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CCMRA Bylaws

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CHRISTIAN COUNTY MISSOURI REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY

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Christian County Chapter – Missouri Republican Assembly

BYLAWS

Amended 08/08/2023

Article I – Name and Jurisdiction

Section 1.01 Name. The name of this organization shall be The Christian County Missouri Republican Assembly, herein after it may be referred to solely as the CCMRA.

Section 1.02 Jurisdiction.

Section 1.02.1 The CCMRA operates within, and possesses jurisdiction limited to the geopolitical boundaries and interests of Christian County, Missouri.

Section 1.02.2 The CCMRA is a chartered assembly of the 7th Congressional District MRA (7CDMRA) approved by the Board of Directors of the 7CDMRA in the manner provided in the Missouri Republican Assembly (MRA) Bylaws.

Section 1.03 Authority of the CCMRA.

Section 1.03.1 Authority to direct, manage, supervise, and control its business, property, and funds, through which to conduct its objectives.

Section 1.03.2 Committees. Form standing and subsidiary local committees (see Article VII), to recruit new members and to coordinate relevant political activities with other Conservative Republican organizations in Christian County.

Section 1.03.3 Political Action. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, CCMRA political action shall concern only matters that relate to governmental units within Christian County, Missouri.

Article II – Purpose and Objectives

Section 2.01 Purpose. The CCMRA represents the interests of Conservative Republicans in Christian County and its geographic and political subdivisions. To promote the principles and objectives of the National Federation of Republican Assemblies (NFRA), the MRA, the 7CDMRA and the Missouri Republican Party Platform, as well as ethical government within the meaning and intent of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Missouri Constitution as originally understood by the authors.

Section 2.02 Objectives of the CCMRA are to:

Section 2.02.1 Objective 1. Grow and sustain a county-wide network of thoughtful and knowledgeable members who are and remain faithful to Conservative, Constitutionally correct Republicanism.

Section 2.02.2 Objective 2. Develop and perpetuate a practical program throughout the County for the advancement of Constitutional Republicanism. To this end there shall be a “Member Development Program” as detailed in the CCMRA Standing Rules.

Section 2.02.3 Objective 3. Proactively identify and support Republican candidates and elected office holders of Christian County, Missouri who uphold the core beliefs of the Republican Party as stated in Article II, Section 2.01.

Section 2.02.4 Objective 4. Critically examine state and county-wide issues of relevance to liberty and to take an active role in the legislative process.

Section 2.02.5 Objective 5. Build relationships and associate with the various Christian County conservative groups and build a coalition to influence elections and legislation at all levels of government.

Section 2.02.6 Objective 6. Advance the Principles, Beliefs and Objectives of the NFRA, MRA, 7CDMRA and the Missouri Republican Platform.

Article III – Composition

Section 3.01 Description. The CCMRA is a chartered member of the 7CDMRA, the MRA, and the NFRA, representing the core beliefs of Republicans for Christian County, Missouri. The CCMRA is an Incorporated Nonprofit in the State of Missouri (N001691898) and is a 527-tax exempt nonprofit created under Section 527 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 527); primarily to influence municipal, county, and state legislation as well as the selection, nomination, election, appointment, or defeat of candidates to municipal, county, and legislative district offices.

Section 3.02 Composition. The CCMRA is comprised of members in good standing (see 4.01), registered as voters faithful to the principles, beliefs, and objectives as stated in these bylaws and the Republican Party Platform within Christian County, Missouri

Section 3.03 Autonomy. The CCMRA shall be autonomous regarding positions on candidates and issues within its geographic and political boundaries and shall be guided by the bylaws of the NFRA, MRA and 7CDMRA.

Article IV – Control Provisions

Section 4.01 Membership. Any registered voter of Christian County, Missouri with demonstrated commitment to the Republican Party Platform, Conservative Constitutional Republican values and that agree with the principles, beliefs and objectives as stated in the bylaws of the 7CDMRA, the MRA, and the NFRA, having been thoroughly vetted; and dues have been accepted, shall become a *member in good standing*.

Section 4.02 Applicant Vetting. New applicants shall be thoroughly vetted to ensure that they are suitable for membership as outlined in **Section 4.01. Membership** above.

