

# **OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOICATION BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I - Membership**

### **Section 1.**

Active members of this Association shall be the graduates and former students of the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD).

### **Section 2.**

Associate members shall be the non-alumni of OSD.

### **Section 3.**

Honorary membership shall be conferred upon deaf and hearing friends and/or benefactors after nominations by any member of the Association, made to the Board of Governors and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors at any regular meeting of the Association.

## **ARTICLE II - Privileges and Benefits of Membership**

### **Section 1.**

Only active members shall make motions, vote, and hold office. Exceptions to this are those who have forfeited these privileges due to disciplinary action taken by the Board of Governors.

### **Section 2.**

All other members shall take part in discussion and share equally in all other privileges and benefits of membership.

### **Section 3.**

Spouses of deceased active members shall retain the privileges and benefits of their membership unless specifically determined otherwise for cause by the Board of Governors.

### **Section 4.**

Those upon whom an honorary membership has been conferred may be appointed to the Advisory Board. These members shall have the right to attend meetings and debate, but shall not vote or hold office in the Association.

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## **ARTICLE III - Dues**

### **Section 1.**

Each member shall pay in advance to the treasurer such dues and assessments for the biennium as shall be established by the Board of Governors with the concurrence of the Association.

### **Section 2.**

Any member who is ninety (90) days in arrears for dues and/or assessments shall be dropped from the membership roster.

## **ARTICLE IV - Duties of Officers**

### **Section 1.**

The President of the Association shall have powers and duties prescribed in these Bylaws. He/She shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees. He/She shall preside at meetings of the Board of Governors, and shall expedite any specified matters on his/her discretion before the Board of Governors, further; he/she shall effectively carry out the direction of the Board of Governors.

### **Section 2.**

The Vice President shall serve as assistant to the President and shall preside in his/her absence.

### **Section 3.**

The Secretary shall make, publish, prepare agendas, send notices, and keep such records as shall be directed by the Board of Governors including the minutes of regular, special and biennial meetings of the Association, and the meetings of the Board of Governors, and shall be responsible to mail out the unofficial minutes of the meeting within thirty (30) days after any meetings. Regard of convention, secretary shall distribute the unofficial minutes within forty-five (45) days by sending mail or inserting the Alumni Newsletter to the active members who attended the convention.

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## **Section 4.**

The Treasurer shall receive all dues, assessments, and collections and make such expenditures as directed by the Board of Governors of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. He/She shall make reports of the finances of the Association and such interim reports as the Board of Governors shall require of him/her. He/She shall be bonded for all assets of the Association in his/her possession at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

## **Section 5.**

The Treasurer may select an assistant, subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

## **Section 6.**

Any vacancy occurring among the officers and/or members of the Board of Governors of the Association shall be filled by nominations and selections made by the Board of Governors.

## **ARTICLE V - Board of Governors**

### **Section 1.**

The Board of Governors shall consist of the officers and not less than five nor more than nine active members elected at the Biennial Convention.

### **Section 2.**

The Board of Governors shall administer the affairs of the Association during the time between regular meetings in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

### **Section 3.**

The Board of Governors shall not relinquish the rights of the Association with respect to Columbus Colony, Inc. (CCI) unless approved by vote of the membership at the Convention.

## **ARTICLE VI - Meetings**

### **Section 1.**

The members shall meet biennially at the call of the President with the Board of Governors' approval upon dates and at locations mutually agreeable to all relevant parties including the Board of Governors.

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## **Section 2.**

The Board of Governors shall meet four times a year, at locations convenient for meetings, at the call of the President or petition of the majority of its members.

## **Section 3.**

The Law/Policy Committee shall meet at the request of the Board of Governors and/or at the call of its chairperson.

## **Section 4.**

Other standing and special committees shall meet at the call of their chairperson or by petition of a majority of the committee.

## **ARTICLE VII - Quorum**

### **Section 1.**

Not less than one-fourth (1/4) or 25% of the active members registered at the meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Association at any meeting.

### **Section 2.**

A majority of the Board of Governors and any committee shall constitute a quorum except as may be otherwise specifically presided in any rule or regulation governing a committee or function of this Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII - Discipline**

### **Section 1.**

By a two-thirds (2/3) vote the Board of Governors may suspend or expel from membership any officer or member for just cause; it may suspend any Board member or Committee member by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, for just cause.

### **Section 2.**

“Just Cause” shall be defined as:

**(A)** Misfeasance (improper act), including but not limited to

**1)** Conduct tending to reflect upon the good name of the Association and the deaf.

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**2)** Conduct or activities prejudicial to the interests of the Alumni Association or the continuation of the Association as an independent association solely of alumni of the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD).

**(B)** Malfeasance (bad conduct) that affects, interferes or interrupts performance of official duties.

**(C)** Nonfeasance (neglect of duty) of officers, board, committees, or members.

## **Section 3.**

Any person disciplined shall have the privilege of appeal to the Law/Policy Committee.

## **Section 4.**

Elected and appointed officers and chairpersons, who relocate outside Ohio, will relinquish their office at the time of their relocation, except as specifically authorized by the Board of Governors.

## **ARTICLE IX - Expenses**

### **Section 1.**

Transportation expenses of officers and members of the Board of Governors and standing and special committees together with a per day allowance shall be paid by the Association upon approval of the Board of Governors when incurred in the performance of the business of the Association. Other personal and business expense of carrying on the business of the Association may be paid with the approval of the Board of Governors.

### **Section 2.**

The fiscal year of the Association shall end December 31.

## **ARTICLE X - Amendments**

### **Section 1.**

These Bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote cast by the members present at any regular meeting of the Association providing that all such amendments shall be first reviewed and recommended by the Law/Policy Committee.

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## **ARTICLE XI - Suspension**

### **Section 1.**

These Bylaws shall not be suspended under any circumstances.

## **ARTICLE XII - Parliamentary Authority**

### **Section 1.**

Robert's Rules of Order Reviewed (RRO) shall govern all parliamentary procedures except when they are in conflicts with any provisions of the Constitution or Bylaws of this Association.

### **Section 2.**

Officers and members of the Board of Governors shall take the following oath:

"I do hereby pledge myself to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association and to faithfully perform the duties of my office to the best of my knowledge and ability."

## **ARTICLE XIII - Order of Business**

### **Section 1.**

The following shall be the official order of business at all meetings of the Association.

Pledge of Allegiance  
Call to Order  
Reading of Minutes  
Communications  
Report of Officers  
Reports of Standing Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Nominations of Election (Only Biennial Convention)  
Adjournment

### **Section 2.**

A temporary change in the order of business shall be made by a majority of the quorum present.