

# OKLAHOMA ELKS ASSOCIATION, INCORP. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## PREAMBLE

This Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the State of Oklahoma is formed to unite all Elks in closer bonds of fraternity; to further good fellowship among Lodges; to protect and promote the interest of this Association and its program in the State of Oklahoma; to exchange ideas beneficial to the Lodges of this state; and to bear true allegiance to the Constitution and Laws of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

## ARTICLE I Name

**Section 1.** This Association shall be known as the Oklahoma Elks Association, Incorporated.

## ARTICLE II Membership

**Section 1.** Every Subordinate Lodge in Oklahoma is eligible for membership in this Association upon compliance with the provisions of these Constitution and By-Laws, and shall be entitled to representation at all meetings or conventions, whether regular or special.

**Section 2.** Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) votes per lodge and one (1) vote for each twenty-five (25) members or major portion thereof, based upon membership as certified to and contained in the report to the Grand Lodge, as of the previous March 31<sup>st</sup>, and in whom shall be vested the right and authority to participate in the vote upon the business that may come before the Association; and, also, each Past State President shall have one (1) vote on any matter coming before any statewide Association meeting and in his home district meetings. Any new Lodge instituted during the Lodge year preceding the state convention shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) votes and one (1) vote for each twenty-five (25) members based upon the number of members at the time of institution of the Lodge.

**Section 3.** The Subordinate Lodge shall be represented by its current Exalted Ruler, or it may elect a Delegate and Alternate Delegate at any regular meeting of the Lodge. The Lodge may also authorize the Exalted Ruler to appoint the Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

The Exalted Ruler, the Delegate or the Alternate Delegate are the only delegates authorized to cast a Lodge's ballot on all issues presented at any meeting of the Association.

The Lodge, through its Secretary, shall furnish the names of the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee (State or District) of the Association a minimum of two (2) weeks preceding the respective State or District meeting.

Any Lodge failing to so notify the Credentials Committee may be penalized one (1) vote per each day that said report is delinquent.

The Lodge may, by vote at any regular meeting, elect to send its Delegate or Alternate Delegate instructed or uninstructed with respect to casting the Lodge's ballot at the ensuing association meeting.

**Section 4.** Any new Lodge instituted in the State, upon being admitted as a member of this Association, shall not be obligated to pay the annual charge for the current year.

## **ARTICLE III Meetings**

**Section 1.** The Annual Convention of this Association shall not be held before the second weekend in April, nor later than the third weekend in May of each calendar year, and shall not be scheduled on any nationally recognized holiday, including Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. The selection of the time and place shall be made by the State Association convention committee, subject to approval by the Association President and confirmed by a majority of the State Trustees.

**Section 2.** The Association shall hold, each year, a "Fall Workshop", time and place set by the State Association Convention committee with the same approval as for the State Convention. While the intent and purpose of the Workshop is for planning and communication, any business of the Association may be transacted at this or any other regular meeting unless specifically prohibited by the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 3 .** Special meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Governing Board (as described in Article V), provided that written notice of such Special meeting shall be mailed to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge holding membership in this Association not less than twenty (20) days before the date of such meeting, with the request that said notice be read at the next regular Lodge meeting. The President, or the Governing Board calling such meeting, shall select and designate the time and place for said meeting, and specify the business which is to be Transacted, all of which shall be clearly set forth in the notice of the Lodges. No other business shall be in order at any such Special meeting.

**Section 4.** A quorum for any meeting will consist of Voting Delegates where at least one-half (1/2) of the Lodges are represented, and that each District shall have representation present at such State meeting.

### **Section 5.**

**(A)** A District Convention in each of the Grand Lodge Districts shall be held annually prior to the Annual State Convention, at which time the District Vice-Presidents and other Officers of the district shall be elected.

**(B)** Every fourth year, in accordance with Article V, Section 3, hereof, each Lodge in good standing in the District shall be eligible to nominate an eligible candidate for the office of President-Elect. The candidate or candidates shall be presented for statewide vote at the next ensuing State Convention.