Section 4.02.1 The applicant shall complete a CCMRA Application and attach a copy of their Voter Registration Card. The Voter Registration Card verifies that they are registered to vote and certifies that they are a United States citizen, a resident of Missouri, old enough to vote, have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law, have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage.

Section 4.02.2 Applicants shall be sponsored by at least one (1) current member of the CCMRA and so noted on the application for membership.

Section 4.02.3 Applicants shall deposit their membership dues with the Membership Committee Chair and start the vetting process. The deposit is refundable if not approved for membership.

Section 4.02.4 The Board of Directors shall vote on all submitted applications received from the Membership Committee within 30 days of receipt. The vote will require a simple majority to:

- (1) Approve
- (2) Reevaluate for membership in three (3) months
- (3) Deny Application

Section 4.02.5 Denied Applications. All denied applications shall be reported within ten (10) days to the 7CDMRA Secretary and may be reviewed by the 7CDMRA Board of Directors for further course of action.

Section 4.02.6 Transfer of Membership. Active members may transfer their membership from the CCMRA to another county if residency has affected their official voter registration (see Section 4.01 Membership). Acceptance of transfer immediately terminates membership in the CCMRA. The transferee shall pay the difference, if any, between the membership dues of the two assemblies. If there is no local or county chapter for the member to transfer to the transferee shall become a member of the 7CDMRA without holding membership in a local assembly.

Section 4.03 **Meetings** of the General Membership shall be scheduled on a recurring monthly basis for the purpose of dissemination of information, training, nominations to official positions, (including but not limited to: officers of the CCMRA, delegates, and alternates to conventions), approval of policy and policy changes as well as other business reserved to the general membership.

Section 4.03.1 **Dates and location** shall be determined by vote of the general membership present and voting.

Section 4.03.2 **Voting**, unless requested otherwise by three or more members, shall be conducted by voice vote; each member shall have only one vote. Written ballots, when used, shall be uniquely identified, and kept on record by the Secretary for two years.

Section 4.03.2.1 **The President**, as Chair of these meetings, shall not vote except in the event of a tie vote, in which case he shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 4.03.2.2 A simple majority (except when otherwise required by these bylaws) of votes by members present and voting “FOR” a motion is sufficient for passage of that motion which shall then be binding on all members of the CCMRA.

Section 4.03.3 **Member Attendance.** Attendance is expected of each member and the roll shall be recorded by the Secretary, CCMRA, at each meeting. However, non-attendance shall not be used as a criterion with which to discipline a member except as otherwise may be established in these bylaws or the bylaws of our parent assemblies.

Section 4.03.4 **Agendas.** An Agenda for each meeting shall be issued by the President or Secretary no less than five (5) days prior to a scheduled meeting. It will be the responsibility of each member to bring their personal copy of the agenda to the meeting. A standard format for business meetings will be followed at each meeting of the CCMRA.

Section 4.03.5 **Minutes.** Accurate Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded, reviewed, and disseminated to the full membership no less than five (5) days prior to the next scheduled meeting. Amendments may be conveyed to the Secretary and the President prior to or during the subsequent meeting. It will be the responsibility of each member to bring their personal copy of the minutes to the meeting.

Section 4.03.6 **Quorum.** A Quorum shall consist of 25% of the dues-paid members except in cases requiring a higher standard per these bylaws and requires the presence of a presiding officer and the treasurer or a designee of the treasurer.

Section 4.03.7 **Member Inspection of Records.** Any member has the right to inspect and copy several types of documents with or without qualification, so long as the member notifies the secretary in writing at least five business days in advance of the requested inspection. The Board, in turn, has the right to specify the time and location for the member to inspect or copy the documents, but the time and location must be reasonable.

Section 4.03.7.1 **Unqualified Right to Review.** The classes of documents subject to an unqualified right to review are The Articles of Incorporation, including all amendments; The Bylaws, including all amendments; All resolutions adopted by the members or the board of directors relating to the characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations of its members or any class or category of members; Minutes of all membership meetings for the prior *three years*; All written communications within the prior *three years* from the Board to the members as a group; The home addresses of the Board's current members and officers; and, The annual financial statements, if any, prepared during the prior *three years*.

Section 4.03.7.2 Qualified Rights to Review. The classes of documents subject to a qualified right of review are the minutes of all meetings of the membership; the minutes of all meetings of the board of directors; the record of all actions taken by the directors without a meeting; the record of all actions taken by committees in place of, and on behalf of, the board; and the accounting records. A member does not have a statutory right to view any document or record not listed in Sections 4.03.7.1 and Section 4.03.7.2.

Section 4.03.7.3 Use of Membership Lists. The CCMRA's membership list (names and mailing addresses must not be used without the board's consent for any purpose unrelated to the member's interest as a member of the CCMRA. Accordingly, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and without the consent of the board, a membership list or any part thereof cannot be used to solicit money or property unless such money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of the members in an election to be held by the CCMRA; or, Used for any commercial purpose; or, Sold to or purchased by any person.

Section 4.04 Board of Directors. There shall be a Board of Directors hereafter referred to as the “Board” of the CCMRA comprised of a President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate past president (see 5.02.6). A chaplain, general counsel and parliamentarian may be appointed at the discretion of the President, but they shall have no vote.

Section 4.04.1 Duties. The Board shall provide strategic guidance including, but not limited to, providing vision, mission, and goals; to establish policies and procedures for recurring activities of the organization; to protect the integrity of the CCMRA, including disciplinary procedures, as needed; and to monitor progress toward goals.

Section 4.04.2 Quorum. A simple majority of the voting members (3 of 5 Board Members) is required to conduct business.

Section 4.04.3 Voting. One vote shall be cast per person, with no serial voting or proxy voting permitted.

Section 4.04.4 Meetings. Outside regularly scheduled monthly meetings the Board shall meet as necessary to conduct business of the CCMRA and shall be held in a location and manner agreeable to a simple majority of the Board members. The President and Secretary shall be responsible for arrangements of the meeting facilities and support services. The President and Secretary will be responsible for publication of the agenda at least *ten days* prior to the date of the meeting. Special Meetings shall be held at the call of the President or of three (3) members of the Board for the processing of urgent business. The Secretary will record and publish the minutes of all Board Meetings.

Section 4.04.4.1 Virtual Meetings. Meetings via electronic communications such as videoconferencing may be conducted within the above parameters provided roll is taken, minutes are recorded, and each participating member can hear and be heard clearly.

Section 4.04.4.2 Fax or Email Voting. Voting may be conducted on single issues so long as the documents generated are made a permanent record of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.04.5 Financial Obligations. No expenditures exceeding \$250.00 may be approved except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of the Board of Directors physically present and voting. Each member will have a single vote and no proxy votes will be permitted.

Section 4.04.6 Board Member Indemnification.

Section 4.04.6.1 The CCMRA (an incorporated Nonprofit) shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer or director, of the Assembly against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the CCMRA; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

Section 4.04.6.2 The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

Section 4.04.6.3 No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

Section 4.04.6.4 This Article constitutes a contract between the CCMRA and the indemnified officers and/or directors. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified officer or director under this Article shall apply to such officer or director with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal.

Section 4.04.7 Appeal. Any action taken by the Board may be appealed at the request of five members of the CCMRA to the general membership of the CCMRA. A majority vote of the membership present and voting is required to sustain the appeal.

Section 4.05 Incorporation and Charter Defined. Incorporation is the official documents authorizing the existence of the CCMRA as a Political Nonprofit Corporation by the State of Missouri. A Charter is the official document authorizing the establishment of the CCMRA by the 7CDMRA.

Section 4.06 Revocation of Charter Defined. Revocation is an action by the Board of Directors of the 7CDMRA to annul its association with a previously approved assembly of the 7CDMRA and comes with the loss of related privileges. This action requires a two-thirds vote of the 7CDMRA Board of Directors physically present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

Section 4.07 Membership Dues. Dues shall be set at \$20 per individual and are due no later than January 31 each year. Members that do not pay their dues by January 31st shall have their membership suspended until such time as their dues are paid. New memberships accepted between October 1 and December 31 will be considered paid in full for the new fiscal year (their membership dues will cover 15 months). The CCMRA Fiscal Year is January 1 – December 31.

Article V – Officers and Elections

Section 5.01 Qualifications. Each member in good standing (see 4.01) is eligible to serve as a Board Member or officer of the CCMRA, if elected according to these Bylaws.

Section 5.02 Officers of the CCMRA:

Section 5.02.1 President. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the CCMRA and shall preside over all meetings of the CCMRA and of Board. He shall exercise general supervision over the activities of the CCMRA in coordination with other elected officers and committees. The President shall serve as one of the two CCMRA designated representatives on the 7CDMRA Board of Directors. The President may also approve any single expenditure for the benefit of the CCMRA up to \$50.00.

