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Article I. General

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01 – “THE FRONTIERSMEN”

“The Frontiersmen” shall mean and refer to this corporation, organized in the State of Ohio, by virtue of filing the Articles of Incorporation, for the purposes stated herein.

SECTION 1.02 – “FOUNDER”

“Founder” shall mean Daniel E. Toth.

SECTION 1.03 – “TRUSTEE”

“Trustee” shall mean each individual elected to serve on the Board pursuant to these Bylaws.

SECTION 1.04 – “BOARD”

“Board” shall mean the chairman of the Board and all active Trustees collectively, as constituted from time to time.

SECTION 1.05 – “MEMBER”

“Member” shall mean any individual holding an active membership in The Frontiersmen.

SECTION 1.06 – “AFFILIATE”

“Affiliate” shall mean any individual, who is not an active member that supports, aids, and is otherwise included in the activities of a troop.

SECTION 1.07 – “TROOP”

“Troop” shall mean all members who collectively form a single local unit within The Frontiersmen.

SECTION 1.08 – “TROOP LEADER”

“Troop Leader” shall mean the individual Member elected to serve as the representative of a Troop.

SECTION 1.09 – “REGIMENT”

“Regiment” shall mean all Troops within the geographical boundaries of any particular state, province, or territory.

SECTION 1.10 – “NATIONAL ASSEMBLY”

“National Assembly” shall mean all Troop Leaders of The Frontiersmen as assembled.

SECTION 2 – NAME AND MOTTO

SECTION 2.01 – THE NAME

The name of this corporation shall be “The Frontiersmen”.

SECTION 2.02 – THE MOTTO

The motto of the corporation shall be “Vigilance is the Price of Liberty”

SECTION 3 – INCORPORATION

SECTION 3.01 – INCORPORATION TYPE

The Frontiersmen shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation, under the laws of the State of Ohio, to further the organization’s purpose stated herein.

SECTION 4 – PURPOSE

SECTION 4.01 – PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

It shall be the purpose of The Frontiersmen to promote, through education, organization, and cooperation, with our membership and other agencies, a network of self-reliant individuals and groups that may provide for its own needs and mutual aid in times of natural, man-made, or economic crisis in order to relieve the burden upon local, state, and federal emergency services; to educate its membership in leadership, field craft, preparedness, and more; and to instruct them in patriotism, courage, self-reliance, generosity, unity, morality, and similar virtues; while upholding adherence to, and advancing the knowledge of, the Judeo-Christian heritage of the united States of America.

SECTION 5 – LOCATION

SECTION 5.01 – LOCATION

The principal location of The Frontiersmen may be located at such place as may at any time be determined by the Board of Trustees and shall be known as the national headquarters of The Frontiersmen.

The Frontiersmen may have such other offices in or out of the State of Ohio, as the Board may determine, from time to time.

SECTION 6 – OFFICIAL SEAL AND USE

SECTION 6.01 – SEAL DESCRIPTION

The seal of The Frontiersmen shall be in the form of the Frontiersmen Icon; coupled with “Frontiersmen” in a large type; and the motto “Vigilance is the Price of Liberty” underneath the name or near the icon in a smaller type. The icon and The Frontiersmen name shall be used only as authorized.

SECTION 6.02 – USE OF OFFICIAL SEAL

In accordance with provisions of the Charter, The Frontiersmen shall establish and maintain policies to regulate the use of the logo and all other emblems, insignia, identifying marks, descriptive and designating marks, and words or phrases associated with or referring to The Frontiersmen or any of its affiliates.

Such policies may permit the use of The Frontiersmen designating marks by third parties as long as such are (i) consistent with the values and purpose of The Frontiersmen, and (ii) pursuant to written agreement between the user and The Frontiersmen.

SECTION 7 – FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 7.01 – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of The Frontiersmen shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 8 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 8.01 – GOVERNANCE

The Board of Trustees may establish and amend Rules and Regulations for the further governance and guidance of The Frontiersmen including its regiments, local troops, members, and affiliates.

SECTION 8.02 – ADOPTION OF ALTERATIONS

The Rules and Regulations and amendments thereto shall normally be adopted by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 9 – GOVERNING PRIORITY

SECTION 9.01 – CONSISTENCY

These Bylaws shall remain consistent with the Charter. All Rules and Regulations shall be consistent with the Charter and these Bylaws. In the event of conflict or inconsistencies, the Charter shall be given primary consideration; the Bylaws secondary; and the Rules and Regulations as adopted tertiary.

