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### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME AND BOUNDARIES**

A. **Association Name.** The name of the organization shall be The Merion Village Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), an association not for profit, incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio.

B. **Association Boundaries.** The geographical boundaries of the Association (hereinafter the "Association Boundaries") shall be as follows:

1. **North** From the Scioto River east on Greenlawn Avenue to South High Street, then east on Thurman Avenue, to south on South Pearl Street, to east on Nursery Lane, to North on Blackberry Alley, to east on Whittier Street, to Parsons Avenue;
2. **South** From the Scioto River, along Frank Road, to north on South High Street, to east along the alley south of Morrill Avenue, to Parsons Avenue;
3. **East** Parsons Avenue;
4. **West** the Scioto River.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **PURPOSES**

A. **Mission Statement.** The Mission of the Merion Village Association is to create a safe, clean and friendly place to live by implementing ideas, events and strategies that are for the good of all residents, businesses and visitors, while maintaining the historical value of the community.

B. **Purpose.** The Association is organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

##### **A. The Association shall:**

1. Provide community leadership by regularly scheduling meetings and programs for sharing information, expressing concerns and providing solutions.
2. Promote the general welfare and spirit of unity within the Association Boundaries as a non-commercial, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and interracial association by reviewing the social and civic needs of the area and addressing these needs.
3. Improve the Association's social and economic environment through public or private programs, by promoting the maintenance and restoration of the area and encouraging the upgrading of existing businesses and development of new business within the Association Boundaries.
4. Facilitating communication between the Association membership and city, county, state and federal governments and any other appropriate organizations.
5. Provide representation to area boards, commissions, and/or governmental bodies when appropriate.



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6. Comply with governmental laws, regulations, and ordinances in cooperation with governmental bodies by submitting recommendations for appointments, rendering opinions, and assisting with zoning issues.
7. Work toward community betterment by identifying positive and negative impacts on the area and addressing these issues

### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

#### **A. Membership Categories.**

1. Individual Memberships shall be open to those individuals, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, and who are interested and supportive of the purposes of the Association. Those who reside within the Association Boundaries as set forth in the Article I, whether as tenants or property owners shall have one (1) vote as outlined in Article IV, Section (D). Those who reside outside said boundaries shall be ineligible to vote.
2. Household Memberships shall be open to those individuals who qualify for an Individual Membership, but at a reduced membership rate. The Household Membership Rate shall include no more than two (2) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who live at the same address. Additional individuals living at that address and who otherwise qualify for membership under subdivision (A)(1) of this Section shall be admitted at a further discounted rate. Applications for Household Membership shall include the names of all residents of the household who seek voting privileges.
3. Senior Memberships shall be open to those individuals who qualify for an Individual Membership who are at least sixty (60) years of age or older. Senior Membership shall be at a reduced membership rate. Those who reside within the Association Boundaries as set forth in the Article I, whether as tenants or property owners shall have one (1) vote as outlined in Article IV, Section (D). Those who reside outside said boundaries shall be ineligible to vote.
4. Business/Organization Memberships shall be open to those individuals or entities who own or operate a business or who are organized for religious, social or other public interest purposes and meet the following requirements:
  - a) Such individuals must, through their particular business or organization, promote a tangible civic interest, supply a necessary public service or provide economic benefit to Merion Village. Those businesses or organizations that do not promote significant social, economic, service or investment in the community will not be considered a sufficient business or public interest worthy of membership.
  - b) Business or Organization Membership shall be open to individuals or entities who primarily operate within the Association Boundaries as set forth in Article I or who primarily operate within an adjunct neighborhood.
  - c) Each Business/Organization Member is entitled to one (1) vote. Entities that share a common member or relationship shall be considered to have the interests of the whole represented by that one member and are limited to one (1) vote.
  - d) Voting privileges shall be limited to those individuals or entities who own property or operate within the Association Boundaries as set forth in Article I, and shall not include such individual's or entity's agents, employees, associates, affiliates, shareholders or other related entities.



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- e) Those individuals operating an entity eligible for a business membership without voting privileges that would otherwise qualify for an individual or household membership with voting privileges shall receive a discounted rate on an individual or household membership when purchasing a business membership. An individual eligible under this section shall receive no more than one (1) vote.
5. Unless otherwise provided by this Article, non-residents and non-property owners within the Association Boundaries who are employees or agents of a business with significant interests within Merion Village are ineligible for voting membership with the Association.
6. "Member in Good Standing "are considered current in payment of dues, meeting Membership Categories in Article IV Section A, and not under review for Expulsion of the Association in Article IV, Section (C).

**B. Exclusivity of Membership Categories.** The membership categories set forth in this Article shall be mutually exclusive. Duplicate memberships are prohibited. Exceptions are noted in Article IV, Section (A), Membership Categories.

**C. Expulsion of Members.** Members whose conduct or association is deemed detrimental to the Association and/or Merion Village may be expelled in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

**D. Voting Privileges.**

1. Those Members who do not reside or operate a business within as established in Section (A) may attend all meetings, serve on committees in an advisory capacity, and participate in discussion, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office. Voting members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, submit a membership application and be current in the payment of annual dues as established by the Association.
2. Applicants for membership in the Association shall not receive voting privileges until twenty-one (21) days after the application and membership dues are received. Prior to receiving voting privileges, a new Member may attend all meetings, serve on committees in an advisory capacity, and participate in discussion, but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.
3. Dues must be paid in full to be eligible to vote.
4. Only those Members present at the time a vote is called may cast a vote unless absentee voting has been enacted as outlined below. Proxy votes are prohibited.
5. Absentee voting shall be permitted for property rezoning or variances for building height, lot coverage, and building setbacks as potential indicators of increasing density. Absentee voting shall be used at the request of ten (10) Members who are in good standing. Requests must be made seven (7) or more days prior to the voting date to provide sufficient time to setup voting and notify members. Requests must be made online in the Absentee Voting Request Form to be valid. Absentee voting will be conducted within 24 hours of the related in person regular or special meeting. The absentee voting period shall be no shorter than 4 hours and no longer than 12 hours. All absentee voting shall be completed at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting. Votes received after this deadline shall not be counted. The exact period of voting, processes and forms for casting a vote shall be determined on a case by case basis by the Executive Board. Absentee votes shall include a member's name, address, and email address. Votes that do not match membership records shall not be counted.



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### **E. Dues.**

1. Applicants for membership in the Association must submit dues with the application. Applications received during October, November and December shall be considered to be for the following calendar year; all other applications shall be considered to be for the current calendar year (January 1-December 31). Membership drives may offer consideration of a membership being counted for the next year in the months of July, August, and September with board approval.
2. Dues submitted shall remain in effect for the remainder of the current calendar year. A calendar year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.
3. Membership dues are as follows:
  - a. Individual Membership: Minimum of \$15.00
  - b. Business/Organization Membership: Minimum of \$35.00
  - c. Household Membership: Minimum of \$25.00  
*- Each Additional Eligible Individual: Minimum of \$10.00*
  - d. Senior Membership: Minimum of \$10.00

### **F. Membership Renewal.**

1. Membership in the Association is to be maintained on a calendar year basis. The deadline for renewal is December 31.
2. A Member who fails to renew by December 31 loses voting privileges but is entitled to a grace period from January 1 through the last day of February, during which time the Member may renew the membership and immediately regain voting privileges.
3. If a Member fails to renew prior to the last day of February, that Member shall thereafter be considered a new applicant and shall be subject to the waiting period for obtaining voting privileges in accordance with Article IV, Section (D).