**(C)** No election or selection process or district preferential vote will be in order at the District Convention for the Office of President-elect

**(D)** The nominee receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected in all elections for an office in this Association. Should no nominee receive a majority of the votes, additional balloting shall be held eliminating from those ballots the nominee receiving the fewest votes on each ballot until a nominee shall receive the majority of the votes cast. In case there shall be but one nominee for any office, the Association may direct any officer to cast the vote of the Association for the nominee

## **ARTICLE IV Dues**

**Section 1.** In order to obtain the revenue for defraying expenses of the Association, the State and District Conventions, each Subordinate Lodge shall pay annual dues of \$4.00 for each member thereof, as certified to and contained in the report to the Grand Lodge as of March 31 of each Grand Lodge year. The disbursement of this money shall be as follows:

Twenty cents (\$0.20) per member to be returned to each district to be used at the discretion of the Exalted Rulers of the District;

Ten cents (\$0.10) per member for the State Convention Fund;

Three Dollars and Seventy cents (\$3.70) to defray State Association expenses

**Section 2.** The Association shall operate on a fiscal year basis which is May 1 to April 30. The Association year shall commence with the installation of officers at the Annual Convention.

**Section 3.** Dues are payable annually at or before the Annual Convention, or April 15<sup>th</sup>, whichever is sooner. Exceptions may be made by application to the Governing Board on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 4.** Any Subordinate Lodge being delinquent in the payment of dues to the Association shall not be entitled to any votes at any meeting; shall not participate in any ritualistic contest until such dues have been paid in full as covered in Section 3.

**Section 5.** Any Subordinate Lodge being delinquent in the payment of fees for the fall workshop shall not be entitled to any votes at any meeting until said delinquency is satisfied by payment in full. **1**

## **ARTICLE V Officers**

**Section 1.** All Elks in good standing in the Subordinate Lodges holding membership in this Association and residing within the State of Oklahoma, who are Past Exalted Rulers, and who have complied with Section 3 of this article 2 shall be eligible for any elective office with the exception of the office of President-Elect.

### **Section 2.**

**(A)** Officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting shall be: The President-Elect who must have completed a term as Vice-President of a District and who has been duly nominated at the District Convention, and the At-Large member of the Board of Trustees, if such member be retiring. The President, at the time of his installation, shall appoint the Sergeant-at-Arms, Chaplain, an Inner Guard and a Tiler. **2**

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*2 Amendment 97-1*

**(B)** All officers, whether elected or appointed, shall serve until the next Annual Meeting, or until their successors are qualified, except the members of the Board of Trustees, who are elected for a five-year term, and the Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected for three-year terms.

### **Section 3.**

**(A)** The Officer of the President-Elect shall rotate between all districts as follows:

District 1 – Southeast

District.3 – Northeast

District 2 – Southwest

District 4 – Northwest

**(B)** If no candidate or candidates are nominated for the Office of President Elect at the District Convention, or if all the candidates nominated at the District Convention shall be unable to serve as President-Elect, then the Past State Presidents and the Exalted Rulers of that district shall meet for the purpose of nominating a candidate or candidates for the Office of President-Elect before the Annual Meeting.

**(C)** If no candidates have been provided by due process in a district, it shall lose its turn in the rotation.

**(D)** To be qualified for nomination for any district or state elected office in the Association, any candidate must have filed a letter of intent stating the specific office sought with the State Secretary no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. The State Secretary shall provide a list of any such declared candidates to the President, the Vice-Presidents, and each lodge secretary at least 30 days prior to the convention wherein nominations shall be held. Declared candidates, if otherwise qualified, are then eligible for nomination from the floor. In the event no candidate files a letter of intent to seek an office before the deadline, the President or Vice-President, as the case may be, may declare such office open for general nominations from the floor. **3**

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**(E)** A candidate may qualify for nomination for more than one elected office by filing separate letters of intent in accordance with Section 3 (D) above.

**(F)** A candidate who has filed a letter of intent to seek office may withdraw his intent at any time by filing notice of same with the state secretary or declining nomination at the convention. **4**

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**Section 4.** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He shall preside at all State meetings, preserve order, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, decide all Questions of order, fill all vacancies for the balance of the current fiscal year, and perform all other duties that may be imposed upon him by law, and such as are customary to be performed by Presiding Officers. The President shall make such official visits to the Subordinate Lodges composing this Association as may be deemed necessary. Any Officer making such visits under the direction of the President shall promptly thereafter make a written report to the President.

**Section 5.**

**(A)** The President-Elect shall assist the President in conducting the affairs of the Association. He shall perform such duties and responsibilities as may be directed by the President. He shall act as the liaison Officer between the State Association and the Major Projects Directors. He shall preside and act as the President Pro-Tem in the absence of the President.

**(B)** President-Elect shall succeed the President of the State Association upon the expiration of the President's term or upon the death, incapacitation or resignation of the President; and, upon his succession, he shall complete his elect term.