Section 5.02.2 Vice-President. The Vice-President shall be sufficiently prepared and informed to assume all duties of the President in the event of incapacity to perform duties, absence, or death. It is imperative that the two work closely and cooperatively. The Vice President or an appointed officer shall serve as the second of two CCMRA designated representatives on the 7CDMRA Board of Directors. He shall attend all meetings of the CCMRA and the Board. He shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 5.02.3 2nd Vice President. The 2nd Vice President shall be prepared and informed sufficiently to assume all duties of the President and/or 1st Vice President in the event of incapacity to perform duties, absence, or death. It is imperative that the three work closely and cooperatively. The 2nd Vice President shall be the Membership Director and

shall be an *ex officio* member of the Membership Committee to oversee the membership application process. He shall maintain a transferable Membership Binder that includes all member applications (approved and disapproved), member rosters, and Membership Committee Standing Rules (which shall include the member vetting process.)

Section 5.02.4 Secretary. The secretary shall maintain a transferable Corporate Binder that includes Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Resolutions, MRA Charter documents, Agendas, Minutes Communications, Member Rosters, 7CDMRA Officer Roster, MRA Officer Roster, Annual/Biennial Reports, Annual Financial Reports and Standing Procedures. He shall attend all meetings of the CCMRA and its Board and shall keep accurate minutes of all official proceedings including, but not limited to, membership meetings, and Board meetings. A draft of minutes (membership, Board) shall be electronically transmitted to the members or Board, as appropriate of the CCMRA within *ten days (10)* of each general event for inspection or correction. A final corrected copy shall be transmitted electronically no less than *five (5)* days prior to the subsequent meeting.

Section 5.02.4.1 Assistant Secretary. An Assistant Secretary may be appointed as the aide to the Secretary and must be capable of fulfilling all duties of the Secretary in the case of incapacity to perform duties, absence, resignation, or death. As such the two must work together closely. The Assistant Secretary may attend all meetings required of the Secretary but without a vote except when standing in the stead of the Secretary.

Section 5.02.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain a transferable Treasurer's Binder that includes Monthly reports, Annual reports, Bank Information, Tax documents, MEC documents, Communications, and Standing Procedures. He shall receive all monies paid to the CCMRA and shall give receipts for monies received. He shall deposit the same in such bank as shall have been approved by the Board. He shall be responsible to forward by check, the appropriate membership dues to the 7CDMRA and the MRA as established by their bylaws. He shall make a Treasurer's report to the membership at each general meeting and as requested by the President. The Treasurer's report shall be filed with the minutes. He shall perform other such duties as are specified in these bylaws or as commissioned by the President. He shall be given a bond for the faithful discharge of duties, if required by the Board, the cost of which shall be borne by the CCMRA.

Section 5.02.5.1 Assistant Treasurer. An Assistant Treasurer may be appointed as the aide to the Treasurer who must be capable of fulfilling all duties of the Treasurer in the case of incapacity to perform duties, absence, resignation, or death. As such, the two must work together closely. The Assistant Treasurer may attend all meetings required of the Treasurer but without vote except when standing in the stead of the Treasurer.

Section 5.02.6 Immediate Past President: The Immediate Past President shall be a nonvoting member of the Board and shall serve as an advisor to the President and the

Board. He shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

Section 5.03 Election of Officers. Elections shall be held in December and assume duties effective January 1st. Officers shall serve for a period of two (2) years and all officers shall be eligible for reelection. There shall be no voting by proxy and no cumulative voting (in which a member gets more than one vote due to position).

Section 5.04 Board Vacancies. All Board vacancies shall be filled through Board appointment to serve out the vacated term. A majority vote of the Board Members shall be required.

Section 5.05 Resignation of Board Members or Officers. A Board Member or officer may resign at any time by delivering written Notice to the President and Secretary. A resignation is effective thirty (30) days after the notice is delivered. The Board may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date provided that the new Board member does not take office until the effective date of the resigning officer.

Section 5.06 Removal of Board Members or Officers. The membership may, without cause, remove one or more board members elected by them.

