

NEW MEXICO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
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NMGRA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of New Mexico, the name of this organization shall be NMGRA, Inc. it shall be a nonprofit corporation, hereinafter known as the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

SECTION 1: The objectives and purposes for which the corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried out are as follows:

- A. To act as a 501-C nonprofit organization.
- B. To perform charitable duties through special events, rodeo performances, etc., for any particular charitable organization(s) which the general membership of the corporation shall choose.
- C. To develop a community interest in western-related activities, encourage the education and preservation of the country-western lifestyle and heritage.
 - a. To be an organization for the entire community, barring all prejudices related to sex, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, race any other prejudices which the organization might encounter.
- D. To establish a base organization in which members can collectively communicate and work with each other as with the gay and lesbian community.
- E. To promote and support any IGRA sanctioned event as well as other related country and western amateur sporting events, special events, entertainment activities.
- F. To develop a group of people to collectively work on special events and organizational activities.
- G. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall incur to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III: ASSOCIATION OFFICES AND CHAPTERS

- A. Principal Office shall be located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- B. The corporation may also have additional offices at such places, both within and without the state of New Mexico, as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine or the needs of the business of the corporation may require.
- C. Satellite Chapter status may be granted by the board of Directors of NMGRA and (approved by the general membership) when:
 - 1. The Chapter's geographic location would allow it to provide service and support to a segment of the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender (GLBT) community which otherwise would be unable to participate.
 - 2. The Chapter's stated goals, purposes bylaws are in concurrence with NMGRA's bylaws.
 - 3. The Chapter can maintain a minimum membership of 10 (ten) individuals.
- D. Chapter organizations must adhere to all NMGRA Standing Rules.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Class of Membership

- A. Active Individual Membership:
 - 1. Must be current with annual dues as prescribed by the General Membership.
- B. Commercial Membership:
 - 1. Any corporation, partnership, organization or other such entity.
 - 2. An entity submitting a minimum donation of \$100.00 annually, with membership to begin on date of donation.
 - 3. Shall register with the Association's secretary the name of the person who shall carry the one vote privilege.
 - 4. Shall register with the Association's secretary the name of the person who shall be able to compete in rodeos.
 - 5. This membership category shall be exempt from current initiation fees and dues.
 - 6. All commercial memberships will expire twelve (12) months from date of donation.

SECTION 2: Membership Application Procedure

- A. Must complete and submit an NMGRA membership application along with the

prescribed dues and initiation fee.

- B. Upon completion of the application and verification of said application by the Membership Committee, a temporary membership can be granted by majority vote of the Executive Board, which will be valid until the next general membership meeting.
- C. An application for membership must be submitted to the general membership for approval or denial at the next general membership meeting.
- D. All membership applications shall evidence by signature of the applicant that the applicant is in concurrence with the stated purposes and conditions of this association.

SECTION 3: Privileges/Limitations of Membership

- A. All members are granted one voting privilege.
- B. All members are entitled to participate in any and all organizational matters and activities except where limited by age requirements of state, federal, liquor/or insurance laws.
- C. All members are entitled by choice to be excluded from any association publication or other medium.
- D. All members must be at least 21 years of age to hold an office on the Board of Directors or compete in Royalty competition.
- E. All members must fulfill all age requirements set forth by IGRA to compete in any IGRA sanctioned rodeos/or other functions/activities set forth and regulated by IGRA.
- F. All members must adhere to all Bylaws and Standing Rules set by NMGRA and IGRA.

SECTION 4: Obligations of Membership

- A. No member shall bind this Association through joining, representing or affiliating with any other organization without the prior expressed permission of the Board of Directors, subject to approval by the general membership.

SECTION 5: Membership Fee, Dues Other Monies

- A. The initiation fee amount is to be set by the general membership.
- B. The annual dues amount shall be established by the general membership.
- C. All membership dues and membership fees received and/or collected shall be nonrefundable with the only exception being the non-acceptance of membership status by the general membership.
- D. All monies received and/or collected shall be deposited in the appropriate

account(s) by the Treasurer.

SECTION 6: Suspension and Termination of Membership

- A. Nonpayment of annual dues will result in automatic termination of membership as per procedures set in these Bylaws/Standing Rules.
 - 1. If dues are paid during the grace period, the dues will be applied back to the original due date.
 - 2. A three month grace period shall be given for late dues, after which a new membership application and dues must be submitted.
- B. Membership may be suspended or terminated for gross misconduct according to the IGRA Code of Ethics, failure to adhere to NMGRA/IGRA Bylaws/Standing Rules, any of which must be presented to and procedures followed by the Ethics Review Committee as set forth in these Bylaws/Standing Rules.
 - 1. After a review of the recommendation, a larger than 50% vote of seated executive board members is required for referral to the general membership.
 - 2. A larger than 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the members present at the general membership meeting is required for suspension or termination of membership.
 - 3. A copy of the IGRA code of Ethics will be made available to any member within 30 days of request, by the Trustee.

SECTION 7: Liability, Waiver and Insurance

- A. This Association assumes no responsibility and the enactment of the waiver procedure shall endure.

ARTICLE V: OFFICES

SECTION 1: Elected Offices of the Corporation shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. IGRA Trustee

SECTION 2: Election of Offices

- A. All candidates for an office shall:
 - 1. Be a member in good standing.

2. Have completed a minimum of 90 days consecutive membership prior to the election.
 3. Be limited to one member within a committed relationship to run for different offices.
 4. Ask for a waiver to (3) to allow for members in a committed relationship to run in an office that the Nominating Committee is unable to obtain any other nominations for.
 5. Be limited to run for election in one office per election.
 6. Not also be the Rodeo Director.
- B. An Election Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board at a General Membership Meeting occurring at least two General Membership Meetings prior to the November Election Meeting to accept nominations for officers and to count the votes.
- C. The Election Committee shall present a slate of candidates to the General Membership at a General Membership Meeting occurring at least one meeting prior to the November Election Meeting.
- D. The election of officers will be held at the November General Membership Meeting at which time nominations may be received from the floor or from absentee ballots.
- E. The successful candidate for office shall receive more than 50% of the quorum on hand, which consists of all members present plus all absentee ballots received. A runoff will be used if necessary.
- F. Absentee Ballots:
1. Must be requested from the Election Committee Chair at least two weeks prior to the election date.
 2. Must be mailed to the Election Committee c/o NMGRA and received no later than 24 hours prior to the election. Ballots can also be delivered to committee chair no later than one hour prior to the election.
 3. Must be placed in an envelope, sealed and signed across the seal and inserted in the mailing envelope.
 4. Will be considered as part of the quorum.
 5. Vote need not be for announced candidate.
 6. Vote will be counted in runoffs unless candidate is eliminated.
 7. Will be announced by the Election Committee prior to the election.
- G. The term of office for elected officers shall run from the first of the year after the election through January 1 of the following year.

1. A transitional period shall be observed between the past officers and the new officers from the election through January 1st.

SECTION 3: Impeachment

- A. Any elected officer missing three consecutive or four meetings total in the course of one year shall be subject to removal by the Board.
- B. Any two Board members may initiate impeachment proceedings.
- C. Any member of this Association may initiate impeachment procedures by presenting the Board of Directors with a petition signed by one-third of the general membership, which is then automatically referred to the general membership for vote.
- D. Officer in question will not have a vote during impeachment proceedings.
- E. A 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the members present (quorum) is required for impeachment.
- F. Absentee ballots will not be allowed for impeachment proceedings.

SECTION 4: Appointed Offices

- A. In the event an office needs to be filled in the middle of the year, the Executive Board shall appoint an officer to fill that position.
- B. The office of Rodeo Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board no later than the first General Membership meeting after the Zia Regional Rodeo.
 1. The duration of the term of the Rodeo Director Office will be from the time of approval by the membership until the next Rodeo Director is appointed and approved the following year.
 2. In the event that the appointee is not approved, the Executive Board must submit a new appointee for membership approval at the next consecutive meeting.
 3. In the event that there is no rodeo held during the term of the Rodeo Director, the Executive Board shall appoint a new rodeo Director no later than one-year from the previous Zia Rodeo date.
- C. At the first General Membership meeting after the appointment by the Executive Board, the appointed officer must be approved by a majority vote of members present.
- D. Impeachment shall follow the same procedures as for elected offices.

ARTICLE VI: BOARDS OF THE CORPORATION

SECTION 1: Executive Board

- A. The daily affairs and operations of the corporation shall be managed by the Executive Board of the corporation pursuant to the direction of under the supervision of, the Board of Directors.
- B. The Executive Board shall consist of:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice-President
 - 3. Secretary
 - 4. Treasurer
 - 5. IGRA Trustee
 - 6. Rodeo Director
- C. Duties and Powers
 - 1. The Executive Board shall have such powers and shall perform such duties, as may from time to time be specified in these Bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the corporation.
 - 2. The Executive Board is empowered between meetings of the general membership to handle all matters, subject to ratification by the general membership.
 - 3. The Executive Board may meet in person or by electronic communication to conduct business.
 - 4. It shall be incumbent upon all officers of the Executive Board to engage in an area of total communication.
 - 5. The Executive Board must meet for a minimum of two Bylaws Workshops within two months after the election, to read and become familiar with all the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Any interested members of the association must be invited to attend these workshops.
- D. Residency
 - 1. All Executive Board Members must reside in the State of New Mexico for their term of office.
 - 2. Residency waiver(s) of D.1. in this section are within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, provided said Executive Board Member(s) can complete duties of office as set forth in these Bylaws.

SECTION 2: Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors Shall be comprised of:

1. Executive Board
2. All Standing Committee Chairpersons
3. Any Satellite Chapter Director(s)

B. Duties of the Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly prior to the general membership meeting.
 - a. To facilitate and monitor the performances of all officers, royalty and committees of the corporation.
 - b. To suggest business which should come before the general membership.
 - c. To fill temporary vacancies created by resignation or impeachment.
 - d. To approve all formal contracts entered into by the Association.
2. The Board of Directors may delegate to any committee or officer any portion of its power, subject to any limitations imposed by the New Mexico Nonprofit Corporation Law, these Bylaws or other limitations the Board may see fit to impose.
3. In addition to the authority and powers expressly conferred upon the Board by these Bylaws or by the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may exercise all action for and on behalf of, the corporation, not inconsistent with:
 - a. The Laws of the State of New Mexico.
 - b. The Articles of Incorporation.
 - c. The Bylaws of the corporation
 - d. The Standing Rules of Order.

C. Board of Directors Voting Rights

1. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote, with the exception of Standing Committees with Co-chairs, where only one united vote is counted.
2. All votes shall be cast in person, electronic communication or conference call. No absentee votes accepted.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

SECTION 1: Officers

A. President:

1. Shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation.
2. Shall supervise all the affairs of the corporation.
3. Shall preside over all meetings of the general membership and Board of Directors.
4. Shall facilitate and monitor organizational activities of officers and chairpersons of committees.
5. Shall with prior ratification by the Executive Board of general membership, may sign, as duly authorized agent of the corporation and Board of Directors:
 - a. Certificates
 - b. Contracts
 - c. Other agreements
6. May sign with any proper officer of the corporation, authorized by the Board of Directors:
 - a. Checks
 - b. Deeds
 - c. Mortgages
 - d. Bonds
 - e. Other legal documents
7. May appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and Parliamentarian.
8. Shall perform all duties to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

B. Vice-President:

1. At the direction of the President, in the absence of the President, in case of the inability of the President to perform, shall perform the duties of the President as prescribed herein.
2. Shall assist the President in facilitating and monitoring the performance of the other officers and committees.

3. Shall preside over any ethics committee meetings and ethics proceedings deemed necessary.
4. Shall be responsible for maintaining a historical documentary of the association's activities in pictorial, video, scrapbook or display form.
5. Shall serve as liaison between the Royalty and the Executive Board and as mediator between the current royalty title-holders and events.
6. May sign with any proper officer of the corporation, authorized by the Board of Directors:
 - a. Checks
 - b. Deeds
 - c. Mortgages
 - d. Bonds
 - e. Other legal documents
7. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

C. Secretary:

1. Shall record and keep minutes of General Membership and Board of Director's meetings.
2. Shall present in writing the minutes of the previous month's Board and General Membership meetings.
3. Shall record updates, maintain and distribute current Bylaws and Standing Rules as approved by the General Membership. Distribution shall be made to each member of the Board of Directors and one archived hard copy to the General Membership.
4. Shall interact with the Membership Committee to maintain a current membership mailing roster.
5. Shall be responsible for the sending and verification of receipt of a current membership roster to all IGRA sanctioned rodeos and IGRA Convention in adherence to IGRA guidelines.
6. Shall inform the Board of Directors and the General Membership of any incoming and outgoing correspondence.
7. Shall see that all special notices are duly given in accordance with these Bylaws or Standing Rules.
8. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be

prescribed from time to time.

D. Treasurer:

1. Shall have charge, custody of and be responsible for all funds of the corporation.
2. Shall receive and give receipts for funds due and payable to and from the corporation.
3. Shall deposit all such funds in the name of the corporation in such bank(s), trust company(s) other depository(s), within four days of receipt.
4. Shall sign with any proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors:
 - a. Checks
 - b. Deeds
 - c. Mortgages
 - d. Bonds
 - e. Other legal documents
5. Shall submit to audit.
6. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.
7. Shall coordinate with the executive board members and committee chairpersons to create a working budget for presentation to the General Membership. This must be completed within the first quarter of the rodeo year.

E. IGRA Trustee:

1. Shall attend all IGRA Board, divisional Trustee Meetings and Convention; or see that an alternate attends, following the IGRA procedures on Trustee alternates.
2. Shall be financially responsible for all related to travel and lodging to fulfill responsibilities and duties, with the exception of a fifty dollar reimbursement for each IGRA board meeting attended.
3. Shall be responsible for timely reports to the Board of Directors and General Membership.
4. Term of office shall adhere to the IGRA Bylaws.
5. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be

prescribed by the IGRA or the Association.

6. Shall act as presiding officer for the NMGRA delegation at the IGRA Convention and chairperson for the IGRA convention committee.
7. Shall be responsible for compiling and maintaining copies of all IGRA meeting minutes as they are made available for review at all NMGRA Board and General Membership Meetings.

F. Rodeo Director:

1. Shall serve as Director of the Zia Rodeo or any other special event such as IGRA Finals, IGRA Convention or local gymkhana.
2. With prior ratification by the Executive Board of general membership, may sign as duly authorized agent of the corporation and Board of Directors:
 - a. Certificates
 - b. Contracts
 - c. Other agreements
3. Must coordinate with the Treasurer to prepare and present a working budget for the Zia Regional Rodeo within the first month of office.

SECTION 2: Standing Committee Chairpersons

A. General Duties of the Chairperson:

1. To engage in an area of total communication, cooperation dissemination of all information regarding said committee.
2. To hold a meeting of the committee within 30 days of creation of the committee.
3. To register the names of all committee members with the Secretary.
4. To review with the Board of Directors any planned activity or contractual agreement for the approval and ratification of the General Membership.
5. To submit to the Secretary a written report of proceedings of the committee for distribution to the general membership.
6. To create, review, update standing committee rules and submit them to the Board of Directors and General Membership for acceptance; with no less than one review per year.
7. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: Standing committees should be comprised of a minimum of three members in good standing. The committee chairperson shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the executive board, except where noted.

A. Membership Committee:

1. Shall be responsible for initiating, conducting and monitoring activities which will recruit and involve new members in the Association.
2. Shall serve as a liaison to the Board of Directors representing the membership's concerns, needs and suggestions regarding the Association.
3. Shall coordinate with the Secretary the official membership list/roster.
4. Shall receive and verify all new membership applications and recommend same to the Board of Directors for approval by the General Membership.
5. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.
6. Shall present a copy of the *NMGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules* to each new member as soon as practical after being voted in.

B. Entertainment/Special Events Committee:

1. Shall be co-chair by all Royalty title-holders, who will be entitled to one vote on the Board of Directors.
2. Shall be responsible for initiating, conducting and/or monitoring all special event activities necessary to or for the operation of the Association.
3. Shall be responsible for initiating and coordinating the entertainment for all Association functions.
4. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

C. Public Relations/Media Committee:

1. Shall be responsible for the dissemination of public information, whether oral, written or visual, as directed by the need of the corporation.
2. Shall assist all standing or special committees in the advertising of Association functions.
3. Shall publish a monthly Association newsletter for the general membership. The newsletter shall include at a minimum, minutes from the most recent NMGRA board and general membership meetings.
4. Shall create and maintain an open line of communication with the IGRA

Spokesperson/Public Relations Chair and is strongly encouraged to attend an IGRA Public Relations workshop.

5. Shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time.

D. Zia Regional Rodeo Committee:

1. Shall be chaired by the Rodeo Director.
2. Rodeo Director, with prior ratification by the Board of Directors and committee members, may sign, as duly authorized of the corporation and Board of Directors, any of the following which may involve the planning and/or scheduling of an NMGRA sponsored rodeo:
 - a. Certificates
 - b. Contracts
 - c. Any other agreements and/or documents.
3. Shall be comprised of a Rodeo Director, the current Executive Board, at least one representative of the current reigning Royalty and a minimum of three members of the general membership.
4. Shall be responsible for the organization and staging of the annual Zia Regional Rodeo.
5. Shall insure that a draft rodeo budget is developed and presented by the Rodeo Director for review by the general membership.
6. Shall review and recommend Zia Regional Rodeo proceeds distribution/charities to the general membership. General membership shall vote on recommendations to choose distribution and charities prior to the Zia Regional Rodeo.

E. Rodeo Education Committee:

1. Shall be responsible for the organization of rodeo-related classes, training and other events for the education of the general membership.
2. Shall be responsible for collecting and maintaining a library of rodeo related aids for use by the general membership.
3. Shall be responsible for the inventory and maintenance of all rodeo equipment of the Association.

F. Ethics Review Committee:

1. Shall be chaired by chairperson appointed by Article VIII, Section 1.
2. Shall be made up of voting members of the standing committee involved in the

review of the Board of Directors.

3. Shall be responsible to review and empowered to take appropriate action, following all NMGRA Bylaws and Standing Rules relating to ethics and disciplinary action.
4. Shall report to the executive board and general membership any ethics accusations, violations, proceedings, actions taken, and/or action recommendation. Suspension or termination is to be referred to the General Membership for final action.
5. Chairperson shall act as a monitor and mediator and does not have voting rights unless a tie is involved.

G. IGRA Convention Delegation:

1. Shall be chaired by the Trustee or Trustee alternate.
2. Shall be made up of convention delegates and alternates elected by the general membership. Any other member can sit on the committee, but does not have voting rights at the IGRA convention.
3. Shall be elected at a general membership meeting no later than one month prior to the annual IGRA convention.
4. Delegates and alternates are determined by ranking order of the number of votes received.
5. Shall conduct preconvention meetings to organize and appoint convention committee members review any proposals being made to the convention floor.
6. Shall be reimbursed for convention registration fees following their attendance or substitution at convention. All other expenses including transportation and lodging are the responsibility of the individual.
7. Shall assume executive board responsibility and power for the sole purpose of conducting business, voting and to represent NMGRA interest at the annual convention. Voting in convention committee and on convention floor shall be an individual vote, always keeping the best interest of NMGRA in mind.
8. Shall present to the Board of Directors, Bylaws Committee and General Membership a full report of convention.

H. Bylaws Committee:

1. Shall conduct an annual review to incorporate any IGRA convention changes and/or proposed changes.
2. Shall meet to vote on proposed changes no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled Annual Bylaws Meeting or Special Bylaws Meetings.
3. Shall distribute a copy of all proposed amendments or additions to the general

membership no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Bylaws Meeting or Special Bylaws Meetings.

4. Shall follow all guidelines regarding Bylaws Annual Meeting, Special Bylaw meetings and Bylaws Amendments/Additions set forth in these Bylaws.

I. Audit Committee:

1. Shall perform an annual audit of all financial records during the transitional month following the election of the new officers.
2. Shall consist of members with financial or accounting experience when available.
3. Shall perform additional audits when called upon by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX: SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Special Committees to perform a specific function may be appointed by the President as the Board or Organization may direct.
- B. Special Committees may be but are not limited to:
 1. Audit Committee
 2. Nominating Committee
 3. Historical Committee

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: General Membership Meetings:

- A. Shall be held at least once a month.
- B. May call a special general membership meeting by written petition signed by a minimum of 1/3 (one-third) of the membership roster or by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.
- C. Must be a quorum of a minimum of ten general members in good standing, of which three must be executive board members.
- D. And Special membership meetings shall be announced to the General Membership by the Exucutive Board.

SECTION 2: Board of Directors Meetings:

- A. Shall be held at least once a month.
- B. May be called by a simple majority of the members of the Board.

- C. Must be a quorum of a minimum of four members to conduct business at any called meeting.
- D. Can be held in person or by electronic communication to conduct business.

SECTION 3: Executive Board Meetings:

- A. Shall meet at the special call of the President.

SECTION 4: Standing Committee Meetings:

- A. Shall meet at least once a month at the discretion of the committee chairperson.

SECTION 5: Ethics Committee Meetings:

- A. Shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, at the request of any member of the association.

SECTION 6: Annual Bylaws Meeting and Special Bylaws Meetings.

- A. At the call of the President, an Annual Bylaws Meeting shall be scheduled.
- B. The scheduled date shall be no later than 60 days in advance. This will allow time for proposals to be submitted and committee meeting to be scheduled.
- C. The meeting shall be at least six months prior to the IGRA Convention.
- D. At the call of the President with a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the Board of Directors, a special Bylaws Meeting may be scheduled in addition to the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 7: Special Committee Meetings:

- A. Shall meet at the call of the chairperson as needed and/or set forth in these Bylaws / Standing Rules.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XII: CLUB INSIGNIA(S) AND COLORS

- A. The Board of Directors shall submit insignia(s) and colors to be voted on by the general membership.
- B. Changes or additions shall be submitted to the general membership to be voted on.
- C. Use outside of NMGRA property must be authorized by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

- A. Proposed amendments or additions to these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee for submission to the General Membership at an annual Bylaws Meeting.
- B. Only those proposed amendments or additions to the Bylaws, submitted to the Bylaws Committee and any friendly amendments to those proposals, can be voted on at the annual bylaws meetings or any special called bylaws meeting. No new proposals may be entertained from the floor.
- C. Bylaw amendments or additions require a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XIV: STANDING RULES

- A. Proposed rules to interpret these Bylaws and govern this association may be presented to the general membership for acceptance or denial (majority vote) by any member or committee at any general membership meeting.
- B. Proposed amendments or additions to Standing Rules may be submitted to the general membership for acceptance or denial (majority vote) by any member or committee at any general membership meeting.