SECTION 10 – OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

SECTION 10.01 – OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION

All statements contained in official publications of The Frontiersmen, its regiments, local troops, membership, and affiliates, including (but not limited to) manuals, brochures, business cards, instructions, printed articles, bulletins, and letters shall be consistent with the language and intent of the Charter, the Bylaws, and all Rules and Regulations. Any contradictory or inconsistent language is unauthorized and without effect.

Article II. Board of Trustees

SECTION 1 – GOVERNING POWER

SECTION 1.01 – GOVERNING POWER

The governing power, control and management of the affairs of The Frontiersmen shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, subject to such limitations as are contained in these bylaws or amendments thereto.

SECTION 1.02 – INTERPRETATION

For the purpose of these Bylaws, the phrase “the Board” shall mean the number of members on the Board of Trustees at the time actually holding office and vacancies shall not be included. The Board shall have full power to interpret these Bylaws.

SECTION 1.03 – BOARD DECISIONS

The affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Board. Provided however, the Founder shall have the power of veto which may be overridden only by the vote of two thirds of those Trustees present.

SECTION 1.04 – VOTING

Ballots may be submitted in person, in writing, or by any electronic communications permitted by the Board.

SECTION 2 – MEETINGS

SECTION 2.01 – REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Board will meet at least four times annually at such times and places as may be designated by the Board, with a minimum of one meeting during each calendar quarter. One meeting a year shall coincide with the National Assembly annual meeting.

SECTION 2.02 – SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the chairman of the Board or by half or more Trustees. The call of the meeting shall state the purpose, and no other business not included in the notice of the call shall be transacted.

Written notice shall be given to all Trustees via mail, delivered, or electronically delivered, at least twenty-four hours in advance of any such meeting.

The written certificate of the person delivering notice of any meeting of the Board, setting forth the substance of the notice, the dates the notice was mailed or delivered, and the addresses, or electronic address to which the notice was mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the manner and fact of giving such notice.

SECTION 2.03 – QUORUM

A majority of Trustees in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Board at any meeting.

SECTION 2.04 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any decision which may benefit a Trustee or affiliates of a Trustee, directly or indirectly, pecuniary or otherwise, shall be determined by the affirmative vote of a majority of disinterested Trustees, even if the number of disinterested Trustees is less than a majority of the Trustees.

SECTION 2.05 – TELECOMMUNICATION

Meetings of the Board may be held by telephone, electronic or similar communications equipment so long as all Trustees participating in such meeting can communicate with one another during such meeting. Participation in such a meeting constitutes presence in person at such meeting.

SECTION 3 – COMPOSITION AND TERM

SECTION 3.01 – COMPOSITION

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the chairman of the Board and a minimum of one additional Trustee per twenty active troops or fraction thereof, not to exceed twelve Trustees.

SECTION 3.02 – CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

For so long as the Founder is living, is not incompetent and has not resigned, the Founder shall be absolutely entitled to serve as the chairman of the Board.

SECTION 3.03 – TERM OF OFFICE

Other than the Founder, the term of office of each Trustee shall be twenty-four months or approximately twenty-four months commencing on the date on which such Trustee accepts appointment and ending on the date of the annual meeting of Trustees during the second calendar year following the year in which such Trustee's term of office commenced.

SECTION 3.04 – COMPENSATION

No person shall receive any compensation for services as a Trustee.

SECTION 4 – RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL

SECTION 3.01 – RESIGNATION

Any Trustee may resign effective upon giving written notice to the chairman of the Board unless the notice specifies a later time for effectiveness of such resignation. If the Board accepts the resignation of a Trustee tendered to take effect at a future date, the Board may elect a successor to take office when the resignation becomes effective.

SECTION 3.02 – REMOVAL

The Board, by majority vote, may declare vacant the office of a Trustee who has been declared incompetent by an order of court of competent jurisdiction or who has been convicted of a felony.

Other than the Founder, a Trustee may be removed from office without cause for any reason or no reason, by the affirmative vote of the chairman of the board and at least two-thirds of the remaining members of the Board.

SECTION 5 – TRUSTEE ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 5.01 – MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP TERM

Trustees must have a minimum of eighteen (18) months continuous membership in good standing with The Frontiersmen to be eligible for nomination.

