shall be two years and service of a partial term greater than one-half of such term shall be deemed as service of a full term in that office by the retiring officer.
  - 1. An officer may not serve consecutive terms, except when any elected officer cannot or does not choose to continue in office, the advancing officer shall complete the predecessor's term of term office and have the option to run for one additional term in that office.

- 2. Even-numbered regions shall elect their officers in odd-numbered years and odd-numbered regions shall elect their officers in even-numbered years. (6/22/18)
- C. The treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the region, shall receive all monies and promptly deposit them in the bank previously approved by the Executive Board; shall submit a full written report of finances to the Executive Board at each meeting and before retirement from office, shall have the books and accounts audited by an individual or committee selected by the incoming President. The treasurer shall deliver all books, monies and property of the region promptly to the incoming treasurer. (1/20/95)
- **D.** In the year in which region officers are elected and installed, the region shall select a nominating committee consisting of at least three members from the region.
  - 1. This committee, with the help of unit officers, shall identify and consider all interested and qualified candidates for each position.
  - 2. The committee shall consider each candidate on the basis of qualifications without regard to the geographic area or unit of the candidate.
  - 3. It shall be the duty of the nominating committee to nominate one candidate for each region office and to submit a written report, including resumes of all candidates considered, to the region Executive Committee not later than July 1 of the ensuing year.
  - 4. The Region President will distribute the report to all Unit Presidents in the region within 60 days. (6/23/95)

# E. Election of Region Officers

- 1. Not later than January 31 of the year in which the election is to occur, the Region President shall mail to each Unit President within the region the official ballot which shall contain the name for each position as listed in the Nominating Committee report. The official ballot, which also contains space for write-in candidates, shall be returned by the date as stated in paragraph 2 below. (1/21/94)
- 2. Each Unit President shall be entitled to cast one vote, based on unit instructions, for one candidate for each office for which a vacancy will occur and all votes shall be cast by use of the official ballot.
  - **a.** All ballots shall be mailed to the region secretary prior to April 25. Ballots postmarked after that date will not be counted.
  - **b.** All ballots shall be counted by the region secretary in the presence of at least one incumbent region officer(s).
  - **c.** The candidate for each office receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
  - **d.** In the event a tie vote occurs, the Region President shall break such by casting a vote.

- 3. The results of the election shall be announced promptly and prior to May 5. The Region President shall certify the names of the newly elected officers to Headquarters. (7/5/93)
- **F.** The term of office of all region officers shall commence upon the installation of the officers of the international club at the international rally next following their election.
  - 1. Each region officer shall be a regular member of one of the units within such officer's region.
  - 2. Region officers shall not hold any other office in the international club except as hereinafter provided, or as approved by the International Board of Trustees. However, a Unit President who becomes a region officer may complete his/her term as President. (6/27/14)
- **G.** In the event of the death or resignation of the President or the death, advancement or resignation of a Vice President or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the next ranking Vice President shall advance thereto.
  - 1. When such a vacancy occurs, the Region President shall notify each Unit President of the vacancy and request each one's assistance in identifying interested and qualified candidates.
  - 2. The office or offices of Vice President(s) shall be filled by a majority vote of the region board from nominees submitted by the Region Executive Committee.
  - 3. To allow sufficient time for Unit Presidents to contact their members, such office or offices of Vice President(s) will not be filled in less than sixty (60) days from notification to Unit Presidents of such vacancy. (1/10/14)
- Sec. 3 There shall be no region dues.
- Sec. 4 For the purpose of providing a means of geographic representation of the International Board of Trustees, Region Presidents shall, by virtue of their office, become members of the International Board of Trustees.
- Sec. 5 Region Presidents or any officer designated by them shall visit all units within their respective regions at least once each year. They shall consult with, assist, and advise the officers in their duties. Regions may hold board meetings, rallies, conduct caravans and engage in such other activities as deemed in the best interest of the region and its units, provided such activities are not in conflict with the International Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- Sec. 6 In the event a Unit President is unable to attend a meeting of the region board, the next ranking officer may attend in the place and stead of the absent Unit President. (1/20/95)

[see Policy 9.6.1 Region Operations]

#### ARTICLE X DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER

- Sec. 1 The Recording Secretary, in addition to duties listed in the Constitution, shall prepare a narrative account of all the significant actions at the board of trustees' meetings, all of which shall be published in the *Blue Beret*. (6/21/84)
- Sec. 2 The Treasurer shall disburse funds as specified in financial management policy and within the annual budget as approved by the board of trustees. When the Treasurer considers it necessary, he/she may cross-fund within the budget to a limit of 2% of the annual budget. Funds, which are not budgeted, shall not be transferred to the budget or expended without the prior approval of the Board of Trustees. (1/17/92)

