

OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOICATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the graduates and former students of the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD), desirous of forming an association to promote our general welfare, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following constitution.

ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose

Section 1.

The name of this Association shall be the OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (OSDAA).

Section 2.

The purpose for which said corporation is formed, is to promote civic, educational, industrial, moral, and social measures that are conducive to the welfare of the deaf of the state, to sponsor Columbus Colony (CC), a separate corporation created to provide a planned community for the deaf of the State of Ohio and elsewhere, and to hold stated meetings for the furtherance of such objects. Said corporation is not to engage in subversive or un-American activities; nor shall it engage in any political campaign relating to the candidacy of any person, or otherwise.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1.

The Association shall consist of active, associate, and honorary members.

ARTICLE III – Officers and Board of Governors

Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. The term of the officers shall be for two years or until successors shall have been elected and qualified for office.

Section 2.

The officers and members of the Board of Governors shall be elected by the membership at the Biennial Convention meeting of the Association. In the event of a vacancy due to the death, resignation or removal of an officer or member of the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors shall elect an officer or member to fill the vacancy of the remaining term until the next Biennial Convention of the Association.

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Section 3.

No person shall be eligible to serve as a president unless he or she is truly in good standing/loyal to OSDAA.

ARTICLE IV - Boards and Committees

Section 1.

There shall be a Board of Governors and the following Standing Committees: an Alumni, The Alumni News, an Auditing, an Awards, a Biennial Convention, a Community/Volunteer Project, an Education, a Finance, a Land/Building, a Law/Policy, a Membership, a Necrology, a Nomination, a Public Relation, and a Scholarship, All vacancies in chairpersons of standing committees and special committees shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Governors from time to time as may be required. Some of the members of these committees need not be members of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1.

The Biennial Convention meetings of the Association shall be held during Ohio School for the Deaf's summer vacation period, not during the school days, at the most convenient and desirable place. It shall be on the weekend only.

Section 2.

In case of an officially declared national or state emergency regularly scheduled meeting of the Association and the Board of Governors shall be suspended for the duration of the emergency.

Section 3.

To assure the continued functioning of the Association during the emergency, regularly scheduled elections and such resolutions as shall be necessary shall be submitted to the membership of the Association and to the Board of Governors as their authority shall require.

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Section 4.

No business other than specified in the call shall be considered at any special meeting. Any call of special meeting mandates to announce the notice with specified time, not less than 10 days to 45 days.

ARTICLE VI – Amendments

Section 1.

The Constitution of the Association shall be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the quorum present at a Biennial Convention meeting upon the recommendation of the Law/Policy Committee. All such proposed amendments shall be published in the Alumni News not less than three (3) months prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Dissolution

Section 1.

If for any reason it becomes necessary to dissolve this corporation:

(a) assets held by it in trust for specified purposes shall be applied so far as feasible in accordance with the terms of the trust.

(b) the remaining assets not held in trust shall be applied so far as feasible towards carrying out the purposes stated in these Articles.

(c) in the event and to the extent that, in the dissolution of the members of the Board of Governors, it is not feasible to apply the assets a provided in the above clauses (a) and (b), the assets shall be applied to and for the use of such charities qualified for tax exemption under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) laws of the United States as shall be directed by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in this State in which the principal office of the corporation is located, in an action brought for that purpose by the corporation or by the Board of Governors, to which action the Attorney General of the State shall be a party.

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ARTICLE VIII - Prohibition

Section 1.

The Board of Governors shall have no authority to sell real estate owned by the Association without the approval of the members at the Biennial Convention meeting of the Association. This is not intended to require approval of the membership for easements for utilities and other purposes and neither is it intended to require approval of the membership for mortgages to secure loans for Association projects.

Section 2.

The Board of Governors shall not approve the sale of real estate owned by Columbus Colony Elderly Care (CCEC), Columbus Colony Housing I (CCH I) or Columbus Colony Housing II (CCH II) without the approval of the members at the Biennial Convention meeting of the Association. This is not intended to require approval of the membership for easements for utilities and other purposes. Nor is it intended to require approval of the membership for mortgages to secure loans for projects of those corporations.

Section 3.

The Constitution shall not be suspended under any circumstances.