SECTION 6 – VACANCIES

SECTION 6.01 – REPLACEMENT

When vacancies occur due to resignation or other cause, of Trustees before the expiration of their term of office, such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired period of the term by nomination by the chairman of the Board and confirmation by a majority vote of the remaining Trustees.

SECTION 6.02 – NEW OFFICES

Where a new Trustee office has been created by the Board, the Trustees shall be nominated from among the general membership and elected during the Annual Meeting of the National Assembly.

SECTION 7 – ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

SECTION 7.01 – EXPIRATION AND NEW OFFICES

An election shall be held to elect a Trustee from among the membership of The Frontiersmen when a vacancy is present through expiration of term or the creation of a new office.

No later than sixty days prior to the annual meeting of the National Assembly, a census of membership shall be taken to determine the creation of a new office of Trustee as described in Section 2.01 – Composition of the Board.

SECTION 7.02 – RIGHT OF NOMINATION

Each troop within the Frontiersmen shall have the right to nominate any one qualified member as a candidate for the office of Trustee when a vacancy is present, due to expiration of term or the creation of a new office.

SECTION 7.03 – NOMINATION PROCESS

Members may announce their desire for consideration themselves or by motion of one or more troop leader(s) within The Frontiersmen. All such motions must be supported by two additional troop leaders, other than the nominee, to be valid.

All valid nominations must be submitted in writing with supporting troop information, to the Board, or a committee designated by the Board, for consideration by the National Assembly no later than thirty days prior to the trustee election vote.

SECTION 7.04 – BOARD REVIEW

The Board shall review all candidates, and at its discretion, may veto any member from qualifying as a Trustee nominee. This requires a two-thirds vote by The Board to veto the nomination.

SECTION 7.05 – BOARD NOMINATION

The Board, at its discretion, may nominate and qualify members of the organization prior to the national ballot. Each such member shall be placed on the ballot as a Trustee nomination.

SECTION 7.06 – NATIONAL BALLOT

All qualified Trustee candidates submitted shall be presented by the Board to the National Assembly for review no later than ten days prior to an election.

SECTION 7.07 – MAINTAINING BOARD INTEGRITY

No more than one-half of the Trustee seats may be on the ballot on any given year. In cases where more than half may be eligible for vacancy, the Board shall determine by majority vote or, in the case of a tie, by random process, which seats shall be granted a one year extension of term.

SECTION 7.08 – TRUSTEE ELECTION VOTE

Election of the Trustee(s) shall be by ballot with all qualified Troops casting one vote, with the nominee with the most votes declared the winner. In the event of a tie, The Board shall vote to determine the winner. In cases where there is more than one vacancy, the nominees with the most votes shall be declared the winners.

SECTION 7.09 – VOTING

Ballots may be submitted in writing or by any electronic communications permitted by the Board.

SECTION 7.10 – TERM LIMITS

No term limits shall be imposed upon Trustees. Trustees may serve concurrent terms, as elected by the National Assembly.

Article III. Committees

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – ESTABLISHMENT

The Board, in its discretion, may establish an executive committee and other committees having such powers and performing such duties as the Board may delegate to it by resolution from time to time, including the immediate oversight and management of certain business affairs of The Frontiersmen. The Board shall appoint the persons to serve on such committees. The Board may appoint ex officio, trustees and officers.

SECTION 1.02 – TERM OF OFFICE

At the discretion of the Board, each member of a committee shall continue to serve for such term as may be established by the Board, unless the existence of the committee shall be sooner terminated or unless such member is removed or such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

SECTION 1.03 – QUOROM

Unless otherwise provided by the Board, a majority of the entire committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 1.04 – COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The affirmative vote of a majority of the committee members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the committee. However, any decisions which may benefit a committee member or affiliate of a committee member, directly or indirectly, pecuniarily, economically or otherwise, shall be determined by the affirmative vote of a majority of disinterested committee members, even if the number of disinterested committee members is less than a majority of the members of the committee.

SECTION 1.05 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Meetings of the committee may be held through the use of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment so long as all members of the committee participating in such meeting can hear one another at the time of such meeting. Participating in such a meeting constitutes presence at such meeting.

SECTION 1.06 – ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee may be taken without a meeting, if a written consent, including telecommunication or electronic transmission, to such action is signed by all of the members of the committee. Whenever action is taken by written consent, a meeting need not be called, noticed or convened. All written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the committee.