Section 5.06.01 Removal by Membership. The members may remove Board members only at a meeting called for the purpose of removing the board member(s) and the meeting notice must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting. An entire Board of Directors elected by the members may be removed. To remove an entire Board of Directors 70% of paid members shall be present to vote. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those 70% shall be required for removal.

Section 5.06.02 Removal by Board. Board members missing two or more consecutive meetings without an approved absence may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining board members.

Article VI -- Discipline and Termination

Section 6.01 The CCMRA Board has the responsibility of maintaining the integrity and message of the CCMRA, the 7CDMRA, the MRA and the NFRA and therefore shall have the authority to discipline or remove an officer or member for cause, as follows:

Grounds for Termination

Section 6.01.1 Registration or alignment of person or group with another political party other than the Republican Party

Section 6.01.2 Misuse of one's name and office or membership status to publicly effect non-support or sanction against any Republican candidate in a general election.

Section 6.01.3 Prematurely endorsing a candidate or issue before approval by the CCMRA. Violation of CCMRA, 7CDMRA, or MRA bylaws

Section 6.01.4 Violation of the CCMRA bylaws.

Section 6.01.5 Dereliction of duties under the CCMRA bylaws.

Section 6.01.6 Commission of egregious actions that brought public discredit upon the CCMRA.

Section 6.01.7 One ceases to be a “member in good standing” (see 4.01)

Section 6.02 Appeal Rights and Responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of each member to be cognizant of these bylaws, the disciplinary procedures, and their causes, and to respond to notices or warnings from the Board that their membership is in jeopardy.

Section 6.02.1 If a member receives notice of suspension or revocation and a discipline hearing shall be scheduled, the member has thirty (30) days from the postmark or date of signature to respond with a written notice of appeal that must be received prior to the discipline hearing of the Board.

Section 6.02.2 The appeal shall be addressed at the discipline hearing of the Board where the member has the right to due process. It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, a quorum being present, to impose such discipline.

Section 6.03 **Response to Termination of Membership.** Any individual terminated from membership in the CCMRA shall immediately upon such termination cease to claim membership in, or holding of any office in, or official relationship with the CCMRA. The member shall immediately surrender to the 2nd Vice-President all CCMRA documents, records, emblems, insignia, funds, or other devices or properties of any nature whatsoever and cease to use such in any manner at any time whatsoever.

Article VII CCMRA Committees

Section 7.01 **Standing Committees** of the CCMRA shall be created to serve vital functions of the CCMRA. Each shall have a Chairman appointed by the President and a minimum of three members who will serve at the pleasure of the Committee Chairman. The President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President shall be an *ex officio* member of selected standing committee.

Section 7.01.1 **Membership Committee.** The Membership Committee shall be responsible for membership recruiting, vetting, retention, and membership development (training). The committee by majority agreement is authorized to spend up to \$100 for the benefit of the CCMRA. Expenditures exceeding this amount must be proposed to a quorum of the members at a regular meeting. The administrative procedures for operation shall be developed by the Membership Committee and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 7.01.2 **External Affairs Committee.** The External Affairs Committee shall be responsible for public relations, event planning, community outreach, fundraising and marketing. The committee by majority agreement is authorized to spend up to \$100 for the benefit of the CCMRA. Expenditures exceeding this amount must be proposed to a

quorum of the members at a regular meeting. The administrative procedures for operation shall be developed by the External Affairs Committee and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 7.91.3 Advocacy Committee. The Advocacy Committee shall be responsible for recruiting and vetting qualified candidates; recommend to the membership endorsements of candidates; monitor voting practices of elected/appointed officials; monitor legislative issues of concern at the municipal, county, central committee, and legislative district levels. Recommend Subsidiary Committees or Task Forces when needed. The committee by majority agreement is authorized to spend up to \$100 for the benefit of the CCMRA. Expenditures exceeding this amount must be proposed to a quorum of the members at a regular meeting. The administrative procedures for operation shall be developed by the Advocacy Committee and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 7.01.4 Communications Committee. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for press releases, social media presence, and website. The committee by majority agreement is authorized to spend up to \$100 for the benefit of the CCMRA. Expenditures exceeding this amount must be proposed to a quorum of the members at a regular meeting. The administrative procedures for operation shall be developed by the Communications Committee and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 7.01.5 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. This committee will meet to outline meeting agendas and address issues that cannot wait until the next meeting of the CCMRA.

Section 7.02 Subsidiary Committees or Task Forces. Subsidiary Committees or Task Forces of the CCMRA that may be considered are those County Municipalities with specific local political interests. Such committees or task forces would function under the authority of the CCMRA. The administrative procedures for operation shall be developed by the Each authorized committee or task force and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII – ENDORSEMENTS

Section 8.01 County-wide Office and Issue Endorsements. The CCMRA shall strive to endorse a viable Republican candidate for each elected office or public initiative within its authority. Such endorsements may be withdrawn by the same variety of means by which they can be made.

Section 8.01.1 Candidates. Only vetted Republican candidates or vetted non-partisan candidates known to be faithful to the Missouri Republican Party Platform and Republican Principles as outlined in these bylaws may be endorsed by the CCMRA.

Section 8.01.2 Candidate Endorsements. Only One Candidate may be endorsed for a particular municipal, county, or legislative district office. In the case of multiple offices being available such as school boards then one candidate per open seat or position.

Section 8.01.3 Endorsement Weight. Endorsements properly made by the CCMRA may be construed as carrying the endorsement of the 7CDMRA and the MRA.

Section 8.01.4 Jurisdictional Endorsements. Endorsements regarding candidates or issues may not extend into the jurisdiction of another chartered Assembly and must be approved by a three-fifths (3/5) vote (*mandated by MRA bylaws Section 22.02*) of the members physically present and voting. Each member will have a single vote and no proxy votes will be permitted.

ARTICLE IX – CONVENTIONS

CCMRA Convention. There shall not be any CCMRA Convention Activities. Endorsements, election of officers, election of convention delegates and alternates shall be conducted as regular business at monthly meetings of the CCMRA until otherwise altered by the membership. An explanation of the administrative procedures for the Convention operation shall be developed by the Board and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a general guide for the conduct of orderly procedures and at any time the President may invoke strict adherence to maintain order. The administrative procedures for including the use of Roberts Rules of Order during CCMRA meetings shall be developed by the Board and published as a Standing Rule per Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT

Section 11.01 Bylaw Amendments. To amend the CCMRA bylaws, amendments may be offered at any time by any member in good standing. The member shall address the Article to be modified in printed form in full text with strike through (~~strike through~~) of the portion to be amended followed by the suggested amendment bolded in brackets [**amendment in brackets**] to the Secretary of the CCMRA and the President of the CCMRA. The Board shall become the Bylaws Committee.

Section 11.02 Required Notice of Bylaw Amendments: The Secretary of the CCMRA shall, upon receipt, send notice by preferred mail (email or regular mail) to the members thereof. Such notice shall be sent 30 days prior to any vote on amending the Bylaws of the CCMRA.

Section 11.03 Required Voting on Bylaw Amendments. Voting on recommended amendments shall be an item of business to be considered at the next regular or special meetings of the CCMRA and shall be approved by 2/3 two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. If there are multiple amendments each will be addressed separately unless this procedure is waived by 2/3 two-thirds vote of the members bodily in attendance. *No proxy voting.*

Section 11.04 Grammatical and Spelling Errors shall be corrected prior to publication so long as they do not change the intent of the amendment.

Section 11.05 Effective Date of approved amendments shall be upon the adjournment of the meeting at which they were adopted.

Section 11.06 Gender All references to the masculine in these bylaws is generic in nature and refers equally to male and female without reservation.

Section 11.07 Publication of amended bylaws shall be the responsibility of the Secretary which, upon amendment, shall review the entirety of the bylaws for consistency and coherency. A draft copy shall be sent to the members electronically. At the end of 60 days an official final copy shall be published and disseminated with a copy to be sent to the 7CDMRA, and the MRA.

ARTICLE XII – RATIFICATION

Ratification shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a general meeting of the CCMRA.

These Bylaws of the CCMRA were amended, proposed, and circulated to the membership by the Secretary in July 2023 and approved by unanimous vote of the members present on 08/08/2023, at the meeting of the CCMRA at Lake Hills Church 5350 N. 23rd St Ozark, Missouri. Effective date 08/08/2023, at 8:30 PM

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed my name as Secretary and have hereunto affixed my signature this Date [mm/dd/yyyy].]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Sanders', is written over a large, faint, circular watermark or stamp that is mostly illegible.

Ron Sanders
Secretary
CCMRA