

**WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS
BY LAWS
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**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1. This association is a federation for the mutual benefit of agricultural fairs, rodeos, horse shows, and pari-mutuel race meets held in the State of Wyoming and shall be known as the Wyoming Association of Fairs.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is: to furnish an association through which membership may discuss mutual problems and by united efforts improve operations, management, and types of events held; to promote development and interest in agricultural and industrial products and various types of competitive, entertaining, or recreational events.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Every recognized fair, rodeo, horse show, or pari-mutuel racing association actively conducting or holding fair activities or shows in the State of Wyoming shall be eligible for membership in the association,

Section 2. All persons, fairs, firms, corporations, and other associations desiring to become members shall present their application for membership to a director or secretary of the state association. Should there be a question on decision, the application would be referred to the entire membership, otherwise it will be approved and the applicant will be qualified as a member of the state association.

Section 3. Persons or firms providing carnivals, Concessions, entertainment, or services utilized by fairs, rodeos, horse shows, or pari-mutuel racing in this state shall be eligible for associated membership upon payment of dues.

Section 4. Each fair, rodeo, horse show, or pari-mutuel association, and association members shall pay dues as established by a majority vote of the membership at their annual meeting.

Section 5. Said dues shall be due and payable in January. No association shall have a right to vote unless such annual dues have been paid.

Section 6. Each member organization present at meetings shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on all matters. (Each fair, rodeo, horse show, associates or race meet constitutes a Member.) No proxy vote will be permitted.

Section 7. A quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting shall be a majority of the dues paying members present.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS

Section 1. The affairs of the association shall be managed by a board of four (4) directors elected from the general membership. The membership shall then elect a president, vice president, and secretary and/or treasurer from the general membership.

Section 2. The term of the elected directors shall be for a period of one (1) year, for the President, Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer. Thereafter, at the annual meeting, successors shall be elected to fill the original vacancies that may have arisen. No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the board unless he is a bona fide board member, associate member, or manager of a dues paying association member. Any director may succeed herself/himself, as long as said person is still active in a dues paying member association.

Section 3. All terms of out-going directors shall expire at the annual meeting at the time their successor is elected and installed.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at anytime by the President or by the majority of voting members upon sufficient notice to permit directors to attend in the ordinary course of travel and existing conditions.

Section 5. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the majority of the directors present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Compensation may be paid to officers and directors for reasonable and necessary expense incurred by any officer or director in furtherance of the business of the association, if the expense item is approved by the directors.

Section 7. The members of the association, by a majority vote, may remove any board member from office for failure to attend meetings without just cause, or for any action that might bring a discredit to the association. The members of the association may then fill such vacancy with an appointee (a bona fide member of the association) to serve the remainder of that term.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice president, and secretary and/or treasurer. The president may not succeed himself/herself. In case the vice president could not serve as president the following year, the board shall elect a new president and vice president. First year members of the association shall not hold office.

Section 2. The president shall preside at all directors' and members' meetings; shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association; shall have authority to refer all matters needing attention to proper committees and shall perform all other duties as are incident to the office. The past president shall serve in advisory position for one year following his/her term.

Section 3. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the event of the president's absence or disability. The vice president shall perform duties which are assigned to him/her by the president and which are incident to the office.

Section 4. The secretary shall issue notices of all directors' and members' meetings; shall keep minutes of all meetings of the association and the board of directors and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to the office.

Section 5. The treasurer shall have charge of the funds and books of account of the association and make disbursements and reports at the annual meeting of the association.

Section 6. The Board of Directors may create the office of Executive Secretary and define the powers and duties and fix the compensation. The Executive Secretary shall not be a member of the Board of Directors, and shall at all times be directly responsible to the directors. Such Executive Secretary shall, at each board meeting, submit a written report to the members thereof of activities since the last report. The board may delegate to such Executive Secretary duties now performed by other officers.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Section 1. Prior to the opening of the session of the annual meeting of the association, the president shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members to submit to the annual meeting nominations for the position of directors to be filled. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, with only one (1) vote per member organization.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1. An annual meeting of the members shall be held at a time and place designated by the members of the association by a floor vote in response to invitations submitted by member associations and approved by the Board of Directors. If time and place designated is later unfeasible, the Board of Directors will select a new site.

Section 2. An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held. A special meeting of the Board or the full membership may be called by the President with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Ten (10) days written notice of all meetings setting for the business shall be given to all member associates.

Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting shall be a majority of the members present.

Section 5. In all cases not specifically covered by the By Laws, Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall govern.

Section 6. The host fair will set the late fee, having the registration deadline (10) days prior to the convention date.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present taken by roll call ballot. No amendment may be considered unless a copy thereof has been made available for all members in attendance at least 24 hours prior to the consideration thereof.