SECTION 1.07 – VACANCIES

Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

SECTION 1.08 – RESIGNATION

Any member of any committee may resign at any time by giving notice to the Board. If any ex officio officer or trustee resigns, such resignation shall likewise automatically constitute a resignation of the position held by such person as well, regardless of whether or not such person's resignation specifically so states. Unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation, the resignation shall be deemed to take effect upon the giving of such notice.

SECTION 1.09 – REMOVAL

Any member of any committee may be removed from service on such committee by a majority of the Board whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of The Frontiersmen would be served.

SECTION 1.10 – NO RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY

The designation of committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of any responsibility imposed by law, the Articles or these Bylaws.

SECTION 1.11 – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee authority and responsibilities shall be specified within the Rules and Regulations.

Article IV. Officers

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – ELECTION

Upon removal or resignation of the Founder, the Board shall elect or appoint a chairman of the Board and president (who shall be one person). The Board shall elect or appoint a secretary and a treasurer, to hold office for such term as may be specified or until their successors are otherwise elected and qualify.

The Board may appoint one or more vice-presidents, assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers, and other offices and prescribe their duties, as needed.

SECTION 1.02 – RESIGNATION

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. If any officer which is serving as a member of any committee resigns, such resignation shall likewise automatically constitute a resignation from the committee on which such person serves, regardless of whether or not such person's resignation specifically so states. A resignation shall be deemed effective upon the giving of such notice unless a later date for effectiveness is specified in such notice.

SECTION 1.03 – REMOVAL

Other than the Founder, any officer may be removed whenever a majority of the Board, in its judgment, determines that the best interest of the association would be served.

SECTION 1.04 – VACANCIES

Any vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term of such office.

SECTION 2 – OFFICES

SECTION 2.01 – PRESIDENT

The President (who is and shall be the chairman of the Board as well) shall be the chief executive officer of The Frontiersmen, subject to the supervision and control of the Board, except as provided elsewhere herein. The President is authorized to direct the day to day corporate and business affairs of the association, with full power to execute all resolutions and orders of the Board not especially entrusted to some other officer. The President, in the president's capacity as chairman of the Board, shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Board. Unless and except to the extent otherwise directed by the Board, or delegated in writing by the President, the president shall be authorized to sign all contracts, agreements, instruments and documents on behalf of The Frontiersmen.

SECTION 2.02 – VICE PRESIDENT

Unless otherwise prescribed by the Board, each vice president appointed by the Board shall be vested with all the power and authority of the president whenever the president is unable to act, and any vice-president so appointed shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed, required or necessary under the circumstances.

SECTION 2.03 – SECRETARY

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board and any committee thereof in books provided for that purpose. The secretary shall be responsible to furnish all notices of meetings, shall have the custody of books and papers as the Board may direct, and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary. Unless otherwise restricted by the Board, the secretary may sign all contracts, agreements, instruments and documents on behalf of the association together with the president.

SECTION 2.04 – ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Each assistant secretary appointed by the Board shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the secretary or by the Board.

SECTION 2.05 – TREASURER

The treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the association, subject to the supervision and control of the Board, and shall have the custody of all the funds of the association. Unless otherwise restricted by the Board, the treasurer shall be entitled to endorse on behalf of the association for collection all checks and other instruments, deposit all money for the credit of the association in such bank or banks or other depository as the directors may designate, and sign all receipts and vouchers for the payment of money by and on behalf of the association.

Unless otherwise restricted by the Board, the treasurer may have the custody and control of deeds, leases, easements, certificates of shares of stock, bonds, securities, evidence of debt, instruments, and such other property and evidence of ownership of property belonging to the association as the Board shall designate, and shall sign all papers required to be signed by the treasurer by law, by these Bylaws, or by the Board. The treasurer shall regularly enter or cause to be entered in the books of the association, to be kept for that purpose, full and accurate accounts of all amounts received and paid on account of the association and, whenever required by the Board, the treasurer shall render a statement of any and all accounts.

If required by the Board as a condition of appointment, the treasurer shall furnish a fidelity bond in such amount and with such surety as shall be approved by the Board, to secure the faithful performance of the duties of the treasurer and for the restoration of all books, records, and other property belonging to the association in the event of the treasurer's death, resignation, retirement or removal from office. The expense of such bond shall be borne by the association.

SECTION 2.06 – ASSISTANT TREASURER

Each assistant treasurer appointed by the Board shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the treasurer or by the Board. If required by the Board as a condition of appointment, each assistant treasurer shall furnish a fidelity bond to in such amount and with such surety as shall be specified by the Board, to secure the faithful performance of the duties of such assistant treasurer and for the restoration of all books, records, and other property belonging to the association in the event of such assistant treasurer's death, resignation, retirement or removal from office. The expense of such bond shall be borne by the association.

Article V. National Assembly

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – COMPOSITION

All active troops shall collectively be known as the National Assembly.

SECTION 1.02 – PURPOSE

To provide for the election of trustees, facilitate the approval of annual dues schedules and budgets, and to conduct business as presented by the Board.

SECTION 2 – MEETINGS

SECTION 1.01 – REGULAR MEETINGS

The National Assembly shall convene a weekly status meeting, via telecommunications, on dates and times designated by the Board, in order to allow all troops to communicate upcoming events, local news, and other timely information that may be relevant to the mission of The Frontiersmen. The weekly meeting shall be presided by the president, or an individual selected by the president in his or her absence.

SECTION 1.02 – SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the National Assembly shall be convened to consider a specific subject or subjects, by the approval of a majority of the Board or by affirmation of the chairman of the Board. Notice of such special meetings shall be provided to each member at its last recorded address in writing, by the use of authorized communications equipment, at least three (3) days in advance, with information as to subject or subjects to be considered.

SECTION 1.03 – ANNUAL MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the association at such time as ordered by the Board of trustees, for receiving the annual report, and the transaction of other business. Notice of such meeting shall be provided to each member at its last recorded address in writing, by the use of authorized communications equipment, or by US mail, express mail or courier service, with postage or fees prepaid at least twenty (20) days before the date appointed for the meeting.

SECTION 1.04 – VOTING

Members may participate in all National Assembly meetings by attending the meeting in person or by the use of authorized communications equipment. Participation via telecommunications shall be considered in person, unless otherwise specified by the Board prior to the meeting.

Only the troop leader or another designated representative from each active troop may vote at a National Assembly.

SECTION 1.05 – QUOROM

The presence of twenty-five percent (25%) of active troops shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the National Assembly at any meeting.

Article VI. Membership

SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

SECTION 1.01 – MEMBER

A member is one who meets the criteria for membership; who has publicly acknowledged the Frontiersmen Creed and has sworn or affirmed the Frontiersmen Oath; obligates themselves to attend the meetings regularly; fulfills a member's obligation to the troop; and actively participates in appropriate activities, as offered through the Frontiersmen program.

SECTION 1.02 – TROOP

A qualified troop shall consist of two or more individual members who publicly affirm working together, as a collective, in the mission of The Frontiersmen. Once formed, all present and future members of that troop are considered a single entity with regards to membership. All members must be attached to a troop.

SECTION 1.03 – AFFILIATE

Any individual who, in the judgment of the troop leader, is unable to meet the requirements of active membership may be considered an affiliate, provided the individual attends at least one meeting of the troop per year and in all other respects meets the obligations imposed by that unit.

Affiliates may participate in troop activities as determined by the current troop leader. Affiliates shall not be considered active members of the association except when participating in events sponsored by the troop which they are affiliated with.

SECTION 2 – CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 2.01 – ELIGIBILITY

Any individual, without regard to age, race or ethnic background, who publicly affirms a commitment to the purpose of The Frontiersmen as described in Section 4.01 – Purpose of the Corporation, shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION 2.02 – RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP

- a) No person who advocates, or has been or is a member, or associated with, any organization, formal or informal, that advocates opposition to, or violation of, the Constitution of the United States, or the Bill of Rights thereof, shall be eligible for membership.
- b) No person who advocates, or has been or is a member, or associated with, any organization, formal or informal, that advocates discrimination, violence, or hatred toward any person based upon their race, nationality, creed, color, ethnicity, shall be eligible for membership.
- c) No person who advocates, or has been or is a member, or associated with, any organization, formal or informal, that advocates discrimination, violence, intolerance, or hatred toward the tenets of the Judeo-Christian faith, shall be eligible for membership.
- d) No person who is a member or associated with, any organization, formal or informal, whose purpose, mission, or actions is deemed similar to Article I Section 4.01 – Purpose of the Corporation, as determined by the Board, shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION 2.03 – SPONSORSHIP

All prospective members of The Frontiersmen shall require the appropriate sponsorship in order to apply for membership or to adjust their current membership status.

- a) **Establishing a new Troop.** The Board, or an authorized committee established by the Board, shall determine, upon completion of one or more interviews, in person or via telecommunications, if two or more individuals

meets all criteria for the formation of a new troop. Upon affirmation of the Board, or a committee whose authority is granted by the Board, the individuals shall be sponsored to form a new troop.

- b) **Joining an existing Troop.** The troop leader shall determine, upon completion of one or more interviews, in person, if an individual meets all criteria for membership and inclusion into the existing unit. Upon review and affirmation of the majority of the existing troop membership, the individual shall be sponsored for membership.

SECTION 2.04 – YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Any individual under the age of eighteen, and who does not have a parent or guardian who is a member of the Frontiersmen, shall require the written permission of a parent or legal guardian to qualify for membership.

SECTION 2.05 – FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

The Frontiersmen, under our freedom to peaceably assemble, reserves the right in its sole discretion, to withhold, deny, or revoke the membership of any person, whom it is determined, will dilute, impair or disrupt mission or in any manner bring ill repute to our troop or The Frontiersmen.

SECTION 2.06 – SELF-RESPONSIBILITY

At no time will any action in violation of a local, state, or federal law be construed as condoned, supported, sponsored, encouraged, or acceptable by The Frontiersmen. Any action in violation of any local, state, or federal law shall be the sole responsibility of the parties involved, and no other.

SECTION 3 – CREED AND OATH

SECTION 3.01 – GENERAL

All individuals meeting the criteria for membership as described in Section 1 – Criteria for Membership and having been sponsored as described in Section 2.03 – Sponsorship, may be granted official membership following the public acknowledgement of the Frontiersmen Creed and affirmation of the Oath of Unity.

SECTION 3.02 – FRONTIERSMEN CREED

All candidates for membership must publicly acknowledge agreement with the Frontiersmen Creed, as detailed in the Charter, in witness of the sponsoring body as detailed in Section 2.03 – Sponsorship, prior to affirmation of the Oath of Unity.

SECTION 3.02 – FRONTIERSMEN OATH OF UNITY

All candidates for membership must publicly swear or affirm the Oath of Unity, as detailed in the Charter, before the sponsoring body or one authorized by the sponsoring body. Upon completion of the oath, the individual shall be considered a member of The Frontiersmen.

Article VII. Local Units

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – A TROOP

The Frontiersmen shall have the power to grant charters to groups of individuals meeting the requirements of the Bylaws and these Rules and Regulations to organize and maintain local units of the Frontiersmen, and to issue membership in such units to the members thereof who comply with the requirements of the Bylaws and these Rules and Regulations. Local units of the Frontiersmen so chartered shall be called a "troop".

SECTION 1.02 – TROOP HEADQUARTERS

A troop must establish a county or parish to serve as their headquarters. The headquarters shall be the county or parish where the majority of troop membership resides and will be used in determining the troop identification.

SECTION 1.03 – TROOP IDENTIFICATION

The Frontiersmen shall issue each troop a unique identification to distinguish each unit from another. Troop identification shall consist of a two-letter state or territory abbreviation; one digit to identify the numerical order in which that unit was founded within the county or parish; followed by the two or three digit county or parish number, as designated by the alphabetical listing of those areas in the state or territory.

SECTION 1.04 – UNIQUE TROOP ID NUMBERS

Once issued, troop identification numbers shall be retired from further issuance regardless of the current membership status of that unit. In counties or parishes where there have been ten or more troop identifications issued, all retired numbers shall become active for re-issue.

SECTION 2 – CHARTER TENURE

SECTION 2.01 – EXPIRATION AND REVOCATION

The length of a troop charter shall be for twelve months from the date of formation, and The Frontiersmen shall have the power to revoke such charters, at any time, when in its sole judgment such revocation is warranted.

SECTION 2.02 – RENEWAL

Troop charters may be automatically renewed, provided a review of past activities, personnel participation, and plans for the future shows a satisfactory effort to carry out the Frontiersmen program, as set forth in the official literature, and to comply with the Rules and Regulations of The Frontiersmen.

SECTION 3 – TROOP LEADERSHIP

SECTION 3.01 – COORDINATOR

Upon formation, a troop must designate a temporary representative to serve as the official contact between the troop and The Frontiersmen. This contact shall be the troop coordinator and shall serve in the capacity of troop leader until an official vote is held. Once an official leadership vote is held, the coordinator position shall be void.

SECTION 3.02 – TROOP LEADER

Within thirty days of formation, a troop must elect an individual, 21 years of age or older, to serve as a troop leader and representative. All active members of a troop shall cast a vote to determine the winner.