**(C)** Should the office of the President-Elect become vacant by reason of succession, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall preside and act as President Pro-Tem.

**(D)** Should the office of the President-Elect become vacant by reason of death, incapacitation or resignation of the President-Elect, a special meeting in the respective district of the vacated position of President-Elect shall be called in accordance with Article III, Section 3 by either the Vice-President of the District or a majority of the District's Advisory Committee. The only business to be conducted at this special meeting shall be the election of the President-Elect by a majority of the Exalted Rulers and Past State Presidents of the District present and voting.

**Section 6.** There shall be one Vice-President elected in each Grand Lodge District in the State. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to visit the Lodges of his District, organize and promote the programs of the Association in his District, hold separate conferences of the officers and other representatives of the Lodges of his District, and in cooperation with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, promote the programs of the Grand Lodge in his District. Vice-Presidents are responsible for their District Conventions and will check with convention and ritualistic chairmen to see that the program is proper in all details. They shall preside at their District Conventions.

The Vice-President shall attend to such matters as they may be legally directed so to do by the President, after which they shall report on same in writing to the President. Each District Vice-President shall report to their President at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting upon work he has done during the year.

**Section 7.** The Secretary - shall attend all meetings of the Association, keep a true record of the proceedings of the same, preserve all books and documents, attend to all correspondence, prepare and submit an annual report to the Association, and perform such other duties as may be properly required of him. (See Section 232, Grand Lodge Statutes.) For the faithful discharge of his duties, the Secretary shall receive a salary to be determined by the Board of Trustees.

**Section 8.** The Treasurer - shall attend all meetings of the Association. He shall receive and be the custodian of all money belonging to the Association and keep a correct record thereof, he shall set up a complete set of books, with the approval of the governing Board. He shall keep a correct account record under their proper dates, the amounts and sources of receipts and the amounts and purposes of disbursements. He shall deposit all funds and money of the Association in its name in such depositories as may be designed by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out the money of the Association only upon receipt of bills properly signed by the Officer or Committee Chairman including same and endorsed by the Chairman of the Trustees. He shall prepare all checks for disbursements and have them countersigned by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

He shall prepare a report of all members of the Board of Trustees every three (3) months. This report shall show the budgeted amounts, expenditures and the balances in each account of the approved budget. He shall submit an itemized financial transaction report, as budgeted (end of the year report) to be published and distributed to all Officers, Committee Chairmen, all lodges in the State Association, the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Chairman of the Committee on State Associations of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary, and the Past Grand Exalted Ruler in charge of the territory, not later than thirty (30) days after the close of the business year. He shall, before assuming the duties of office, execute and deliver to the Board of Trustees a faithful performance bond with a corporate surety in such sum as the board shall

determine, not less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and the expense of such bond shall be paid by the Association. For the faithful performance of his duties, the Treasurer shall receive a salary to be determined by the Board of Trustees

**Section 9.** The Board of Trustees - shall prepare for submission to the State Association, an itemized budget for the ensuing year. The budget shall be published and distributed to all Subordinate Lodges thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention, and shall be approved or rejected in open session at the Association Convention. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to see that the expenditures do not exceed the approved budget provisions. The Board of Trustees shall have the responsible custody of the property of the Association and general financial supervision of the funds of the association. They shall inventory the property and publish a report ten (10) days prior to the State Convention, said report to be made an attachment to the State Convention report.

**Section 10.** The Sergeant-at-Arms - Shall execute the orders of the President, assist in preserving order, act as Marshall on public occasions, and, in case of a secret session, shall assist the Tiler in examining the credentials of all persons presenting themselves for admission. He shall select such deputies as may be needed to assist in the discharge of his duties.

**Section 11.** The Chaplain - shall open each meeting of the Association with an Invocation and close each session with a Benediction. He shall be the religious officer of the Association and shall function in that capacity on all occasions.

**Section 12.** The Tiler - shall have charge of the doors of the hall in which meetings are held and shall perform the duties usually incident to the office of Tiler of like organizations.

**Section 13.** The Inner Guard - shall act as guard within the meeting room and shall perform such duties as are properly required of him.

**Section 14.** The Governing Board of the Association - shall act in the interim between meetings, and shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, all District Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Board of Trustees. The President shall act as the Chairman of the Governing Board. The Board shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as provided for in these By-Laws, or as may be ordered by action of the representatives at any regular meeting of the Association, subject to Section 232 of the Grand Lodge Statutes. A quorum shall consist of seven (7) members. The Governing Board, upon recommendation of the President, or by its own action, shall have the power to remove from office any Officer, elective or appointive, whenever the good of the Association requires it. The order of removal must be in writing and shall be subject to review by the representatives of the member Lodges at the next regular meeting of the Association.