# ARTICLE XI DUTIES OF CORPORATE MANAGER

- **Sec. 1** Pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 4 of the International Constitution, the Corporate Manager, under the authority of the board of trustees and the supervision of the International President, shall perform the duties listed in Appendix #4, Bylaws and Policy. (1/20/17)
- Sec. 2 The duties of this position shall be performed in accordance with the duties specified in the Executive Committee's Document, Human Resources Manual. Authority to permanently remove this employee rests solely with the International Board of Trustees. This does not preclude this employee's immediate supervisor, the International President, in concordance with the Vice Presidents, from taking disciplinary or suspension action under the authority granted by Article X, Sec. 4 of the WBCCI Constitution pending International Board of Trustees resolution. (7/27/19)
- Sec. 3 The Executive Committee may, with the approval of the International Board of Trustees, confer the appropriate executive title on the employee responsible for the administration and general management of the international club. (7/5/93)

# ARTICLE XII OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

- Sec. 1 The Board of Trustees may publish or cause to be published certain documents, which shall be designated official publications of the international club. At present, the *Blue Beret* and annual membership directory are the official club publications. (1/20/95)
- Sec. 2 The control and sale of all advertising space shall be the responsibility of the Corporate Manager operating under written procedures. (1/20/17)
- Sec. 3 The Executive Committee shall specify the overall format of the *Blue Beret* and the Annual Membership Directory. (1/20/17)
- Sec. 4 The Executive Committee shall formulate procedures pertaining to the allocation of space to each facet of the *Blue Beret*.

[see Policy 12.4.1 Club Publications]

# ARTICLE XIII USE OF CLUB NAME AND EMBLEM (01/23/20)

Sec. 1 The official emblem of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) is one of the three 1 3/4" disk options as shown in 1, 2 or 3 below:



Option 1: Heritage WBCCI Emblem. Available for continued use by Local Clubs, Intra-Clubs and Caravans. This includes, but is not limited to, new member badges, Region, Local Club and Club merchandise, etc.



Option 2: Wally Byam Airstream Club. Available for continued use by Regions, Local Clubs, Intra-Clubs and Caravans. This includes, but is not limited to, new member badges, Region, Local Club, and Club merchandise, etc.



Option 3: Airstream Club International. This emblem is available for use for all marketing, electronic and general membership applications, Regions, Local Clubs, Intra-Clubs and Caravans. This includes, but is not limited to, new member badges, Region, Local Club, Club merchandise, etc.

- Sec. 2 The official emblem for WBCCI lifetime members is a duplicate of any of the above shown disks surrounded by a 1/4" gold strip imprinted in large black letters with the words "life" at the top center and "member" at the bottom center. The overall dimension of the life emblem and insignia is no smaller than 1 3/4".
- Sec. 3 A Blue Beret with any of the three approved caravanner insignia of the style approved by the International Board of Trustees shall be the official headgear and may be worn for formal or casual wear by any member in good standing.
- Sec. 4 All Local Clubs may design their own badge, unique to their Local Club, or use a standard badge available through Headquarters. Each badge shall contain at the minimum one of the official emblems of the International Club with a minimum dimension of 1 3/4 inches as described in Sec. 1 of Article XIII. In addition, it shall contain the name of the Local Club and the name of the member. If a member holds a current elected position in the Local Club or a Region, that should be designated on the badge. Past elected offices can be designated on the badge. Any badge designed by a Local Club shall be submitted for approval by the International Board of Trustees or Executive Committee.
- Sec. 5 Uses of the club name and emblems:
  - A. Any member in good standing of the International Club and their dependent children and such other children who may accompany them shall be entitled to wear any of the described emblems and other insignia as may from time to time be adopted by the International Board of Trustees.

- **B.** Neither the name, emblems nor the annual membership directory of the International Club shall be used for any purpose other than that authorized by the International Board of Trustees.
- C. All stationery and publications of the various Regions and Local Clubs shall use the name, emblem(s) as prescribed by the International Board of Trustees.
- Sec. 6 The official club emblems, as described in Article XIII, Sec. 1 and Sec. 4, shall serve as identification of the wearer of a Local Club designed badge or WBCCI provided badge as a member of WBCCI for entry to any Local Club, Region, or International sponsored event. In addition, such badges, bearing one of the club emblems, may be used as identification on any club sponsored caravan.
- Sec. 7 An Intra-Club or a Local Club or a Region may use the emblems of the International Club provided the Intra-Club, the Local Club or the Region is in good standing in the International Club.
  - **A.** A person shall be entitled to wear the emblem(s) of the International Club provided such person is a member in good standing in the International Club.
  - **B.** A member, or an Intra-Club, or a Local Club, or a Region shall not design and use printed material, or a flag or pennant, or a decal or plaque or any other item or material using the name, or emblems of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. without the prior written approval of the International Board of Trustees.
  - C. Upon the resignation, or the suspension, or the expulsion of a member, such member shall be deemed to have forfeited all rights to use the name, or emblems of the International Club.
  - **D.** Upon the suspension or the revocation of the charter of a Local Club or the suspension or revocation of the authorization of an Intra-Club such a Local Club or Intra-Club shall be deemed to have forfeited all rights to use the name, or emblems of the International Club.

# ARTICLE XIV LIABILITY

Neither the club nor its officers shall be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, property; or for the injury to, or death of, a person on the premises of any club rally, or any other club function, this freedom from responsibility for the loss or damage to property shall apply regardless of whether such property shall be received by any member or officer, or left on the premises of said rally or other club function.

# ARTICLE XV PUBLIC RELATIONS

The International President, the Region Presidents and the Unit Presidents, or any members specially designated by any of them, may confer the title "Honorary Caravanner" upon any person not a member of the WBCCI. The International President, or any person specially designated by him/her for that purpose, may confer the title "Honorary Member" upon any

person not a member of WBCCI. The titles, "Honorary Caravanner" and "Honorary Member" confer none of the privileges of membership other than the privilege of wearing the beret.

# ARTICLE XVI FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Sec. 1 Conflict of Interest Policy: No transactions or arrangements will be entered into that would result in a violation of the <u>Conflict of Interest Policy</u>. All officers or directors/trustees are required to read and comply with this policy. (1/16/09)
- Sec. 2 Income from International Rally fees may be deposited in a checking account in the name of "Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. Rally fund" at a reputable bank in the city closest to the International Rally site of that year. All indebtedness contracted in that area relative to the International Rally may be paid from this account. (7/5/10)
- Sec. 3 Advance funds for an international rally shall be created by the transfer of funds from the general fund of the international club as authorized by the International President. At the financial close of an international rally, the funds advanced shall be repaid to the general fund of the international club and any balance remaining in the funds of an international rally after the repayment of the advanced rally funds shall be transferred to the general fund of the international club. Any deficit to the fund of an international rally shall be paid from the general fund of the international club. (1/19/96)
- Sec. 4 The International Rally Committee may make a gift to the host community provided that approval has been received at the IBT meeting prior to the start of the International Rally. This gift by the rally committee is in addition to the gifts made to various organizations and individuals in the host community from the religious service collections and other club groups such as the community service and family and youth committees. (see Policy 16.6.4 Rallies, paragraph G.22 for documentation of gifts.) (7/5/16)
- Sec. 5 The International Rally Committee shall prepare and distribute a detailed report of the International Rally no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> following the International Rally. (1/23/10)
- Sec. 6 A motion presented to the IBT that may have cost implications beyond the usual clerical expenses shall be accompanied by a financial impact statement setting forth the estimated costs of implementing such motion. This should be an annual cost impact with a 5-year projection. (7/5/09)

See the following Policies:

- 16.6.1 Financial Management
- 16.6.2 Financial Data Guidelines
- 16.6.3 Financial Disbursement

# ARTICLE XVII DELEGATE VOTING

Sec. 1 A delegate to the annual meeting shall cast the total entitled votes of the constituent unit as determined by a vote of the regular members present and voting at a regular or special meeting

called for that purpose. A unit may also allow voting by electronic mail, regular mail or facsimile for regular members unable to attend said meetings.

- A. Votes shall be expressed as a percentage of the votes for or against and the results applied to the total entitled regular member vote count of the unit. Exact half votes will be cast as halves and fractional votes of more or less than half will be rounded to the nearest whole number. Except that a delegate may cast the total entitled vote of the constituent unit in whatever manner he/she determines proper on any matter which has not been previously determined by a vote of the constituent unit.
- **B.** If a unit uses a voting method other than a regular or special meeting to cast their members' votes, it must take steps to ensure the accuracy and validity of the vote. Votes from those not in attendance at the meeting at which voting is done must be received by the Unit no later than two (2) days before the start of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. These votes must also be kept confidential and not be announced until voting at the meeting has taken place. (6/26/09)
- Sec. 2 Voting on procedural matters shall be as the delegate sees fit, voting one vote per unit.
- Sec. 3 The election of the two members of the International Nominating Committee by the delegates at the annual delegates meeting shall be by plurality vote. (1/19/96)

#### ARTICLE XVIII AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees present and voting at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to all members of the Board of Trustees in writing five (5) days prior to such meeting. Notice of proposed amendments may be given in less than five (5) days, however, a nine-tenths (9/10) vote of the board shall be required for adoption. (7/5/93)

[see Policy 18.1.1 Timeline for Handling Proposed Amendments]

Sec. 2 Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption, unless otherwise provided. (1/20/90)

These Bylaws adopted July 5, 2012 by vote of the Board of Trustees meeting at Sedalia, Missouri.