Troop leaders elected in the midst of an election cycle shall serve a term that shall expire on the next election date.

SECTION 3.03 – TROOP REPRESENTATION

A troop leader shall represent the entire troop in all interactions. All actions, positions, and statements by the troop leader shall be considered actions, positions, and statements of the unit they represent.

SECTION 3.04 – ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP

Positions of leadership other than the troop leader, such as team leaders, are based upon the size and need of the individual unit and are to their discretion. All such positions must be in compliance with standard troop structures.

SECTION 3.05 – ELECTION CYCLE

Troops shall hold elections for team leaders, troop leaders, and additional positions every six months. Elections shall be held during the first week of the months of January and July. Alterations to the position of troop leader must be submitted, in writing, to the Board, along with any additional information, as required.

SECTION 4 – RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 4.01 – PROMOTION

It shall be the duty of all troops to promote The Frontiersmen program through the encouragement of new units and members; to present The Frontiersmen in a professional and positive manner in all public interactions; also to provide leadership and supervision of all program activities, in such a manner as to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Bylaws of The Frontiersmen and the Rules and Regulations thereof, as set forth in the official handbooks, or as may be announced.

SECTION 4.02 – PROTECTION OF INSIGNIA

Troops shall be charged with the responsibility to guard against the use of the official insignia and uniform by persons not officially registered with The Frontiersmen, to uphold the official display of insignia upon appropriate apparel, and to bring to the attention of The Frontiersmen any violation of regulations not within their power to prevent.

SECTION 4.03 – TROOP MEETINGS

Troops are required to facilitate monthly meetings, in person or through telecommunications, of unit membership and to encourage open dialogue and interaction between all troop members.

SECTION 4.04 – ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

Troops are required to attend regular assembly meetings, in person or via telecommunications, to advise the assembly as to the status of the unit, maintain open communication with others, and to participate in voting. Troops must attend at least one National Assembly status meeting, per month.

SECTION 4.05 – LOCAL NETWORKING

It is the troop leader's responsibility to identify, contact, and network with the representatives of all Frontiersmen Troops within a minimum radius of 100 miles of their headquarters; to facilitate mutual training and social events; to share contact information and instructions; and to establish, facilitate, and enhance the interactions of members to establish and build personal relationships between troops.

SECTION 4.06 – STANDARDS

Troops are required to uphold any the standards, in regards to apparel, insignia, equipment, supplies, skills, participation, and more, for all unit members, as directed from time to time through official publications.

SECTION 4.07 – MEMBERSHIP PRIVACY

No information, regarding the number of troop participants, member demographics, personal information, property, supplies, emergency plans, or similar identifiable data, other than that which is requested by the Board for determination of matters, shall be required of a troop; nor shall a troop require the personal records of any individual as a test for membership into a unit.

SECTION 4.08 – OPTIONAL TROOP DUES

Troops may, following an affirmative vote of active members of that troop, create, modify, or cancel a dues schedule for members of their own unit.

SECTION 5 – TROOP DISSOLUTION

SECTION 5.01 – EXPIRATION

If it is the Board's decision not to renew the charter for a troop, per Section 2.02 – Renewal, that troop shall be dissolved of its official designation and members shall thereafter lose membership.

SECTION 5.02 – REMOVAL

At the discretion of the Board, or committee acting with the authority of the Board, a troop that is determined to have violated the Charter, Rules and Regulations, or these Bylaws, that troop shall be dissolved of its official designation and members shall thereafter lose membership.

SECTION 5.03 – RESIGNATION

At any time, the existing troop leader may resign the troop membership with notification in writing to the Board. Troops so dissolved may retain their membership if two or more active members protest the dissolution within ten (10) days; in such cases, the original dissolution shall be void and shall be considered a personal resignation of membership by the troop leader only.

SECTION 6 – LEAVING A TROOP

SECTION 6.01 – RESIGNATION

Any active member may officially leave an existing troop by notifying the troop leader of their intentions. Upon review and affirmation of the troop leader, the individual shall be removed as an official member of that troop and the association.

SECTION 6.02 – REMOVAL

At the discretion of the troop leader, any troop member that is determined to have violated the Charter, Rules and Regulations, these Bylaws, or the internal rules of that troop shall be removed as an active member of that unit. Individuals so removed may apply membership as a new member, in which case the Board shall also interview the leader of his/her former troop in determining the acceptance of the application.