### **G. Membership Lists and Information.**

1. Each applicant for membership or membership renewal shall, with the payment of dues, tender a form disclosing his or her residential address (or business address), any listed residential telephone number (or business telephone number) and, email address (optional). By obtaining a membership, each applicant consents to be contacted, using the information so provided to (a) volunteer for Association activities; (b) receive information regarding Association activities and events; and (c) receive other communications from Association members relating to Association business.
2. The Executive Board shall maintain a list of members in good standing for the sole purpose to verify voting privileges. The membership list and any applications for membership shall be made available for review by Members of the Association at general meetings of the Association. The membership list shall not be used for any purpose associated with the solicitation of Association Members, including solicitation prior to Association elections. The membership list shall not be used to solicit goods, services or products on behalf of any entity other than the Association itself.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A. Eligibility.** To be eligible for holding office, a Member must either be a resident of or own property within the Association Boundaries as set forth in Article I and in good standing.



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**B. Nominating Committee.** Nominations. A Nominating Committee as set forth in Article VII, Section (F), shall present a slate of all eligible candidates with a minimum of one per office to be presented at the Association's October meeting. If a vacant position(s) for the Executive Board exists as of January of the following year the position will default to the by-laws of Vacancies in Office. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Association's October meeting. Any Member of the Association in good standing may so nominate an individual to serve as an officer.

**C. Background Checks.** All individuals seeking office shall agree to a mandatory background check. The background check paid for the Association will be reviewed by the current Executive Board and will not be made public to the Association. Pending the review of the background check the Executive Board will determine if the individual is acceptable as a representative of the neighborhood.

**D. Election Process.** Election of officers from nominees who have accepted nominations shall be held at the November meeting by secret ballot. A simple majority vote (greater (>) than 50 percent) of the Members in attendance is required for election. In the event there is no clear majority vote or in the event of a tie, there shall be a run-off election between the two candidates who received the most votes. Ballots shall be counted by the Nominating Committee and kept by the Secretary for six (6) months. The newly elected officers shall be announced at the time of the election.

**E. Taking of Office.** Elected officers shall commence their term of office at the January meeting, at which time the outgoing officers shall relinquish all records to the new officers and present an annual report to the membership.

**F. Vacancies in Office.** If the President's office is vacated, the Vice-President shall assume the title and duties of the President for the remainder of the term. The office of the Vice-President shall be declared vacant. If any Executive Board member vacates their position, written notice is to be provided to the Executive Board and the Secretary to retain documentation for six (6) months, and shall be presented at the following Association Meeting. Any eligible candidates should notify the Executive Board by the third week in the same month of the announcement at the Association Meeting. All candidates in good standing will be voted on by simple majority (greater (>) than 50 percent) at the following monthly Association Meeting, a Special meeting for vote by the Association member.

**G. Removal of Officers.** The Executive Board must notify the Association at the monthly meeting of motion to remove any officer, to be voted on by Association members at the next regular meeting. A two-thirds vote of the membership attending a regular or special meeting called for such purpose shall be required for removal of any officer.

**H. Absenteeism.** Any officer who has three unexcused absences from consecutive Executive Board and consecutive regular membership meetings shall be removed from office pending review by Executive Board.

### **I. Investigations and Vote Challenges.**

1. Any dispute regarding the conduct and or result of the election at a regular scheduled meeting of the Association no later than the 3rd month following the vote shall be investigated by a special committee appointed by the Member-At-Large, in the event of a conflict of interest or a vacancy of Member-At-Large nominations will be taken by the Association and approved by majority vote



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- (greater (>)) than 50 percent). The committee shall consist of three (3) Association Members who are in good standing and current in the payment of dues. The committee shall present its findings and recommendations to the Membership at the next regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for such purpose, whichever is earlier, in the form of a motion to be voted on by the Members of the Association in accordance with Article VIII. A simple majority vote (greater (>)) than 50 percent).
2. A vote by the membership for any officer may be overturned by no less than a two-thirds majority of those Members present at a regular or special meeting called for such purpose.

### **ARTICLE VI** **OFFICERS**

**A. Elected Officers.** Members who satisfy the criteria set forth in Article V, Section (A) shall be eligible to hold any elected office. The elected offices of the Merion Village Association Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Member-at-Large. Such officers shall be elected by a simple majority (greater (>)) than 50 percent) of the Members in attendance at the Association's November meeting as set forth in Article V, Section (D). The term of office for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be for two (2) years commencing in January following the election, with the voting for President and Vice President to be held in even numbered years, and the voting for Secretary and Treasurer to be held in odd numbered years. The term of the officer Member-At-large shall be 1 year commencing in January following the election.

### **B. Duties of Officers.**

1. The President:
  - a) Shall preside at all Association meetings and act as Chair of the Executive Board. Shall authorize the Treasurer to expend funds, and to maintain auditable records of all monies received and expended.
  - b) May be ex-officio member of any committee.
  - c) Shall perform any other duties related to the office of President.
  - d) In addition, the President or the President's designee shall represent the Association and act as the Association's liaison before governmental agencies. The President shall work with the Membership of the Association in developing an official Association statement prior to any such meeting or communication with a governmental agency. The President shall provide an objective report to the Members at the next general meeting regarding such meetings and communications.
2. The Vice President:
  - a) Shall assist the President and preside at meetings of the Association and the Executive Board in the President's absence.
  - b) Shall assume the duties of President when the President is unable to perform such duties.
  - c) May participate as a member of a committee.
  - d) Shall succeed to the office of President for the remainder of the term when the President's office is vacated.
  - e) Shall present the Treasurer's Report in the absence of the Treasurer.





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3. The Secretary:
  - a) Shall maintain an accurate and objective record of the Association meetings and meetings of the Executive Board.
  - b) Shall provide for the reporting of minutes at meetings of the Association and Executive Board.
  - c) May participate as a member of a committee.
  - d) Shall inform the membership of the time and location of upcoming Association meetings.
  - e) Shall prepare and file all correspondence.
  - f) Shall maintain a list of members in good standing.
  
4. The Treasurer:
  - a) Shall account for all money received and disbursed by the Association.
  - b) Shall collect membership dues and report to the Secretary a list of updated membership status.
  - c) May participate as a member of a committee.
  - d) Shall disburse funds approved by the President and/or the Executive Board and shall maintain a written accounting of all Association funds in a manner acceptable for audit.
  - e) Shall maintain all records and receipts of all financial transactions.
  
5. Member-At-Large:
  - a) Shall serve as a member of the Executive Board.
  - b) Shall represent the general membership at the Executive Board meetings.
  - c) May participate as a member of a committee
  - d) Shall appoint a special committee in the event as set forth in Article V, Section (I).

## **ARTICLE VII** **COMMITTEES**

### **A. Executive Board (Required).**

1. The Executive Board shall include all duly elected officers.
2. The Executive Board shall meet regularly each month to discuss issues and act upon recommendations of the Association membership.
3. The Executive Board may appoint the chairperson(s) for any standing, optional or ad hoc committee pursuant to the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

### **B. Zoning Committee (Required).**

1. The Zoning Committee shall include only Association Members and will be established on an annual basis with members serving for one (1) year. A Chairperson shall be elected by committee members unless otherwise appointed by the Executive Board.
2. The Zoning Committee shall regularly receive, review and make recommendations on all applications affecting the use, zoning, development, or similar reviews pertaining to public or private property wholly or partially within the Association Boundaries as set forth in Article I. The Zoning Committee shall meet as often as needed to conduct necessary and appropriate business.
3. All official applications must be submitted formally to the City of Columbus and disseminated to the Executive Board and the Zoning Committee. The Zoning Committee and the Association



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- cannot officially approve or reject a proposal without formal documentation listed above. Applicants are welcome to submit on an unofficial basis to review any proposals prior to submitting paperwork to the city to solicit input on potential projects. These types of unofficial inquiries do not guarantee approval or rejection of the project when submitted for official review.
4. Applications should be discussed in a timely manner and shall be included on next regularly scheduled meeting agenda. Applications submitted under fourteen (14) days prior to a meeting date will be held until the following meeting to allow notifications to take place.
  5. If, at the recommendation of the Zoning Committee, any such application for rezoning, variance, special permit or zoning appeal is deemed to be of substantial impact on the character of the Merion Village neighborhood or to the general welfare of Merion Village residents, a special meeting of the Association shall be called not later than thirty (30) days thereafter. Written notification of the time, date, place and purpose of such special meeting shall be delivered to the membership, by U.S. Mail or other written means, not less than seven (7) days before the date of such special meeting.
  6. The membership shall be notified no less than one (1) week before a meeting of any Zoning Committee topics to be voted on. When possible, the Zoning Committee shall notify adjacent property owners (within 100 feet of the parcel) 1 week before a meeting.
  7. All applications for rezoning, variance, special permit or zoning appeal shall be presented to the Association Members for a vote by secret ballot at a regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting called for such purpose. Any vote for the approval or disapproval of such application for rezoning, variance, special permit or zoning appeal shall be determined by a simple majority (greater (>) than 50 percent) of those Members present to vote. A tie vote shall be construed as disapproval.
  8. The Chairperson of the Zoning Committee shall be responsible for reporting the activities of the Committee to the Association and the Executive Board. The Chairperson shall coordinate with the Executive Board to ensure proper notice of Association zoning votes to the Columbus South Side Area Commission or other appropriate City department or official.
  9. The Chairperson and Executive Board should be aware of all processes and timelines as set forth by the City of Columbus and the Columbus South Side Area Commission. Adherence to these must be maintained unless otherwise approved in writing by the City or Commission.

#### **C. Audit Committee (Required).**

1. The Audit Committee shall include only Association Members and will be established on an annual basis with members serving for one (1) year. A Chairperson shall be elected by committee members unless otherwise appointed by the Executive Board.
2. The Audit Committee shall assume the responsibility of undertaking a comprehensive annual review and audit of the Treasurer's books and reports for the prior fiscal year and report its findings to the Association no later than the March meeting. The Audit Committee shall immediately report any discrepancies in the Treasurer's books to the Executive Board and shall make recommendations as necessary.
3. The Audit Committee shall meet as often as needed to conduct necessary and appropriate business.
4. The Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall be responsible for reporting the activities of the committee to the Association and the Executive Board.



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### **D. Constitution Review Committee (Required).**

1. The Constitution Review Committee shall include only Association Members and shall be established in even numbered years, or as required by the Association or Executive Board.
2. Members shall serve until the completion of the committee's business. A Chairperson shall be elected by the committee members unless otherwise appointed by the Executive Board.
3. The Constitution Review Committee shall assume responsibility of conducting a review of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, and report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board and the Association. Adoption of committee recommendations and amendments shall follow procedures as outline in Article X of the Constitution.
4. The Constitution Review Committee shall meet as often as needed to conduct necessary and appropriate business.
5. The Chairperson of the Constitution Review Committee shall be responsible for reporting the activities of the committee to the Association and the Executive Board.

### **E. Optional Committees**

1. Optional Committees shall include only Association Members and will be established on an annual basis with members serving for one (1) year. A Chairperson shall be elected by committee members unless otherwise appointed by the Executive Board.
2. Optional Committees shall assume responsibility for those tasks and matters assigned to them by the Association or Executive Board.
3. Optional Committees shall meet as often as needed to conduct necessary and appropriate business.
4. The Chairperson of any optional Committee shall be responsible for reporting activities of the committee to the Association and the Executive Board.
5. Optional Committees may include, but are not limited to Membership, Communications, Activities/Social, and Business.

### **F. Ad Hoc Committee(s).**

1. Ad Hoc Committees may be created by the Executive Board or by the Association to carry out specific charges or projects on behalf of the Association.
2. Ad Hoc Committees shall remain in existence until completion of the assigned project.
3. Ad Hoc Committees shall report activities and progress to the Association and the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEETINGS & VOTING PROCEDURES**

**A. Regular Meetings.** There will be regular meetings of the Association held at such time and place as may be determined by the Association. Regular meetings shall be open to the public.

**B. Special Meetings.** Special meetings can be called for any topic that is deemed too lengthy or detailed in discussion that it will disrupt a regular meeting. Topics are not limited and can range from general association business, development review, or for making recommendations to the city. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Board or at the request of any ten (10) Members. Special meetings shall be held at such time or place as designated by the Executive Board or agreed upon by vote of the Members. E-Mail written



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of the date, time, place, and purpose of any special meeting shall be given to the Members of the Association at least seven (7) days in advance of such meeting. Special meetings shall be open to the public.

**D. Motions.** Any Member of the Association in good standing shall have the right to make a motion in regard to any matter presently under consideration or being discussed at any regular or special meeting of the Association.

**E. Voting.** Unless otherwise provided herein or upon proper motion, all votes at a regular or special meeting of the Association shall be by acclamation (i.e, by voice or by show of hands, or ballot). Any member in good standing may request a counted vote. The vote shall be determined by a simple majority (greater (>) than 50 percent). A tie vote shall be construed as disapproval. A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) members inclusive of the board. If a quorum is not reached, the item will be tabled until next meeting with a quorum. Items of time sensitive nature shall be discussed and decided by those in attendance, regardless if a quorum is present or not.

**F. Robert's Rules of Order.** Meetings shall be conducted in accordance Roberts Rules of Order. Any question as to the order of or procedure at a meeting of the Association, which is not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, shall be determined in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

**G. Meetings.** The presiding officer shall attempt to limit Regular or Special Meetings of the Association to ninety (90) minutes, unless exceptional circumstances exist. Issues that cannot be resolved during such meetings shall, upon motion, be tabled until the following regularly scheduled meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**A. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.

**B. Accounting.** A full, clear and suitable accounting of all Association funds shall be available to the membership at each regular meeting of the Association. Such accounting shall include, without limitation, periodic reports to the membership by the appropriate fiscal officers, and periodic reports by officers appointed for that purpose or by independent auditors.

**C. Annual Reports.** A year-end accounting report shall be prepared by the Treasurer for the membership and for the new Treasurer no later than the March regular meeting.

### **ARTICLE X**

#### **AMENDMENT**

**A. Proposing.** All proposed changes and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least ten (10) days prior to a regular meeting. Any Member of the Association in good standing shall be entitled to present and/or propose changes to the Constitution and Bylaws.

**B. Reading/Hearing.** At the next regular scheduled meeting of the Association there shall be a public reading and hearing on the proposed changes or amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.



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C. **Vote Required.** A quorum of fifteen (15) members, inclusive of the Executive Board and at least two-thirds vote of the membership attending a regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting called for such purpose, held at least one (1) month after the reading/hearing, shall be required to change the Constitution and Bylaws.

D. **Constitution Review.** In October of every even numbered year, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association shall be reviewed by an ad hoc Constitution Committee to determine whether changes, additions or amendments should be made.

### **ARTICLE XI** PROCEDURE

A. **Agenda.** Items may be placed on the meeting agenda by action of the Association membership, the Executive Board and/or by the President. Persons wishing to be added to the agenda must notify the President no later than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting. This notification should include a synopsis of the topic to be discussed and an approximate time limit.

B. **Robert's Rules of Order.** Any question or procedure not stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

### **ARTICLE XII** TERMINATION

A. Upon the dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

B. This Constitution and Bylaws shall supersede any prior "Constitution" or "Bylaws" of the Association.

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