**Section 15.** The Officers shall be installed on the last day of the Annual Meeting, according to the Ritual adopted by the Association.

**Section 16.** All Officers except the Trustees, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall hold office for a period of one (1) year from the date of their election or appointment, or until their successors have been elected or appointed. Members of the Board of Trustees shall hold office for a five (5) year term, with a limitation of two elected terms, with one (1) Trustee retiring each year, said vacancy to be filled at the respective annual District Convention except that a vacancy created by retirement of an At-Large member of the Board of Trustees shall be filled as prescribed by Article V, Section 2. The Chairman is approving member and shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from its own membership.

**Section 17.** No debt or financial obligation shall be incurred or assumed on behalf of the Association by an Officer or Committeeman of the Association, except first being approved by the Governing Board.

**Section 18.** No Officer of the Association shall receive a salary or other compensation, except as stated in the By-Laws or approved by the Association in open session.

**Section 19.** The President of the Association may appoint a Parliamentarian if he deems it necessary and to the best interest of this Association

## **ARTICLE VI Committees**

**Section 1.** The State President shall as soon after his installment as may be feasible and convenient, or not later than 60 days after installation, call a meeting of State Association officers, committeemen appointed, Lodge officers and Past Presidents, for the purpose of organizing the Association's standing committees. The standing committees shall be under the direct supervision of the Association's officer to wit:

The President shall have direct supervision over all chairmen while the four Vice-Presidents will have direct supervision over the committees in their respective districts.

The Standing Committees are:

1. Laws and Resolutions
  2. Auditing
  3. Credentials
  4. Ritualistic
  5. Most Valuable Student
  6. Convention
  7. Americanism
  8. Elks National Foundation
  9. National Service Commission
  10. Rehabilitation
  11. New Lodge
  12. Housing & Transportation Grand Lodge Convention
  13. Protocol
  14. Memorial
  15. Membership
  16. Overall Youth & National Youth Week
  17. "Hoop Shoot" Contest
  18. Publication
  19. State Association
  20. Lodge Activities
  21. Advisory
  22. Nominating
  23. Public Relations
  24. Government Relations
  25. State Elk of the Year
  26. Elks Training Program
  27. Business Practices
  28. Drug Awareness
  29. Soccer shoot-out 5
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From each of the four Districts of this Association, there shall be appointed at least one member to each committee and a chairman designated (or co-chairmen) as recommended and the duties of each generally are:

1. The Committee on Laws and Resolutions - shall have referred to it all proposed legislation, resolutions, and amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall report to each meeting of the Association on all legislation, and amendments referred to it or proposed by it, and may make recommendations in connection therewith as deemed advisable by said Committee.

2. The Auditing Committee - shall be composed of a representative from each District, in addition to a chairman appointed by the President. The Committee shall examine and audit the books of the Treasurer and all expenditures of money by the Association and its activities, including the Major Projects. It shall submit in writing annually to the Association an itemized report of its finding and recommendations it deems necessary for the good of the Association. The Committee may request an outside audit and report for submission to the State Convention.

3. The Credentials Committee - shall examine the credentials of all Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and of all Elks, who, by the constitution, are authorized to participate in the deliberations of the Association at any of its sessions and shall consider and pass upon the same and make a report thereon, together with such recommendations as it may deem proper.

4. Ritualistic Committee - duties shall be to promote interest in the proper presentation of the ritual and recommend to the State Association means and methods of improving same. All State and District Ritual Contests shall be under the direction and supervision of this Committee, including arrangements for facilities, selection of judges, and filing of expense claims, subject to the budget. All members of a ritual team performing at the State Convention Ritual contest must be registered and registration fee paid before they can participate.

5. The Most Valuable Student Committee - shall be in charge and control of the State contest for the Most Valuable Student, awards and prizes given to the winners; shall distribute to the Subordinate Lodges adequate supplies and copies of the rules and regulations pertaining to the contest. Execution of the plans and conduct of the contest shall be left to the Committee. Report shall be made to the Annual Convention.

6. The Convention Committee - shall be composed of a representative from each District, and a chairman appointed by the President. The Committee shall select the Convention sites and dates, subject to the approval of the President and Board of Trustees, and represent the Association in advising and approving the programs and activities of the Association Conventions and meetings. The Committee will render, as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Conventions and meetings an itemized written financial report covering their income and expenses.

7. The Americanism Committee - shall stress and encourage Lodges to sponsor appropriate Lodge and Community programs to combat subversive activities, to sponsor and support patriotic pro-grams, to encourage the display of the American Flag, to assist in Community Flag Day ceremonies, to take part or sponsor any and all related programs supporting the traditions of our Country.

8. Elks National Foundation - is a major project of the Association and under the direction and promotion of this committee. The committee shall make suggestions and encouragement to obtain new memberships in the foundation and keep an account of all pledges and monies paid by lodges and individual members each fiscal year. It shall report to the Association at the Annual Convention and may conduct contests and award prizes to stimulate new memberships in the Elks National Foundation.

9. National Service Commission - is responsible for certain entertainment and other efforts of general welfare for veterans in VA hospitals in Oklahoma and to administer monies granted to the Association by the Grand Lodge for such purposes. They should solicit additional funds, entertainment, and materials from lodges and individuals as needed. It shall give an accounting and make an annual report to the Association.

10. The Rehabilitation Committee - is charged with assisting any and all Subordinate Lodges needing help, when requested by the Lodge or the District Deputy. The Committee shall co-operate with the District Deputies.

11. It shall be the duty of the New Lodge Committee to assist District Deputies in the organization and institution of new Elks Lodges.

12. The Housing & Transportation Committee - shall consist of a Chairman and a representative from each Grand Lodge District. This Committee shall be in charge of transportation arrangements, hotel accommodations, registration, arrange advance reservations for the Grand Lodge Convention. It shall provide necessary information to Lodges and Officials by mail in proper manner and sufficiently in advance to provide time for complete response. It shall conduct the Oklahoma Hospitality Headquarter at the Grand Lodge Convention for association members attending, if approved by the President and the Board of Trustees. All invitations to Grand Lodge Officers and others shall be issued over the signature and with the approval of the President.

13 . The Protocol Committee - shall encourage and promote protocol by individuals and lodges. Protocol manuals are available from the Grand Secretary and should be ordered and distributed as needed. This involves proper address to distinguished guests, seating arrangements at banquets, etc.

14 . Memorial Committee - shall plan and execute a statewide memorial service at the Annual Convention, cooperating with the President, and be in charge of honoring deceased members of the Association.

15. The Membership Committee - shall devise ways and suggestions to encourage increased membership in the Subordinate Lodges.

16. The Overall Youth and National Youth Week Committee -shall distribute forms and solicit returns from Subordinate Lodges in order that they can report to Grand Lodge the sum total of youth activities of all lodges in the state. In addition, they shall encourage and assist in plans for local lodges to sponsor National Youth Week activities.

17. The "Hoop Shoot" Committee - shall be in charge of the basketball free throw contest sponsored by the Grand Lodge. They shall encourage and assist local lodges in planning for competition among the local school children. This committee shall be in charge in district and state competitions along with the responsibility for sending contestants to regional and/or national contest.

18. The Publication Committee - shall be composed of a representative from each district and a Chairman appointed by the President. The Chairman shall be the editor of the state publication. The Committee shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the State Association Directory and any other publication necessary for the promotion of the State Association. It shall encourage and assist the Lodges in their publicity through local news media and the Elks Magazine.

19. The State Associations Committee - shall contact lodges and make suggestions, offer new ideas and encourage participation in various activities within the lodge and in the community. It may conduct certain contests and award prizes as a stimulus to participation in lodge activities.

20. The Lodge Activities - should contact lodges and make suggestions, offer new ideas and encourage participation in various activities within the lodge and in the community. It may conduct certain contests and award prizes as a stimulus to participation in lodge activities.

21. The Advisory Committee - shall consist of all Past State Presidents of the Association, District Deputies, Past District Deputies, and all Past Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen. The President, President-Elect, and Secretary of the Association shall be ex-officio members. It shall be their duty to render such counsel and advice to the officers, committees and this Association as it may seem to them would promote the best interest and welfare of this Association.

22. The Nominating Committee - shall consist of all Past Presidents of the Association. The Chairman shall be the immediate Past State President. The duty of this Committee shall be to consider all Elks in each District for the various elective officers of the Association and to make recommendations and/or nominations at the respective district convention or at the State Association meetings. When this committee is functioning at the District level, only the chairman and the Past State Presidents of the respective District shall be entitled to vote. This does not preclude nominations from the floor

23. The Public Relations Committee - shall exist and conduct itself according to Grand Lodge Directives.

24. The Government Relations Committee - shall exist and conduct itself according to the Grand Lodge Directives.

25. The State Elk of the Year Committee - shall be composed of the Vice- Presidents of the Association and a Chairman appointed by the President. The duty of this committee shall be to solicit nominations, select and present the State Elk of the Year Award at the Annual State Convention. All members, including officers of Subordinate Lodges are eligible, with exceptions as follows: State and Grand Lodge Officers, elected or appointed, are not eligible, however, this does not include State Committee Chairmen or Committee members

26. The Elks Training Program Committee - shall be composed of the four Vice-Presidents. The duty of the Committee shall be to disseminate, collect and grade the annual Elks Training Program for Officers and Members as provided this Association by the Grand Lodge.

27. Business Practices - is charged with assisting all Subordinate Lodges needing help with its business and financial practices as required by the Grand Lodge.

28. Drug Awareness - shall be in charge of accomplishing and promoting the programs of the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Committee and to support drug eradication for the youth and general public of the State of Oklahoma.

29 Soccer Shoot-out Committee - The soccer shoot-out committee shall consist of a chairman and one committeeman from each district and shall have authority over the soccer shoot-out contest. 6

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**Section 2.** All committees may be appointed as provided in the By-Laws, and the President shall have the power to appoint special committees when needed.

**Section 3.** All committees shall serve until the termination of their terms or until their successors are duly appointed, except that the President may at anytime, replace any such appointment made by him.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Elks Association, Inc. has in the past held an annual state golf tournament, and:

WHEREAS, Past State President BILLY O. WILSON served the Order of Elks and the Oklahoma Elks Association in capacities too numerous to mention and was beloved by his Brother Oklahoma Elks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The Oklahoma Elks Association, inc. shall hold its annual golf tournament during the first three weekends of June of each year on a date to be determined by the Golf Committee with approval of the State President.

2. The annual tournament shall be known as "THE BILLY O. WILSON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT."

3. The standing State President shall designate the location of the annual golf tournament.



**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Limitations and Grand Lodge Laws**

**Section 1.** No question of a political or sectarian character shall be introduced at any meeting and no person shall be directly or indirectly endorsed or recommended for any political office, nor shall public questions be introduced or discussed unless the same previous action on such subjects shall have been taken by the Grand Lodge

**Section 2.** Electioneering for offices in the State Association will be held to a minimum, restricted to no more than two (2) posters of a size not to exceed 18' x 24', and subject matter must be of tasteful nature. A hospitality room is permissible, but campaign buttons, stick-on labels, etc. are not.

**Section 3.** In all matters, the Constitutions and Statutes of the Grand Lodge shall govern. *(See Section 231, in the Annotated Statutes.)*

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Amendments**

**Section 1.** The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes cast as covered by Article II.

**Section 2,** provided copies of proposed amendments shall have been mailed to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge holding membership in the Association, and to the Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Resolutions, not less than thirty (30) days preceding the meeting at which the same are to be voted upon. A copy thereof shall be sent to the Past Grand Exalted Ruler (Oklahoma jurisdiction) for approval, before same are submitted to the Grand Lodge.

**ARTICLE X**  
**State Projects**

**Section 1 .** The Oklahoma Elks Major Projects, inc., shall be maintained as a benevolent humanitarian and charitable organization, incorporate to operate as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, for the administration of its functions and duties. The Corporation activities, including the Endowment Trust Fund, shall be controlled by its constitution and By-Laws, approved by the Oklahoma Elks Association.

**Section 2.** The Oklahoma Elks Major Projects, inc., including the Endowment Trust Fund, shall furnish a report as herein prescribed for the State Treasurer, State President and State Secretary.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Order of Business**

**Section 1.** The Order of Business of all meetings of the Association, unless otherwise changed by the majority vote of the Delegates present, shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Tribute to Flag by Association
4. Roll Call of Officers
5. Roll Call of Lodges
6. Reports of Committee on Credentials
7. Reports of Minutes of Last Meeting
8. Reports of Officers (By Seniority)
9. Reports of Standing Committees
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Good of the Order

13. Election of Officers
14. Confirmation of Convention site and date selection
15. Installation of Officers
16. Memorial Services
17. Closing and Adjournment

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Effective Date**

**Section 1.** This Constitution and By-Laws has been approved by the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. All changes and additions have been approved by the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee.