

Constitution and By-Laws of the Wisconsin Camper's Association

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Wisconsin Camper's Association Constitution and By-laws

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CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Article I - Name

The name of this organization is the Wisconsin Camper's Association, Inc.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1 - General Purpose

The general purpose of the Wisconsin Campers Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the W.C.A., is to promote and facilitate family camping, the conservation of natural outdoor beauty spots, and wildlife conservation, to conduct and participate in educational activities, research programs and civic activities relating to camping, to acquire without limit in any jurisdiction of Wisconsin, but conforming to the laws thereof, by purchase, deed, mortgage, lease, or by any other method, real and personal property of every nature and description, to develop, improve and operate any and all such property so acquired, to enter into any and all contracts necessary in the premises, to issue notes, pledges or mortgages of the corporation in order to promote the interest of same consonant with the purposes of the corporation and to do all acts necessary, incidental and appropriate for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Section 2 – Specific Purposes

The specific purposes of the W.C.A. are:

- a. To promote fellowship and cooperation among campers;
- b. To assist in the formation of local chapters of the W.C.A., to disseminate information on the benefits of such groups, and to suggest methods of organization and operation;
- c. To be concerned with the legislative and governmental problems of campers as a group, and to represent Wisconsin campers as a group in contacts with governmental authorities and subdivisions thereof;
- d. To carry on such central business functions for, and on behalf of its members for their common benefit;
- e. To effectively promote such meetings for an interchange of information and suggestions relative to the common good of Wisconsin campers;
- f. To cooperate with other organizations in initiating or furthering action on problems of concern to camping;

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- g. To work for the establishment and development of privately-owned and publicly-owned areas suited to the use of all types of camping;
- h. To publish or authorize the publication of a periodical to all members, which will serve as the official publication of the organization as well as a newspaper and market place for equipment, supplies, and services of interest to Wisconsin campers;
- i. To strive for uniformly high standards of conduct and a favorable public image for campers; and,
- j. To do everything and anything reasonably and lawfully necessary, proper, suitable, or convenient for the achievement of the purposes above stated, or for any of them, or for the furtherance of said purposes; all without pecuniary profit to any officer or member of the W.C.A. provided that the W.C.A. may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Definition of Member

The term “Member” as used herein, is defined as a family unit, consisting of two adults and their dependent children, or as an individual adult with or without dependent children.

Section 2 – Classes of Membership

There are two classes of membership in the W.C.A.

- a. **Active Membership**
Each paid membership in good standing in the organization and has dues paid currently; and,
- b. **Associate Membership**
Any person having a commercial interest in camping is eligible for Associate membership. Associate membership, however, shall not constitute permission to use any records or list of membership of the W.C.A. for commercial purposes, except as hereinafter provided in Article X, nor shall it constitute permission to demonstrate or offer for sale any product or service at any meeting of the W.C.A. except as hereinafter provided in Article XIII. No person holding an Associate membership is eligible to hold any office in the W.C.A.

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Section 3 – Privileges of Membership

Active member only, in good standing, has the right to vote, hold office, serve on committees, be issued identification emblems, and has the right to attend annual and special meetings of the W.C.A., join Chapters as provided in Article IV, participate in discussions, and receive all publications.

Section 4 – Duties of Membership

All members of the W.C.A. shall earnestly and continually strive to uphold the purposes of the W.C.A. as listed in Article II above, each member shall conduct himself in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Code of Ethics of the W.C.A.

Section 5 – Divorced and Separated

Divorced and separated members shall receive new numbers as voted on by the Board of Directors. If they continue membership, divorced and separated members will be able to continue with the total number of years they had as members; but their certificate would read reinstated membership rather than continuous membership under their new number.

Section 6 – Reinstated Members

Reinstated members would get their old numbers back and have to purchase a new set of numbers.

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Article IV - Dues

Section 1 – Annual Dues

The annual dues for membership in the W.C.A. shall be such an amount as the Board of Director's elect from year to year, by resolution, established for each category of membership, but in no event shall said dues be less than \$3.00 per year.

Section 2 – Dues when Payable

Membership dues are due and payable on the first day of September and are good for the next calendar year. Dues are in arrears as of the thirty-first day of January.

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Section 3 – Arrears

Any member who shall remain in arrears after January 31 of the calendar year is deemed to have forfeited membership in the W.C.A. without further act, and shall forthwith cease to have any rights, title or interest in the affairs, conduct, or property of the W.C.A. and shall lose any continuous membership years and must pay the new membership fee.

Section 4 – Initiation Fees

An initiation fee for each category of membership, may be determined by the Board of Directors before the start of any fiscal year following the ratification of this constitution, and shall be assessed on all subsequent application for membership, unless revised or abolished by action of the Board of Directors or the membership. Initiation fees shall be assessed on former members seeking reinstatement when their original membership was forfeited by non-payment of dues, or by an act or acts leading to a subsequent expulsion and must come in as new members.

Article V - Officers and Directors

Section 1 – Eligibility – President and Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer

An Active member, to be eligible for election as President or Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, or Treasurer, must be an Active member for a minimum of one (1) full calendar year immediately preceding the nomination.

Section 2 – Positions

a. Officers

The following officers of the W.C.A. shall be elected by the membership of the W.C.A. by ballot as prescribed in Article XIII herein: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer.

b. Committee Chairpersons

The President shall appoint Committee Chairpersons as he or she determines, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

c. Chapter Delegates

Each chapter of the W.C.A. shall elect two (2) Delegates to the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint two (2) Delegates at Large, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

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d. Immediate Past President

The retired President shall assume the office of Immediate Past President and shall hold office until such time as replaced by the retiring President.

Section 4 – Term of Office for Officers

Commencing at the beginning of the next organizational year, the office of the President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary is for a period of two (2) years and the election for those offices is held in the odd number years. The Vice-President and Membership Secretary are elected for two (2) years and the election to take place in the even number years.

Section 5 – Term of Office for Committee Chairperson

Committee Chairpersons shall serve until it is determined that the position is no longer needed or until the next fiscal year or until their respective successors are appointed, as referred to in Article XV – Committees.

Section 6 – Vacancies in Office

In the event of death, resignation, disqualification, or disability of the President, the order of succession to the office of President is: (1) Vice-President; and, (2) such Director as the Board of Directors shall by resolution designate. In the event of death, resignation, disqualification, or disability of the Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary or Treasurer, the office shall be filled by resolution of the Board of Directors from the eligible membership.

Section 7 – Removal from Office

Any W.C.A. officer or W.C.A. director elected by the General membership may be removed from office for cause by a simple majority vote of Active members in good standing present and voting at a special meeting of the General membership called for that purpose. A W.C.A. officer or director so charged shall not preside at such a meeting. Written statement of all charges against him or her shall be furnished to him or her by registered mail, by the Board of Directors at least two (2) weeks prior to such a meeting. Before such a vote is taken, an officer so charged shall be given an opportunity to state his or her case and be assured of a fair hearing,

Article VI - Board of Directors

Section 1 – Membership

The Board of Directors is composed of the officers of the W.C.A. Committee Chairpersons, two (2) Member-at-Large delegates, and two (2) delegates from each local chapter of the W.C.A. as provided in Article V.

Section 2 – Chairperson

The President of the W.C.A. is the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Powers and Duties

The executive, financial, and general administrative functions of the W.C.A., except for those matters conferred by law or herein upon the members and officers of the W.C.A., are vested in the Board of Directors, which has full authority to act for the W.C.A. between annual meetings. The Board of Directors shall establish major administrative policies governing the affairs of the W.C.A., devise measures for the W.C.A. growth and development, provide for the proper care and use of the real and personal property of the W.C.A., and for the payment of the legitimate expenses incurred in the operations of the W.C.A. The Board of Directors has those powers detailed elsewhere herein.

Section 4 – Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held once a month or as often as the Board of Directors may determine, providing there are a minimum of six (6) meetings a year. Written notice or email of regular Board of Directors meetings shall be sent to all delegates at least ten (10) days prior thereto. Minutes of regular meetings are available to all members upon request. Meetings shall be January, March, April, May, June, August, September, and November.

Section 5 – Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the discretion of the President, and shall be called by him or her by the written request of any three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Written or email notice of special Board of Director meetings shall be sent to each Delegate thereof, at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto and shall include the purpose of the call. Business other than the subject of the call may not be transacted. Minutes of special meetings are available to all members on request.

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In the event that it is necessary to cancel a regular or special meeting due to unforeseen circumstance, such as inclement weather, meeting place unavailable, etc., the President shall contact the Officers and with the help of the Officers shall contact all Delegates and board members. This shall be done by telephone. Email can be used if Delegates cannot be reached by telephone.

Section 6 – Quorum

One-fourth of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. If less than one-fourth of the Directors are present at the meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without any further notice.

Section 7 – Voting Rights

Each member of the Board of Directors has the right to one vote, with the exception of the President. Refer to Article X, Section 1.

Article VII - Fiscal and Organizational Year

The Fiscal and Organizational year of the W.C.A. is from September 1 to August 31.

Article VIII - Profits from Operations

The W.C.A. is a non-profit organization. All monies, however derived from activities conducted by the W.C.A. shall revert to the W.C.A. for its support, or by direction of the Board. The W.C.A. is a non-stock corporation organized for the purpose not involving pecuniary profits or gains to its members, provided that the W.C.A. may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Article IX - Publications

Section 1 – General

The Board of Directors is responsible for or shall authorize the publication of a periodical to all members, as funds of the W.C.A. allow. The periodical shall serve as the official publication of the organization, and official notices in it is the equivalent to the individual notices by mail to members. The publication is specifically authorized to accept advertising at rates to be set by the Board of Directors, in order to defray expenses of printing and mailing, as well as other customary running expenses. Any profits resulting

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from the operation of the periodical shall revert to the W.C.A., as provided in Article VIII herein.

Section 2 – Name

The name of the periodical is *The Camper's Embers*.

Section 3 – Editorial Direction

The President is the Editor-in-Chief of *The Camper's Embers* for purposes of practicality and may delegate this authority to any eligible Active member(s), with approval by the Board of Directors, and will in final analysis, be solely responsible for the editorial content of *The Camper's Embers* at all times.

Section 4 – Financial Direction

The Board of Directors is solely responsible for the financial direction of *The Camper's Embers* at all times.

Article X - Powers and Duties of Officers

Section 1 – President

The President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the W.C.A. and of the Board of Directors;
- Be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs and activities of the W.C.A., subject to the determination of the Board of Directors;
- Shall appoint and may remove at his or her pleasure the chairperson of all standing and special committees, with approval of the Board of Directors and is a member ex-officio thereof;
- Enforce and delegate the enforcement of strict observance to the provision of the Constitution and By-Laws and Code of Ethics of the W.C.A.;
- Together with the Recording Secretary, sign all deeds, contracts, and other instruments approved by the Board of Directors;
- Have the power to co-sign checks of the W.C.A. with the Treasurer, in an emergency with another authorized officer, and must be bondable as provided in Section 5 below; and,

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- The President may cast the deciding vote as Chairman on all questions before a meeting of the W.C.A. or a meeting of the Board of Directors in which a vote taken has ended in a tie.

Section 2 – Vice President

The Vice-President shall:

- Be assistant to the President in the discharge of duties and may co-sign checks of the W.C.A.; and,
- In the absence of the President at any meeting, or if the President vacates the chair for any reason, the Vice-President shall preside and when so acting has all the power and authority of the President.

Section 3 – Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall:

- Keep minutes of all meetings of the W.C.A. and all meetings of the Board of Directors;
- Be ex-officio clerk of the Board of Directors;
- Together with the President sign all deeds, contracts, and other instruments approved by the Board of Directors;
- Be responsible for the mailing of ballots to members for elections as provided in Article XIII, Section 5, herein;
- Notify all officers of their election, unless these election duties are handled by an appointed election committee;
- Issue notices of all meetings of the W.C.A. and of the Board of Directors;
- Keep attendance records of Delegates at Board of Directors meetings;
- Have custody of and preserve all papers, letters and transactions of the W.C.A. and have custody of the W.C.A. seal;
- Answer correspondence relevant to the duties of this office;
- Perform all other duties necessary or incidental to the proper discharge of his or her office; and,

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- The Recording Secretary shall deliver to his or her successor, within one (1) month after the expiration of the term of his or her office, all W.C.A. property in his or her possession.

Section 4 – Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary shall:

- Receive membership and keep up-to-date records of memberships;
- Transfer all monies and records to the Treasurer weekly;
- Send out renewal notices and answer correspondence relevant to memberships;
- Be bondable in the amount and manner determined by the Board of Directors; and,
- The Membership Secretary shall deliver to his or her successor, within one (1) month after expiration of his or her term of office all W.C.A. records in his or her possession.

Section 5 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Collect, receive, and have charge of all funds of the W.C.A.;
- Deposit such funds in a bank in the name of the W.C.A. at a bank designated by the Board of Directors;
- Provide for the expenditure of such funds at the direction of the Board of Directors;
- Sign all checks, which must be co-signed by one other authorized officer of the W.C.A.;
- Report to the Board of Directors the financial standing of the W.C.A. whenever requested to do so and make a full report to the W.C.A. at each annual meeting;
- Be responsible for the preparation and filing in the appropriate offices of all corporate tax and other official reports and returns required to be made by the W.C.A. The accounts shall be audited annually, or upon resignation within two (2) weeks of the date of such resignation by a certified public accountant approved by the Board of Directors or by a committee of three (3) Active members chosen by the President. A report of findings shall be presented with the Treasurer’s report at the Annual

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meeting. The President is also empowered to sign checks of the W.C.A. as a substitute for the Treasurer in the event of an emergency and the unavailability of the Treasurer. The President and the Treasurer must be bondable and may be bonded in the amount and manner to be determined by the Board of Directors; and,

- The retiring Treasurer shall within one (1) month after the expiration of term of office, deliver to the incoming Treasurer all money, vouchers, books, and papers of the W.C.A. in his or her custody, with all postings made to date of delivery.

Section 6 – Immediate Past President

It is the duty of the Immediate Past President to make available to the officers and directors, when requested, knowledge gained through past experience.

Section 7 – Duties of Officers at End of Term of Office

On expiration of terms, all officers except the Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer shall surrender all property in their possession belonging to their respective offices to the newly elected President.

Section 8 – Litigation Expenses of Officers

Officers are indemnified by the W.C.A. for litigation cost and attorney's fees in any civil proceeding brought by a member, which results in vindication of or successful defense by such officers.

Section 9 – Expenses of Officers

Payment of reasonable expense accounts to officers when expressly or implicitly authorized in advance by the Board of Directors.

Section 10 – Salaries of Officers

All officers of the W.C.A. shall serve without pay, except as authorized by the concurring vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the Board of Directors. All officers of the W.C.A. for a period of one (1) year after the start of the next fiscal year shall under any circumstance serve without pay.

Section 11 – Custody of Records

All records of the W.C.A. are the property of the W.C.A. Any list of members with their addresses shall not be sold or used for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of the Board of Directors. Such permission must be for a specified period of time.

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Section 12 – Employment of Counsel, Servants and Agents

The W.C.A. officers herein provided for may, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, employ counsel, servants, and agents for the proper performance of his or her duties, and such counsel, agents, or servants when so authorized by the Board of Directors shall be compensated from the general funds of the W.C.A.

Article XI - Expulsion of Members

Section 1 – Expulsion

Any member, by resolution of the Board of Directors, may be expelled from membership in the W.C.A. for any willful act or course of conduct contrary to the best interest of the W.C.A., its members, or the Code of Ethics. The resolution proposing such action must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors by an Active member in good standing.

Section 2 – Method of Expulsion

Upon receipt of a resolution proposing to expel a member, as prescribed in Section 1 above, the Board of Directors shall carefully investigate all charges. If sufficient cause is found to seek expulsion, the Board of Directors specifically for the purpose at which time the member against whom such action is proposed, may state his or her case and be assured of a fair hearing. Said member must be notified of the source and nature of all charges; and of the meeting date and place by registered mail at least two (2) weeks before the meeting date. If full and sufficient cause is found, the Board of Directors may on simple majority vote then expel said member.

Section 3 – Rights of Members Expelled

Any member expelled by means as prescribed in Section 2 above, shall forthwith cease to have any right, title or interest in the affairs, conduct, or property of the W.C.A., and shall not be entitled to be refunded any monies he or she has paid as dues or initiation fees.

Section 4 – Appeal

Any member against whom actions has been taken by the Board of Directors for Expulsion, has the right to appeal the action of the Board at the next annual meeting of the W.C.A. The membership may, at that time, by simple majority vote to overrule the decision of the Board and reinstate said member to full privileges. The action of such meeting is final for the offense in question.

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Article XII - Resignation of Members

Any member in good standing may terminate his membership in the W.C.A. at any time by a personally signed notice of resignation submitted to the Membership Secretary. Upon acceptance of such resignation by the Membership Secretary, said member shall forthwith cease to have any rights, title, or interest in the affairs, conduct, or property of the W.C.A. No refund of dues or initiation fees will be given to members who resign.

Article XIII - General Membership Meetings

Section 1 – Annual Meeting of the General Membership

Annual meetings of the W.C.A. are held each summer, at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Said meeting may be held more frequently by resolution of the full members in good standing, at an annual or special meeting or by resolution of the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual meeting is mailed to all members at least sixty (60) days prior thereto. At said meeting, the membership will hear reports of all officers, nominate officers for the coming organizational year and transact any other such business as may properly come before the meeting. A report of the results of the annual meeting is sent by mail to all members.

Section 2 – Special Meetings of the General Membership

Special meetings of the W.C.A. are held as the Board of Directors may determine, or as the full members in good standing by resolution at an annual or special meeting may determine. Written notice of the special meeting is mailed to all members at least seven (7) days prior thereto. No other business may be transacted at the special meeting except that for which it was called. No more than one (1) special meeting may be called in any fiscal year to vote on any subject that was previously voted on in that fiscal year.

Section 3 – Quorum for Meetings of the General Membership

A quorum of an annual or special meeting of the W.C.A. shall consist of five (5) percent of all Active members in good standing.

Section 4 – Nominating Committee

Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, it is the duty of the President to appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) Active members in good standing, no more than one (1) of whom may be officers or members of the Board of Directors. At the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee shall report to the W.C.A. membership, a maximum of two (2) nominations for each office of the W.C.A. for the coming organizational year, including each nominee's signed willingness to serve if elected, and an outline, limited to 50 words, of each nominee's qualification for office.

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Nominations may also be made by Active members in good standing by mail to the Director of Elections, but such nominations are given consideration only if they are submitted with the nominee's signed willingness to serve if elected, and an outline fifty (50) words maximum of the nominee's qualifications for the office. Active members in good standing may also nominate from the floor at the annual meeting. Before the nominations are valid, the nominee shall agree in writing to serve if elected. In the case of a nomination from the floor at the annual meeting, the Recording Secretary shall compile from qualification sources an outline of fifty (50) words maximum of such nominee's qualification for the office.

Section 5 – Conduct of Elections

- a. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the W.C.A., the President shall appoint, with approval and confirmation of the Board of Directors, a Director of Elections and two (2) Tellers to conduct the election of officers of the W.C.A. to serve for the ensuing organizational year. Such Director of Elections and Tellers are appointed only from Active members in good standing, who are not nominees for office. Following the close of the annual meeting of the W.C.A., the Director of Elections shall prepare ballots in the appropriate form, bearing the W.C.A. insignia identification and listing those members duly nominated for office together with outlines of such office as submitted by the various sources as provided in Section 4, above.
- b. Two (2) absentee ballots shall be printed in the July/August issue of *The Campers Embers*. Each member voting by absentee ballot must place their ballot in a plain, unmarked sealed envelope, which then must be placed and sealed in another envelope addressed to the Director of Elections at least seven (7) days prior to the election. Violations of the prescribed procedure shall cause the ballot to be voided. Members voting by absentee ballot are removed from the roster of eligible voters by the Director of Elections.
- c. Upon registration at the annual August Campvention of the W.C.A., each qualified voter will be provided with an official ballot, which are marked and cast at the official voting booth. The voting shall remain open from noon until three (3) o'clock P.M. The Director of Elections with the assistance of the two (2) Tellers, shall record and certify to the Recording Secretary and membership the vote cast and shall determine the results of such election. The ballots cast are sealed in an envelope and delivered to the custody of the Recording Secretary for preservation until such time as the Board of Directors shall order their destruction. Such ballots will not be destroyed earlier than one (1) year from their receipt by the Recording Secretary. A simple plurality vote of ballots timely received shall determine the outcome of such election. In the event of a tie vote, the Director of Elections and the two (2) Tellers shall choose by lot the nominee prevailing for such office.

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Section 6 – Provisions for Recount

Fifteen (15) percent of the qualified members voting in each election have the right to petition for a recount of the ballots cast in any election. A petition for recount of such election is valid only if the petition is received by the Recording Secretary within sixty (60) days following the date of the official notice of the results of such election. Should such a petition for recount be timely filed with the Recording Secretary, the Recording Secretary shall then notify all members of the Board of Directors of such petition. The Board of Directors shall within thirty (30) days of notification, that a petition for recount has been received, conduct the recount in a fair and equitable manner to be determined by the vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 7 – Procedure

All meetings are conducted in accordance with the procedures prescribed in *Roberts Rules of Order, Revised*, subject to such modification thereof as may be necessary to conform to the Constitution and By-Laws. The rules of procedure may be suspended by majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting.

Section 8 – Selling or Demonstrating at Meetings

Members and non-members are prohibited from demonstrating or offering for sale any product or service during the W.C.A. meeting or gathering, except as specifically authorized in writing by the Board of Directors or the President.

Article XIV - Local Chapters

Section 1 – Authorizing

The Board of Directors may authorize local chapters of the W.C.A. in such manner and subject to such regulations as it may from time to time determine and prescribe.

Section 2 – Active Chapters

- A. Each chapter shall have a minimum of two (2) paying unit members. All members of chapters must be Active members in good standing of the W.C.A. Members of the W.C.A. may belong to more than one (1) chapter.
- B. Each chapter is required to send at least one delegate or alternate delegate to a minimum of three Board of Director meetings per calendar year. Said meetings include all indoor and outdoor meetings.
- C. A chapter failing to have a delegate or alternate delegate at the prescribed number of meetings per year will become an Inactive Chapter. Inactive meaning that said chapter is not allowed to vote at WCA Board of Director meetings in the next calendar year.

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Section 3 – Inactive Chapters

- A. A chapter that becomes inactive has the right to appeal its status to the WCA Board of Directors for the next calendar year. The WCA Board of Directors will have the right to reinstate said chapter to an Active Chapter status by a majority vote of members present.
- B. By attending three meetings in the next calendar year, an Inactive Chapter can reinstate itself to an Active Chapter status.
- C. A chapter remaining Inactive for two (2) calendar years may have its Charter revoked by a majority vote of the WCA Board of Directors.
 - If a chapter's Charter is revoked, it will be expected to turn in its Charter to the W.C.A.
 - If a chapter's Charter is revoked, the individual members will become Members-at-Large and retain all rights as any other Active member. Members-at-Large are always encouraged to join an Active Chapter.

Article XV - Committees

The President may at his or her discretion direct the establishment of committees for the study of and recommendation and/or action on any problem of interest to the membership. The President should appoint all committee chairpersons at the start of the new fiscal year with the approval of the Board of Directors to serve until the next fiscal year or until their respective successors are appointed. The President may appoint members of committees if he or she so chooses as approved by the Board of Directors.

Committee Chairpersons are members of the Board of Directors and allowed to vote at Board of Director meetings. Committee members are not allowed to vote in their capacity as members of a committee.

The Board of Directors has the final word as to what positions are to be considered Committees, and what positions are not to be considered Committees.

Article XVI - THE W.C.A. Identification Insignia

Section 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the W.C.A. identification insignia is:

- a. To serve as a uniform means of instantaneous recognition between one W.C.A. member and another;
- b. To serve as an indication and advertisement to the public of the existence of the W.C.A.; and,

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- c. To serve as a means of indication to other owners and to the public that the Code of Ethics of the W.C.A. as provided herein in Article XVIII is being complied with by the camper and his or her family.

Section 2 – Description of THE W.C.A. Identification Insignia

The W.C.A. Identification Insignia is of such size and physical shape as the Board of Directors shall determine. Said insignia shall bear the nomenclature “Wisconsin Camper’s Association and designed in the shape of the State of Wisconsin. In addition, the Insignia may bear such further ornamentation or decoration as the Board of Directors may designate.

Section 3 – Eligibility to Receive THE W.C.A. Identification Insignia

The W.C.A. Identification Insignia is issued only to:

- a. Active Members in good standing; and,
- b. Associate Members in good standing;

Section 4 – Copyright Insignia

The design of the W.C.A. Identification Insignia shall be properly registered under copyright law by the W.C.A., and those parties infringing upon such copyrights as the W.C.A. shall obtain may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Article XVII - Resolutions and Voting

Section 1 – Resolutions

Any member in good standing may by appropriate motion presented in writing or orally, bring a matter before the membership, the Board of Directors, or before any standing or special committee for discussion on suitable action.

Section 2 – Eligibility to Vote

Each Active and Associate member in good standing has two (2) votes [one (1) each for husband and wife] except member consisting of an individual adult with or without children has one (1) vote. Such a vote is cast only by persons who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

Section 3 – Majority Vote

In any annual or special meeting of the W.C.A., in any Board of Director’s meetings, or in any meeting of any standing or special committee a simple majority vote of Active

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members in good standing shall vote to approve or disapprove any matter in which a vote is taken, except as herein provided in Article XIII, Section 5 and 6; Article X, Section 10 and Article XIX.

When a vote is taken, the presiding officer may exercise the special voting privilege of the President as prescribed in Article X, Section 1.

Section 4 – Continuity of Action

When the Membership of the W.C.A. by resolution has approved a policy or course of action for the W.C.A. with activities, such policy or course of action shall remain in effect indefinitely until accomplished or completed, unless the policy or course of action by resolution be changed or rescinded.

Article XVIII - Code of Ethics of the W. C.A

Section 1 – Application

Strict adherence to the Code of Ethics of the W.C.A. is required of every member in connection with camping whenever such member's action may reflect in any way upon the public image of the W.C.A.

Section 2 – Enforcement

Flagrant and repeated violations of or disregard for the Code of Ethics of the W.C.A. by any member of the W.C.A. is cause for the expulsion in accordance with Article XI.

Section 3 – Code of Ethics of the W. C.A

I recognize that everyone will judge all Wisconsin Campers Association members by my own actions, and therefore:

a. At all times, I shall:

- Strive in every way to promote a favorable public image for the W.C.A. and all of its members; and
- Avoid displaying the W.C.A. insignia except when I am complying in all respect to the Code of Ethics of the W.C.A.

b. While Camping I shall:

- Comply with all the rules of the campgrounds in which I stay;
- Respect the rights of private property owners;

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- Set up my camp so that I do not interfere with others and respect the privacy of others;
 - Avoid damaging trees, shrubs, or other natural beauty in any way;
 - Extinguish all campfires, matches, cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco;
 - Dispose of rubbish, garbage, dishwater, sewage and all other refuse in proper places only;
 - Leave my campsite as clean as or cleaner than I found it; and
 - Not pollute streams, lakes, and other water supplies.
- c. While traveling on the highway with my camping equipment, I shall:
- Not speed, drive recklessly, or operate my car in any unsafe manner or unsafe mechanical condition;
 - Not discard litter and burning or smoking materials of any sort while vehicle is moving or parked;
 - Aid and assist any other W.C.A. member in difficulty when requested by member, to the best of my ability;
 - Avoid having my trailer or camper become a road-block to any other vehicle by pulling off narrow highways periodically if I see a string of cars following my trailer or camper; avoid traveling in a group with more than two (2) others, and when traveling with other trailers or campers allow sufficient room between to allow two (2) cars to pass in between;
 - Carry sufficient insurance on my equipment to protect others in the event of an accident;
 - Have with my camping equipment one (1) operable fire extinguisher approved by the Fire Underwriters; and
 - Use caution, and all safety devices with L.P. gas bottles, gasoline heaters, and lanterns as may be necessary for avoidance of fire or explosion.

Article XIX - Amendments to By-Laws

A proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the W.C.A. shall be signed by at least ten (10) or more Active members in good standing, and shall be referred to the Board of Directors. The Board will notify all voting members of the W.C.A. by mail of such proposed amendments and enclose a ballot to be returned by members, stating whether or not they favor the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment shall be adopted only if favored by two-thirds of the ballots returned to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of the ballots to the members. Proposed amendments may be discussed at any regular or special meeting of the W.C.A., but final actions shall only be taken from the determination of such mail vote.

Article XX - Liquidation, Dissolution or Annulment of the W.C.A.

In the event of liquidation, dissolution, annulment or winding-up of the W.C.A., whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, any disposition made of assets of the W.C.A.

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shall be such as in calculated exclusively to carry out the objects and purposes for which the W.C.A. is founded.

Article XXI - Severability Clause

The provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are severable, and if any or its provisions are held unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

Article XXII - Typographical Error, Correction and Numbering

The President and Recording Secretary are hereby authorized to correct any typographical errors, codify, index, renumber and rearrange this Constitution, provided that such correction and modifications do not in any way change the meaning or intent of the Article.

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