SECTION 6.03 – TRANSFER

At the discretion of the member and acceptance of the leader of the receiving troop, any member may transfer from one troop to another while maintaining active membership in the association.

SECTION 6.04 – MEMBERS CREATING A NEW TROOP

Any active member may request to officially leave an existing troop to become a new unit, by submitting the request in writing, to the Board or to a committee with authority granted by the Board. The Board shall interview the member(s) and any existing troop leader, and upon review and affirmation, shall grant the sponsorship required for the creation of a new troop.

Article VIII. Dues and Annual Budget

SECTION 1– GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – ANNUAL MEETING

Dues for the ensuing twelve (12) months shall be assessed against each Member in accordance with a schedule adopted at the annual meeting of the association.

SECTION 1.02 – ANNUAL DUES

Dues shall only be assessed against qualified troops. All unit payments shall be the responsibility of the troop leader, leveraged in a manner prescribed by that troop, and shall be made on behalf of all members of that troop. There shall not be any membership dues assessed against individual members of a troop.

SECTION 1.03 – ANNUAL DUES SCHEDULE

At least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the association, the Board of Trustees shall prepare a schedule for dues proposed to be assessed for the ensuing twelve (12) months and a proposed budget for the ensuing twelve (12) months. The Secretary shall distribute the schedule and the budget to each troop with the notice of the annual meeting which shall be in writing and delivered personally or sent by telegram, by the use of authorized communications equipment, or by U.S. mail, express mail or courier service, with postage or fees prepaid. The dues and budget proposed by the Board of Trustees shall be voted upon solely by the troops at such meeting.

SECTION 1.04 – PAYMENT

A member becomes obligated for dues for the current year on the first day of January, and payment shall be made by the first day of March of that same year. Members who fail to make payment by March 1st of that year shall be notified by the association that the member is subject to suspension for non-payment of dues, and if payment is not made within the next thirty (30) days, shall be automatically suspended, and during the duration of suspension all rights and privileges and services of the member in the association shall be terminated.

The identities of all suspended members shall be presented to the Board, and if ordered by a majority vote of the trustees in meeting, a suspended member, without further notice or hearing, shall be dropped from the rolls, but such action on the part of the Board shall not serve to cancel the indebtedness to the date of automatic suspension. A suspended member may resign in good standing by paying dues to date of automatic suspension.

Article IX. Amendments

SECTION 1– GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – PROPOSAL OF NEW AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Trustees or the Chairman of the Board. All such proposals shall set forth the text of the amendment and shall be filed with the Secretary.

SECTION 1.02 – VOTING

Bylaws shall be adopted, amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of the membership present and represented by proxy at any duly organized meeting of the Association, providing the proposed change has been provided in writing and delivered personally or sent by telegram, by the use of authorized communications equipment, or by US mail, express mail or courier service, with postage or fees prepaid to the last recorded address of each Troop at least twenty (20) days in advance of such meeting.

Article X. Dissolution

SECTION 1– GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may be dissolved by the affirmative vote of a majority of all active Troops and affirmation by a majority of the Board of Trustees including the Chairman of the Board.

Such vote shall be taken only at a regular or special meeting of the members of which at least thirty (30) days' notice of the intention to vote on dissolution shall have been given to all members.

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or adequately providing for the payment of all known obligations of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association, in such manner or to such organization or organizations engaged generally in the same field as this Association and as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Article XI. Indemnification

SECTION 1– GENERAL

SECTION 1.01 – INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify, to the full extent then permitted by law, any person who has or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Trustee, officer, or employee of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a Trustee, officer, committee chair, committee member, employee or agent of another corporation, domestic or foreign, non-profit or for profit, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

The indemnification provided hereby shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any law, the articles of incorporation or any agreement, vote of members or of disinterested Trustees or otherwise; further, the indemnification provided shall include indemnification for action in official capacities and action in another capacity while the person is a Trustee, officer, committee chair, committee member, or employee of the Association; and moreover, the indemnification shall continue for a person who has ceased to be a Trustee, officer, committee chair, committee member, or employee, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

SECTION 1.02 – INSURANCE

The Association may, to the full extent then permitted by law, purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any Trustee, officer, committee chair, committee member, or employee against any liability asserted against and incurred by any such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his/her status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability.

SECTION 1.03 – NOTIFICATION

Any amount which may be paid by way of indemnity in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall be promptly announced to the members, and such announcement shall specify the person or persons paid, the amount or amounts of the payment or payments and the final disposition of the threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceedings.