

*CONSTITUTION*

*and*

*BYLAWS*

of the

*Bristol Yacht  
Club*

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**CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS**  
**of the**  
**BRISTOL YACHT CLUB**

Whereas an assembly of persons has gathered for the encouragement and practice of boating, yachting and other moral and healthful exercise and has organized under the name of the BRISTOL YACHT CLUB of Bristol, Pennsylvania.

**ARTICLE 1**  
**Purpose**

The purpose of the said BRISTOL YACHT CLUB will be the encouragement of water sports and related social functions and the exchange of the privileges and social events with other yacht clubs.

**ARTICLE 2**

**SECTION 1 Board meetings**

The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM o'clock.

**SECTION 2 Membership meetings**

Regular meetings of the membership will be held once a month on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM o'clock.

**SECTION 3 Special Meetings**

Special membership meetings may be held at the call of the Commodore or at the written request of five active members. An attempt will be made to notify all active members at least twenty-four hours prior to any special meeting. Twenty-four hour notice of special meetings, including the call of business, shall be posted on the bulletin board. No other business than that stated in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting.

**SECTION 4 Meeting attendance**

It shall be the duty of all active and associate club members to attend a minimum of four monthly membership meetings in a calendar year to remain in good standing. Failure to comply with this requirement without submitting a satisfactory excuse to the board of directors will result in the following schedule of fees:

Attendance at three meetings	\$5.00
Attendance at two meetings	\$10.00
Attendance at one meeting	\$15.00
Attendance at no meetings	\$20.00

A roll call of all active and associate members will be taken by the Secretary after approval of the minutes of the preceding membership meeting. Members not present at the roll call will be considered absent.

## *ARTICLE 3*

### *SECTION 1 Club Officers*

The officers of the club shall consist of COMMODORE, VICE COMMODORE, REAR COMMODORE, FLEET CAPTAIN, FLEET SURGEON, SECRETARY, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, TREASURER, and six trustees, all of whom shall be active members. The COMMODORE, VICE COMMODORE, REAR COMMODORE, and FLEET CAPTAIN shall be known as "Flag Officers." The six trustees shall be known as the Board of Trustees.

### *SECTION 2 Board of Directors*

The club shall be governed by the Board of Directors which shall consist of the officers and trustees.

### *SECTION 3 Dues exceptions*

No Active or Associate member may be exempted from dues unless approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors and a majority vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting.

### *SECTION 4 Term of office*

The term of office shall be one year for the officers and three years for the elected trustees with the exception of the five-year trustee.

### *SECTION 5 Nomination and election*

The officers shall be nominated at the regular membership meeting in September and October. The Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Fleet Captain shall be nominated for the next higher office. Nominations for candidates will be closed at the regular October meeting and no nominations will be accepted after that time. The officers shall be elected at the regular November membership meeting. Installation of the officers will be at the Commodores banquet. Officers will take office the first Tuesday of January.

### *SECTION 6 Election of Trustees*

Three trustees shall be elected in such a manner that one Trustee shall be elected each year. The Immediate Past Commodore shall serve one year on the Board of Trustees. The fifth Trustee shall be a permanent Trustee. He shall be a charter member of the club. His term of office shall be as long as he remains an active member of the club. The sixth Trustee will be a five year trustee. He must be a Past Commodore of BYC or have been a past member of the Board for at least five years and have been an active member for at least fifteen years.

### *SECTION 7 Term of Commodore*

The Commodore shall not succeed himself but is eligible for nomination and election in future years.

## *ARTICLE 4*

### *SECTION 1 Duties of the Commodore*

It shall be the duty of the Commodore to preside at all meetings, preserve order and see that the officers perform their respective duties, to enforce the constitution, by-laws, house rules, and marine rules, and to appoint all committees, of which he will be a member ex-officio. He bears the honor of wearing the Commodore's insignia and flying the Commodore's flag and the other honors as elected

### *SECTION 2 Duties of the Vice and Rear Commodores*

It shall be the duty of the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore to assist the Commodore and perform all duties as directed by him.

### *SECTION 3 Duties of the Fleet Captain*

It shall be the duty of the Fleet Captain to plan all club cruises and to officiate at any other boating activity of the club.

### *SECTION 4 Duties of the Secretary*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceeding of all meetings of the club; to have charge of and preserve the non financial records of the club; to keep a register of names and addresses of all members of the club; to issue all notices and receive and conduct the correspondence of the club. He shall deliver the above mentioned records to his successor to office.

### *SECTION 5 Duties of the Financial Secretary*

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to receive all incoming funds and bills pertaining to the club. He shall present all bills to the membership at the regular meeting for approval of payment. He shall submit promptly all funds received to the Treasurer for payment. He shall submit promptly all funds received to the Treasurer. He shall be responsible for all records of assessment (either in time or money), fines, dues, and debts to the club by members. He shall issue membership cards and furnish keys to the clubhouse. He shall keep an accurate record of these transactions.

### *SECTION 6 Duties of the Treasurer*

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold all funds of the club which shall be deposited in a bank to the club's credit. He shall disburse the funds of the club by a majority vote of the active members present at any regular membership meeting of the club or by an order of the Board of Trustees under the provision of ARTICLE 5, SECTION 2. He shall submit a report of the condition of the clubs' treasury when requested by the Commodore or by a vote of the membership. He shall submit a report of the condition of the treasury at the annual membership meeting in January. He shall surrender to his successor all money and property of the club.

## *ARTICLE 5*

### *SECTION 1 Duties of the Board of Trustees*

It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to have supervisory control of the tangible property of the club, the building and grounds. They shall be responsible for the order and repair of the club property. The expense incurred for the services rendered to the club for repair and preservation of club property, and in the execution of any other duties, shall be paid from the funds of the club.

### *SECTION 2 Contracting bills*

(A) The Board of Trustees shall not contract any bills without the consent of the Board of Directors except when lack of emergency repairs jeopardizes the safety of life or property, They shall make recommendations to the membership whenever necessary.

(B) All proposed expenditures in excess of \$1500 must be submitted in the form of a competitive bid, at the discretion of the Board. Upon a majority vote of approval of the Board of Directors, such expenditures shall not be engaged unless accompanied by a written contract or agreement

## *ARTICLE 6*

### *SECTION 1 Membership Quorum*

The membership of the club shall be limited to 95 active members. One third of the active membership shall constitute a quorum to hold a meeting and transact business when called by the officers of the club.

### *SECTION 2 Members in the Armed Forces and College students*

The sons or daughters of active or honorary members in good standing and who were junior members upon turning 21, and are (1) in the Armed Forces or (2) enrolled as full time college students, until reaching their 23rd birthday during the calendar year, shall be classified as Associate members. As such they shall be accorded the privileges of club use; with dues, hours, and meeting attendance waived. They shall not be entitled to vote or hold office and shall have no share in the club property. Members returning from the Armed Forces and college students upon reaching their 23rd birthday during the calendar year are required to notify the club, in writing of their status. Failure to notify the club within the calendar year of change will result in forfeiture of membership.

## *ARTICLE 7*

### *SECTION 1 Definition of Yacht*

The term "yacht" shall mean any water borne vehicle whose ordinary means of propulsion is other than oars or paddle.

### *SECTION 2 Member classification*

Members shall be classified as ACTIVE, HONORARY, ASSOCIATE, INACTIVE, and JUNIOR.

### ***SECTION 3 Definition of members***

**ACTIVE:** One who pays the regular yearly dues, being entitled to all privileges of the club, the right to vote on club affairs, and an equal share of the club property.

**HONORARY:** For a member to become an honorary member he must be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the unanimous vote of the active members present at any regular membership meeting because of meritorious service to the club. He is entitled to all privileges of the club. He shall be exempt from paying dues and assessments. An Honorary membership shall be granted to active and inactive members after twenty-five active and/or inactive years of service to the club.

**ASSOCIATE:** A yacht owner who has submitted application for active membership and is entitled to all privileges of the club except those of voting or holding office, but shall have no share in the club property.

**INACTIVE:** Upon application to and approval of the Board of Directors, an active member in good standing may effect a change in the status of his membership from active to inactive. The member will retain membership in the club through the payment of annual inactive dues.

While a member is in the inactive category he will not have boating or voting privileges as offered as part of an active or associate membership. The change from an inactive to an active member shall be accomplished through the approval by the Board of Directors of the member's application requesting reinstatement as an active member. Upon reinstatement the member will regain all privileges accorded an active member and then be subject to the regular annual dues and assessments. There will be no initiation fees for reinstatement, and all applications for reinstatement will be acted upon by the Board of Directors at their regular monthly meeting following the receipt of the request.

**SPOUSE OF DECEASED MEMBER:** Within six months of the death of a member, all membership privileges, rights, and seniority will be granted to the deceased member's spouse at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Boater Education requirements must be fulfilled within one year if not already met. There will be no initiation fee. If the deceased has paid dues for the year there will be no dues until the next fiscal year. The spouse is not liable for disciplinary fines or sanctions levied against the deceased. Work and social assessments for the remainder of the year will be levied at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If the deceased was an Honorary member, the spouse shall be granted a full Honorary membership.

**JUNIOR:** One who is over 12 and under 21 years of age, operating a yacht, and being in the immediate family of an active, honorary or associate member, being entitled to the use of the club facility but shall take no part in the parliamentary affairs of the club and shall have no share in the property of the club. A junior member, upon turning 21 on or before April 1 of the current year, shall be considered an active member, and billed as such (exceptions defined in ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2).

## ***ARTICLE 8***

### ***SECTION 1 Application for membership***

Any yacht owner 21 years of age or over may become an associate member of the club upon application sponsored by two active members of the club in good standing, after investigation and acceptance by the membership committee and upon payment of the initiation fee and one year's dues in



advance. The applicant's name will be presented to the membership at the first regular membership meeting after receiving the application. Any member who wishes to comment on the applicant must do so by the next Board meeting, when the application will be reviewed by the Board. The Board, upon finding the applicant acceptable will introduce the applicant to the membership at the next regular membership meeting. This provision may be waived under extraordinary circumstances by a favorable vote of two thirds of the Board of Directors.

#### ***SECTION 2 Effective date of associate membership***

An applicant becomes an associate member the night he is formally introduced to the general membership by the membership committee.

#### ***SECTION 3 Rejection of application***

If the Board of Directors rejects an applicant, he may not again apply for membership for a period of one year.

#### ***SECTION 4 Active membership***

An associate member becomes eligible for consideration for active membership after a period of one year. The candidate must be a yacht owner in good standing and have demonstrated his interest in the club by his work and participation in club activities. He must also have obtained the Coast Guard Safe Boating Certificate (or equivalent). After one year the candidate's eligibility will be announced at a regular membership meeting so that all members know that he is eligible. He will then be reviewed by the Board at the next regular Board meeting. Any active member who wishes to comment on the candidate's suitability for active membership is to do so in writing by the time of the Board meeting. If the candidate is found suitable for active membership by the Board, his name will be read and posted at the next regular membership meeting. He will be voted on at the following regular membership meeting, at which he must be present, but will leave the meeting at the time of the vote.

#### ***SECTION 5 Resignation***

A member may tender his resignation in writing to the Board of Directors, accompanied by keys to the club house and all other club property. Such resignation may be accepted if the member is not indebted to the club. Upon acceptance of resignation the former member shall forfeit all rights to or interest in the property and assets of the club.

### ***ARTICLE 9***

#### ***SECTION 1 Initiation fee***

The initiation fee for an associate membership shall be at least the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. A junior member shall be accepted with no initiation fee the year of his twelfth birthday or the year after -- after that there shall be a fee of ten dollars. All children of a new associate member over twelve years shall be accepted that year with no initiation fee -- after that there shall be a fee of ten dollars.

#### ***SECTION 2 Dues***

Dues will not be less than two hundred and fifty dollars a year for active and associate members, and five dollars a year for junior members. Not less than five dollars of each member's annual dues will be

placed in savings for emergency and/or capital improvement to the club facilities. Change in the annual dues will be made by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the active members in attendance at a regularly scheduled membership meeting. The effective date of all changes in dues will be January 1 of the next year.

### ***SECTION 3 Debts, payment of dues***

All debts, e.g., special assessments, working time payments, payments for damages, must be paid by the end of the year and prior to the payment of the next years' dues.

All dues must be paid by the night of the February regular membership meeting. Members whose dues are not paid by this date will automatically be suspended and notified by registered letter. If the dues and accompanying late fee of not less than fifty dollars (50.00) are not paid by the March regular membership meeting, members in arrears will be dropped.

### ***SECTION 4 Reinstatement***

A member can not be reinstated if the limit of membership has been reached. Those members suspended or expelled for non payment of dues, fees, or assessments may be reinstated within one year by payment of all money due the club, the late fee of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), plus no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each month that follows the March regular meeting drop date. In no event shall the reinstatement fees exceed the initiation fee.

### ***SECTION 5 Assessments***

(A) The Board shall have the authority to assess the membership by a majority vote at any regularly scheduled membership meeting provided the members have been notified prior to the meeting date.

(B) Assessments will be levied to assure distribution of the work necessary in the maintenance and the upkeep of the club by all members.

(C) Assessments will be levied for club improvements whenever it is deemed necessary.

(D) The first ten hours of work assessment must be worked or paid for prior to putting a member's boat in the water, except that any member of the club with a trailerable boat owned and operated by a member, may use the ramp until the main floats are in without his initial ten hours of work being completed. The second ten hours may be worked or paid for. Work assessments will be administered by the Board of Directors.

(E) Members admitted to the club after September 1st, shall pay fifty percent of dues, and will be subject to fifty percent work assessment and meeting attendance.

## ***ARTICLE 10***

### ***SECTION 1 Order of business***

- Roll call of officers
- Collection of dues
- Approval of minutes

- Roll call of membership
- Reports of the officers
- Reports of committees
- Application and election of membership
- Nomination or election of officers
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

The order of business as above mentioned may be changed or dispensed with by a two thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the club.

## *ARTICLE 11*

### *SECTION 1 Parliamentary procedure*

Parliamentary procedure shall be observed at all meetings as well as the following rules:

(A) When a member speaks he shall rise and address the presiding officer, confining his remarks to the question under debate, and shall avoid all personalities. He shall not be interrupted while speaking, except to be called to order by the presiding officer.

(B) When two or more members raise at once, the presiding officer shall decide who is to speak first.

(C) No motion shall be received or laid before the meeting unless duly moved and seconded nor be open for debate until slated by the presiding officer. When a motion is before the meeting no other motion shall be considered in order.

(D) At the request of any two members, the yeas and nays on any question shall be called and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

(E) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

(F) All questions shall be determined by a majority vote except as otherwise specified.

## *ARTICLE 12*

### *SECTION 1 Annual election*

All officers and Trustees shall be elected at the regular November membership meeting,

### *SECTION 2 Elections to fill vacancies*

A vacancy occurring in any office may be filled at a regular membership meeting, provided notice of such election has been read and posted at the previous regular membership meeting. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore or Fleet Captain, officers shall move up in rank and the lowest rank office shall be declared open.

### ***SECTION 3 Conduct of elections***

The Commodore shall appoint two tellers to conduct election. It shall be the duty of said tellers and the Past Commodore to receive and count the ballots and certify that the winning candidate has a majority of the ballots cast. To vote, each active member in good standing must cast his vote in person. Members who have been excused from monthly meetings by the Board under the provision of Article 2, Section 4, shall be permitted to vote by absentee ballot. Sealed absentee ballots must be received and accepted by the Board at the November Board meeting which precedes the elections. Absentee ballots can be obtained through the Secretary.

### ***SECTION 4 Vacancies***

The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill a vacancy in any office, until an election can be held to fill the same.

### ***SECTION 5 Officer absenteeism***

Any officer absenting himself from three regular meetings without an excuse acceptable to the Board of Directors shall have his office declared vacant by the Commodore.

## ***ARTICLE 13***

### ***SECTION 1 Membership committee***

(A) The committee shall consist of a chairman (appointed by the Commodore) and the Board of Directors. They shall meet prior to the regular monthly membership meeting.

(B) They shall investigate carefully the character and qualifications of each applicant for membership and consider carefully all protests made to the committee.

(C) The deliberations of this committee shall be strictly secret and confidential and they shall have the power to declare a candidate for admission eligible for membership.

(D) It shall be the duty of the membership committee to make known to the general membership the names of all persons making application for membership prior to making them eligible for admittance at a regular meeting.

### ***SECTION 2 House committee***

(A) The house committee shall consist of a Trustee and other members as appointed by the Board of Directors.

(B) They shall have general management of the clubhouse, furniture and supplies.

(C) They alone shall order supplies. They shall prepare and adopt from time to time, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, proper rules and regulations concerning all matters relating to the clubhouse and subsequent use thereof, and shall be responsible for their enforcement.

### ***SECTION 3 Marine committee***

(A) The marine committee shall consist of a Trustee and other members as appointed by the Board of Directors.

(B) The committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to boats, proper handling of same, and shall supervise the installation of the facilities such as moorings and floats and shall prepare a set of rules subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, governing their usage.

(C) This committee shall consist of the following:

- (1) Floats (building and removal)
- (2) Moorings (placement and removal)
- (3) Equipment (purchasing and maintenance)

#### ***SECTION 4    Grounds committee***

(A) The grounds committee shall consist of a Trustee and other members as appointed by the Board of Directors.

(B) It shall be the responsibility of the grounds committee to maintain all railways and runways, grounds, lawns, parking lot and driveway. These shall be kept free of all debris, rubble and undergrowth. This shall also include the perimeter or boundary of the club property. Said lawn shall be maintained in an acceptable manicured manner. Northern boundary (creek) shall be kept clear of all flotsam and jetsam. The grounds committee shall also maintain and keep in good order and condition all lawn furniture, picnic equipment and benches. The committee is responsible for assigning boat storage as available.

#### ***SECTION 5    Auditing committee***

(A) At the end of each fiscal year, there shall be a qualified accountant to audit the clubs' books. He shall make recommendations and submit necessary tax forms to the federal government.

(B) The fiscal year shall commence January first and close December thirty-first.

(C) An interim audit may also be taken if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

#### ***SECTION 6    Publicity committee***

The Commodore may appoint one member as a publicity chairman, whose duty shall consist of correlating data from various committees for release to the newspaper and will ensure advance publicity for all club functions and activities.

### ***ARTICLE 14***

#### ***SECTION 1    Removal of equipment***

No person or persons shall take from the clubhouse or premises any article belonging to the club, except by permission of the Board of Trustees.

#### ***SECTION 2    Use of property***

Property or boats not wholly owned by members of the club shall not be kept or transported on the club property except as provided by the marine committee.

**SECTION 3 Damages**

Any damage to the house, furniture, boats, installations or other property belonging to the club or Borough property or equipment shall be at the expense of the member causing the same. The house committee or marine committee shall have the necessary repairs made and the expense incurred charged if necessary, as assessment against the offending member or members.

**ARTICLE 15**

**SECTION 1 Club colors and emblem**

The club colors shall be white and navy blue. The club emblem shall be a blue pennant with a large "B" in white on the forward end.

**ARTICLE 16**

**SECTION 1 Scrapbook and annual**

A scrapbook will be maintained by the club to contain the pertinent points of the club's history as well as the results of races and events, suitable photographs and clippings.

**ARTICLE 17**

**SECTION 1 Standard of conduct**

The Board of Directors shall have the sole responsibility for maintaining proper standards of conduct and conformity to the rules of the club.

**SECTION 2 Charges against members**

All charges, except those pertaining to a violation of the dock rules, against any member must be presented in writing to the Commodore. Upon his receipt of written charges, the Commodore shall call a special meeting of the Board within ten days at which time a hearing shall be held to dispose of such charges. The Secretary shall notify the member so charged in writing of the charges preferred against him and the date, time and place of his hearing before the Board of Directors. The hearing may be postponed one time at the discretion of the Commodore for a period of not more than ten days from the original hearing date. The Secretary shall notify the member charged in writing of the date, time and place of the postponed hearing.

**SECTION 3 Hearing procedure**

At the hearing the Board shall receive such evidence and testimony as may be relevant to the charges pending before it.

A Board member who testifies shall not be permitted to vote on the disposition of the charges.

The member proffering the charges shall be required to be present and testify.

The member being charged may testify in his own defense and shall have the privilege of being the last person to testify.

#### ***SECTION 4 Disposition of charges***

Upon completion of the hearing if the Board shall determine the complaint is without merit it shall dismiss the charges against the member.

If by a majority vote of the members of the Board present and voting, it is determined the charges are meritorious, the Board shall impose a penalty upon the member which may be a reprimand, a fine, a suspension from all or part of the privileges of membership, or an expulsion from membership. All decisions of the Board of Directors shall be final and non appealable.

#### ***SECTION 5 Fines***

If the Board shall impose a fine on a member pursuant to this article, such fine shall not be less than ten dollars or more than one hundred dollars, and shall be due and payable within ten days of the date of imposition. If such fine is not paid within ten days, the member shall be automatically suspended from the privileges of membership without further notice until the fine is paid in full. This provision shall relate to fines imposed for violation of the dock rules as well as any other rules of the club.

### ***ARTICLE 18 Impeachment***

An officer of the club, a trustee or member of the Board of Directors may, for improper conduct or misuse of his office, be subject to impeachment provided the charges are preferred in writing to the trustees by five or more active members. All charges for impeachment shall be acted on by the membership at the next regular membership meeting of the club. Notice of the impeachment proceedings shall be mailed to all members at least one week prior to the meeting. If the charges are sustained by a two thirds vote of members present and voting at this meeting, the officer so impeached shall be removed from office immediately.

### ***ARTICLE 19 Dissolution***

The club can be dissolved after thirty days written notification to all members upon a two thirds affirmative vote at a regular or special membership meeting. The properties in such case will be divided share and share alike amongst the active, honorary, and inactive members in good standing as of the date of dissolution. Under no condition may the club be dissolved should ten active members desire to continue.

### ***ARTICLE 20***

#### ***SECTION 1 Derelict or hazardous boat or equipment***

##### ***(A) Definitions***

(1) Derelict: Any boat or equipment stored on the property of Bristol Yacht Club and not placed into use (which shall be determined by the Board of Directors), for two consecutive summer boating seasons (June 15 through September 15).

(2) Hazardous: Any condition which the Board of Directors deems to present an unsafe condition likely to result in injury to a member or guest or their property.

**(B) Penalties**

Any member who fails to remove a derelict boat or equipment or remedy a hazardous condition within thirty days after written notice directed to the last address provided to the Secretary by the member, shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars per day until the derelict boat or equipment is removed or the hazardous condition is corrected.

***SECTION 2 Removal of property after termination of membership***

All property belonging to a member shall be removed from the club grounds within thirty days after his membership is terminated. The Secretary shall notify the former member of the date by which all property shall be removed. All property of a former member left on club grounds for a period in excess of thirty days will be assessed a storage charge at the rate of twenty-five dollars per day. It shall be the responsibility of the former member to advise the Secretary of any change in address, and all notices shall be sent to the last address supplied the club Secretary.

***SECTION 3 Death of a member***

Upon the death of a member a five month grace period shall be extended to the spouse or the estate to remove all the property of the deceased from the club grounds. At the end of this period all provisions of Article 20 Section 2 shall take effect. All notices will be sent to the last known address of the deceased, unless other arrangements have been made. Membership terminates upon the death of the member.

***ARTICLE 21***

***SECTION 1 Amendments***

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws shall be made by a two thirds vote of the active members present at any regular membership meeting, and after such amendments have been submitted in writing to the membership at a regular membership meeting held at least one month previous to their adoption, and having been posted on the bulletin board until the following regular membership meeting.

***SECTION 2 Notification of amendments***

The Secretary shall notify every member of all amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws after the same have been adopted by the general membership.

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