

**WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS  
BY LAWS  
2019**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the “Wyoming Association of Fairs.”

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES**

Section 1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Wyoming Association of Fairs is to encourage, support and improve the various fairs throughout Wyoming.

Section 2. **OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of this Association shall be:

- a. To promote Wyoming fairs, expositions and celebrations throughout.
- b. To exchange information for mutual benefit.
- c. To schedule dates and arrange circuits for economy and quality to entertainment and vendors.
- d. To act in unity with greater effect on those matters of common concern.
- e. To support, strengthen and cooperate with the Wyoming State Fair.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. **MEMBERSHIP**

- a. **Regular Membership:** Wyoming fairs, expositions and celebrations throughout. 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.
- b. **Associate Membership:** Persons providing carnivals, concessions, entertainment or services utilized by Wyoming fairs, expositions and celebrations in this state shall be eligible for associated membership upon payment of dues.
- c. Wyoming fairs, expositions and celebrations and association members shall pay dues as established by a majority vote of the membership at their annual meeting.
- d. Said dues shall be due and payable in January. No member shall have a right to vote unless such annual dues have been paid.

- e. Each member organization present at meetings shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on all matters. (Wyoming fairs, expositions and celebrations constitutes a member) No proxy vote will be permitted.
- f. A quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting shall be a majority of the dues paying association member.

## **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

- Section 1. **OFFICERS:** The affairs of the association shall be managed by a board of three (3) Officers elected from the general membership. The officers shall be president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer from the general membership.
- Section 2. **TERM:** The term of the elected officers shall be for a period of two (2) years, for the President, Vice President, and Secretary/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 they are a bona fide association member. Any officer may succeed, as long as said person is active as a dues paying member of the Wyoming Association of Fairs.
- Section 3. **TERMS:** All terms of out-going officers shall expire at the annual meeting at the time their successor is elected and installed.
- Section 4. **MEETING OF OFFICERS:** Meetings of the Officers may be called at anytime by the President or by the majority of voting members upon sufficient notice to permit officers to attend in the ordinary course of travel and existing conditions. At all meetings of the Officers, the majority of the officers present shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. **SLATE and TERM:** The officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. The president may not succeed themselves. 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. **DUTIES:** The duties of the officers shall be those common to such positions. The officers shall orient the officers and define the responsibilities relative to each office at the annual meeting.
- Section 3. The Officers 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 Officers, and shall at all times be directly responsible to the Officers. 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.

Section 4. An “Honorary Lifetime Membership” shall be presented to all Past-Presidents of the WAF. The Board of Directors/Officers shall also have the power to bestow such a Lifetime “Honorary Membership” to a member of WAF for extraordinary service and duty to WAF. Nominations for this honor shall be presented to the Board of Directors/Officers for consideration from the individual counties or service membership.

## **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 may be conducted by secret ballot, with only one (1) vote per member organization.

## **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

Section 1. An annual convention 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 Officers. If time and place designated is later unfeasible, the Officers will select a new site.

Section 2. An annual meeting of the Fair Managers shall be held. An additional meeting of the Officers or the full membership may be called by the President with the approval of a majority of the Officers.

Section 3. Fourteen (14) days written/or electronic notice of all meetings setting for the purpose of 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 at least 5 member fairs 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 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 minimum of 5 Fairs, dues paid, 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.