

### ***Article XIII/ 8 Quorum***

#### **Annual Meeting**

A quorum to vote at the annual meeting shall consist of representatives from at least twenty-five (25) percent of the member associations. In addition, there should be at least a majority of the "ABC" officers present.

#### **Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

A quorum to vote at regularly scheduled meetings shall consist of representatives from at least twenty (20) percent of the member associations. In addition, there shall be at least a majority of the "ABC" officers present.

#### **All Other Meetings, including Executive, Standing, and Special Committee Meetings**

There should be at least a majority of the "ABC" officers present.

### ***Article XIV Official Actions and Policy Issues***

#### **Restricted Activities and Statements**

The "ABC", as an organization shall not engage in any sectarian or partisan activities. Also, Officers or Committee Chairs shall not issue written or verbal statements regarding sectarian or political issues that purport to, or imply that, they reflect the position of the "ABC" unless that position has previously been endorsed by vote of the Executive Committee and/or by vote of the membership at an annual, regular, or other meeting.

#### **Official Statements of Position**

Statements reflecting the official positions of the "ABC" shall be issued only by the President or by the President's designee. However, neither the President nor the President's designee shall issue any written or verbal statement on any issue, which purports to reflect, or implies that it reflects, the position of the "ABC", unless that position has previously been endorsed by vote of the Executive Committee and/or by vote of the membership at an annual, regular or other meeting. (We need to look at the committee i.e., land use recommendation to the larger body.)

#### **Attendance at Meeting**

All meetings as defined in Section XIII of the "ABC", shall be open to the public. While anyone may attend, those individuals who are not members shall be permitted to speak only at the discretion of the individual conducting the meeting. Only representatives of member associations may vote.

#### **Executive Session**

The only exception to the "ABC" open meeting policy is if it becomes necessary for the Executive Committee to go into Executive Session on sensitive matters, such as discussion the removal of an officer or member association for cause, legal matters, etc.. Attendance at the Executive Session is limited to members of the Executive Committee. Should an Executive Session be necessary, the officer presiding at that annual, regular, or other meeting will first announce the purpose of the Executive Session, and will state that only the one subject may be discussed. The use of the Executive Session will be kept to an absolute minimum and the discussions that take place in the Executive Session shall always be completed in a timely manner. No vote may be taken during the Executive Session.

#### **Access**

Member associations shall, have the absolute right to request and be granted complete and timely access to all records of the "ABC", including Executive Committee records.

## ***Article XV. Dues and Finances***

### **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the "ABC" shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of the following calendar year. (Bills are sent out in October and due January for a fiscal year jan to dec)

### **Purpose of Dues**

Among the purposes of the collection of membership dues are to insure that sufficient funds will be available for approved expenditures, purchase of the Executive Committee.

### **Amount of Dues**

A set base amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) is hereby established for the annual membership dues. The amount of annual dues for each new fiscal year shall be proposed by the Executive Committee, and may be increased, decreased, or left unchanged. The proposal change to the annual membership dues shall require a simple majority affirmative vote of the representatives of member associations present and voting at the annual meeting.

### **Payment of Dues**

The annual dues shall become due and payable by or at the first regularly scheduled "ABC" meeting of the fiscal year for that fiscal year. There will be no prorated dues payments for associations joining later in the year.

### **Fiscal Control**

The Treasurer shall maintain the official checking account of the "ABC" in a federally insured bank that operates at least one branch within Sully District.

Checks drawn on the "ABC" checking account shall be signed by the Treasurer and the President whose signature is on file at the bank for this purpose.

The Treasurer shall deposit in the "ABC" checking account all monies received in a timely manner, but not later than the end of the second month following receipt by the "ABC" from the payee.

Funds may be legitimately expended for normal operating expenses such as paper supplies, reproduction costs, and postal charges. A written request for reimbursement of expenses for these items, up to \$100.00, can be authorized by the signature of the President. Reimbursement for other purposes shall require a majority vote of the representatives of member associations present at an annual, regular or special meeting. The "ABC" is an all-volunteer organization; therefore, no salaries of any kind shall be paid.

If a legitimate expenditure is in an amount of more than One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) it must be authorized by a majority vote of the "ABC". The President shall sign the written request with the words, "authorized by the "ABC"" and include the date of the affirmative vote.

No financial obligation shall be incurred in the name of the "ABC" in excess of the uncommitted funds available in the Treasury.

## ***Article XVII/ 9 Amendments***

These By-Laws may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the representatives present and voting at an annual, regular, or other meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been first submitted to the Executive Committee for a recommendation before it is presented before the membership and, that a notice of the proposed amendment, to include its full text, has been sent to all member associations at least thirty (30) days prior to the "ABC" meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be discussed and voted upon.

***Article XVIII***

***Effective Date***

These By-Laws shall become effective on the date on which they are approved by the membership of the "ABC".

***Article XIX***

***Dissolution***

Upon dissolution, the assets of the "ABC" shall be distributed to one or more qualified I.R.S. Section 501(c)(3) charitable organizations as determined by vote of the Executive Committee.