

BYLAWS OF  
CALIFORNIA GREAT OUTDOORS, INC.



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## I.

### ORGANIZATION

#### A. Name

1. The name of this corporation shall be California Great Outdoors, Inc. which shall be used on all business and financial documents. The name, California Great Outdoors, will be abbreviated as "GO" in these Bylaws.

2. Each affiliated chapter shall use the name "Great Outdoors" as part of its official title. Each chapter may add either a prefix or suffix to distinguish it from other chapters. The name of a chapter shall reflect its geographical area.

3. GO has exclusive rights to the name "California Great Outdoors," the letters "GO" and the logo which are protected by filing with the appropriate governmental agencies under trademark and copyright laws. Use of the name and logo other than by chapters is strictly prohibited without the express written consent of GO.

#### B. Status

1. GO is an incorporated, nonprofit corporation, California Corporation Number 1061289 OG 20, retroactive to December 31, 1981. Action taken by the California State Franchise Tax Board July 12, 1983.

2. The United States Internal Revenue Service Tax Identification Number for GO is 95-3860122.

## II.

### PURPOSE

#### A. Purpose

1. GO is a voluntary organization which provides low-cost outdoor activities, programs, education, and leadership training to its members.

2. GO provides a network for sharing in outdoor and other healthy recreational activities with other similar organizations throughout the country.

#### B. Objectives

1. GO will not discriminate through its agents or by its policies or programs on the basis of sexual orientation, race, color, age, national origin, creed or sex.

2. GO seeks to instill in its members a respect and appreciation for the environment and a desire that it be protected for this generation and for many to come.

### **III.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### **A. Eligibility and Privileges**

1. Any person, who is at least eighteen years of age, shall become a member of GO upon receipt of payment of the membership fee (see Appendix B) and registration with a chapter of GO, where available. A person who has not registered with a chapter and has registered with the Financial Officer of GO shall be deemed a member-at-large.

2. Membership means, without reservation, an acceptance of the Code of Conduct (see Appendix A) and the provisions of Article II.

3. Membership shall entitle the member to participate in all of the activities of GO at the member's fee (see Appendix B).

4. Membership shall entitle the member to the right of election to an elected office and to the right of appointment to an appointed office (see Article IV).

5. Membership shall begin from the date of registration and shall terminate on the last day of the month of the date of registration plus one year. Membership may be renewed upon payment of annual membership fees and registration.

6. A member may transfer his/her membership to another chapter of GO at any time. If, within the first ninety days after registration, a member transfers his/her membership, the chapter's portion of the membership fee shall be transferred in full to his/her new chapter.

7. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct can result in the termination of membership. Such termination shall be as determined by each chapter.

##### **B. Membership Fees**

1. Membership fees shall be in accordance with Appendix B.

2. Membership fees, as shown in Appendix B, can be amended with the approval of the Board of Directors and of two-thirds of the voting delegates at the Annual Conference (see Article IV, Section C).

## IV.

### GOVERNMENT

#### A. Chapters

1. A chapter of GO is that group which subscribes to the government and principles of GO as described in these Bylaws and has been approved by the Board of Directors.

2. Chapters must maintain a minimum of twenty members. If a chapter falls below twenty members, it becomes a Provisional Chapter; its condition to be determined by the Board of Directors.

3. Chapters must elect from their own membership a President, a Vice President of Outings, and a Treasurer and elect or appoint a Board Member. Other officers may be chosen at the discretion of each chapter.

4. Chapters must establish and maintain a financial operating account(s) under the name of the chapter.

5. Only duly elected officers of each chapter may represent that chapter legally and financially. Such representation shall end upon the termination of their terms of office.

#### 6. Chapter Officers:

a. President: The President is responsible for the operation of the chapter. He/she is the senior administrative officer of the chapter. The President shall have the authority to call official meetings and other functions of the chapter. The President shall ensure that his/her chapter is in compliance with the Bylaws and corporate policies of GO and that chapter officers are performing their duties. The President shall serve as chair of the general membership meetings and of the Core Group (see Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 7). He/she is an ex-officio member of all of the committees within the chapter. The President should periodically report to the Chair of the Board of Directors on the status of his/her chapter.

b. Vice President of Outings (VPO): The VPO shall be responsible for organizing and maintaining the schedule of all chapter outings and other activities. (For purposes of these Bylaws "outings" generally refers to events which are more than one day in length and are usually outdoors and activities refers to such events as general membership meetings, day hikes, game nights and other one day functions). The VPO shall notify the Chair of the Outings Committee of any changes from the GO Master Calendar.

c. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the chapter's financial affairs, such as collecting and disbursing chapter funds and sending

monthly Chapter Financial Reports, together with monthly payments, and a copy of a revised membership list with addresses reflecting additions and deletions for which GO dues are included, to the Financial Officer of the Board of Directors. Every chapter's financial account(s) shall have a minimum of two signatories. Furthermore, any financial transaction involving the withdrawal of funds from these accounts shall require two authorized signatures.

d. Board Member: The Board Member shall represent his/her chapter on the Board of Directors. The Board Member shall keep the Board of Directors informed of the chapter's views and opinions and shall inform his/her chapter of the actions, decisions, and interpretations of the Board of Directors.

7. Core Group: The Core Group shall be composed of the elected officers, appointed positions and certain other members of good standing as authorized by the Core Group. Only these officers and authorized persons are entitled to vote. Other members of the chapter can participate in the Core Group. The Core Group shall be responsible for the administrative affairs of each chapter.

8. Chapter Elections: Each chapter must hold an annual election during the month of September. After a nominations process has been established by the Core Group, officers shall be elected through due process by a simple majority vote of the members at a general membership meeting. The officers and the Board Members shall assume their duties at the close of the business meeting of the Annual Conference.

9. Chapter Outings and Activities Program: Each chapter shall hold at least one general membership meeting and one outing or activity each month. These outings or activities should reflect the desires and interests of the chapter members and should be approved by the Core Group. The Core Group shall be responsible for having qualified leaders for all outings/activities. Chapters are encouraged to have Wilderness Education Training for their leaders. No outings or activities shall be scheduled that might detract from an active participation by the members during inter-state Jamborees or the Annual Conference. Outing and activity fees (see Appendix B) may be collected in advance to ensure reservation on all outings or activities. The order in which money is received shall determine placement of the reservation for any outing or activity. Membership cards may be required to be shown on all outings or activities. Members and non-members must sign a Waiver of Liability and Medical Release and Assignment Form for all outings and activities (see Appendix C).

10. Prospective Chapters:

a. In order to become a chapter of GO, the prospective chapter must fulfill all obligations of chapter requirements as outlined in Article IV., Section A.

b. When a prospective chapter is in compliance with Article IV, Section A, it shall submit a written request to the Board of Directors to be admitted.

c. Admission of chapters into GO shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

d. Members of prospective chapters can be members-at-large of GO. Membership can be transferred to the chapter when it is admitted into GO.

11. Dissociation of a Chapter from GO: If a chapter's Core Group decides to dissociate with GO, it must do the following:

a. Submit in writing to the Chair of the Board of Directors the intent to dissociate with GO and the effective date of dissociation.

b. Inform all chapter members in writing of the intent to dissociate with GO, with a copy to the Chair.

c. Advise all members in writing at least 30 days in advance of a special meeting for the purpose of voting of dissociation. A copy of this letter is to be sent to the Chair of the Board of Directors.

d. Conduct a special meeting for the purpose of voting by the chapter members on authorization of dissociation. A two thirds vote of members present is required for dissociation. A representative approved by the Board of Directors must be present during this vote.

e. Satisfy all financial obligations to GO and to creditors and close all chapter financial accounts using the name "Great Outdoors." All funds or property remaining shall revert to the ownership of GO under the direction of the Board of Directors.

f. Discontinue use of the name "Great Outdoors" as well as any and all privileges associated with it as outlined in these Bylaws.

g. Members shall be advised of their right to continue membership in GO with another chapter for the remainder of their membership year or to become members-at-large.

12. Dissolution: If a chapter fails to fulfill any provision of these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may vote to place that chapter on probation. If a chapter is placed on probation, it shall be so notified as to the nature of the probation and the amount of time given to come into compliance with the Bylaws. If the chapter does not come into compliance with the Bylaws, the Board of Directors may vote to dissolve that chapter. To enact dissolution, the Board of Directors must do the following:

a. Submit in writing to the elected officers and members of the chapter its intent to dissolve that chapter and the effective date of dissolution.

b. Inform, in writing, all chapter members of their membership rights.

c. Close all chapter financial accounts and recover all funds and property obtained with GO monies. All such funds or property recovered shall revert to the ownership of GO under the direction of the Board of Directors.

## **B. Board of Directors**

1. The Board of Directors of GO is that body authorized to act on behalf of GO between Annual Conferences. The Board of Directors also fosters interaction between chapters, maintains corporate records, promotes education and leadership, and maintains GO as a non-profit organization.

2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chair, the Financial Officer, the Secretary, and one Board Member selected to the position by their respective chapters. Only these Directors have voting rights. The Chair is a non-voting member of the Board except in the case of a tie. The Financial Officer and Secretary are non-voting members of the Board.

3. The Board of Directors shall meet during the Annual Conference. At the Annual Conference, the Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of meetings throughout the year. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

4. A quorum shall be present to conduct business at all Board of Directors' meetings. A quorum shall be no less than a majority of the Board Members.

5. If a Board Member is unable to attend a Board of Directors' meeting, the Core Group of the chapter shall be responsible for sending an alternate representative from the chapter.

6. The officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of an elected Chair, the Secretary and the Financial Officer. (See Article IV. Section C, Paragraph 2).

7. Only duly elected officers of the Board of Directors may represent GO legally and financially.

8. Duties of elected officers of the Board of Directors:

a. Chair: The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for calling, presiding at and setting forth the agenda for all Board of Directors' meetings and for the Annual Conference, where he/she shall make an annual report. The Chair shall be a resource person to the Board of Directors and chapters, creating committees to solve problems. The Chair shall ensure that the officers of the Board of Directors and committees are performing their duties. The Chair may assign responsibilities to GO members as needed with the approval of the Board of Directors.

b. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking and reading of minutes, verifying the list of delegates in attendance and determining the quorum, where required, at the Annual Conference, Board of Directors' meetings and special sessions. The Secretary shall handle correspondence for the Board of Directors as deemed necessary by the Chair. The Secretary will act on behalf of the Chair at the Chair's request. The Secretary will assume the duties of the Chair upon his/her permanent incapacity or resignation from office until the Board of Directors elects a new Chair. In case of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall elect from its own ranks a new Secretary.



c. Financial Officer: The Financial Officer shall handle all transactions with the California State Franchise Tax Board and the U. S. Internal Revenue Service; handle the GO bank account(s), keeping a record of all GO financial transactions for the Corporate and Chapter level; collect and compile monthly Chapter Financial Reports; collect and report on membership fees; report to the Board of Directors on the corporate account(s); shall issue, on a quarterly basis, a summary report of all Chapters' financial activity to the Board; and present a report to the Annual Conference. At the first regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting after Annual Conference, shall report to the Board as to the status of the prior fiscal year's Federal and State income tax returns to date and at the second regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting after Annual Conference, shall report as to the status of the income tax returns or request(s) for extension filed. Copies of the income tax returns, or requests for extension for filing, and certified mail receipts for the returns are to be included in the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. Every corporate financial account is required to have two signatures, one of which should be the Financial Officer and the other the Chair or the Secretary. Furthermore, any financial transaction involving the withdrawal of funds from these accounts shall require two authorized signatures. In case of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall elect a new Financial Officer. The Financial Officer shall have served as a past Chapter Treasurer or have experience in the accounting field.

9. Standing Committees: The Chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Board of Directors. Standing committees shall include but are not limited to the following:

a. Outings Committee: The Chair of the Outings Committee shall be responsible for organizing and coordinating a yearly calendar of Great Outdoors outings and other activities (GO Master Calendar); shall assist the chapters with resolving any conflicts concerning the scheduling of outings; shall assist the chapters with their outings where requested; and shall be responsible for the publication of the GO inter-chapter newsletter.

b. Wilderness Education Committee: The Chair of the Wilderness Education Committee shall be responsible for organizing and coordinating the Wilderness Education Training program among all GO chapters and shall organize and supervise educational programs approved by the Board of Directors.

## C. Annual Conference

1. GO shall hold an Annual Conference in October. The Annual Conference shall be hosted by either a chapter or the Board of Directors, the decision being confirmed at the first regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. The host chapter-designate will submit a plan and proposed site for review by the Board of Directors by the second quarterly board meeting. The responsibility for hosting will be based on an annual rotation among the chapters. The Board of Directors will make the final decision regarding the hosting of the Annual Conference based on the chapter's ability to meet the goals of the Conference: promotion of inter-chapter unity, encouragement of fellowship and the transaction of business as required by these Bylaws or as determined by the Board of Directors. Should the designated chapter be unable to fulfill the responsibilities of hosting the Annual Conference, the Board of Directors may host the Annual Conference

2. The Annual Conference shall consist of at least the following:

a. A Nominating Committee, for the purpose of nominating corporate officers for the ensuing year, shall meet at the Conference prior to the business meeting. This Nominating Committee shall consist of the outgoing and incoming members of the Board of Directors. Any member of GO may be nominated for Chair of the Board of Directors, Financial Officer or Secretary. Only those who have served as a past Chapter Treasurer or have experience in the accounting field may be nominated for Financial Officer. If a Board Member is elected as a Board Officer, his/her chapter shall select a new Board Member.

b. A business meeting for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before it, including the election of corporate officers.

(1) Once the Nominating Committee presents its report, additional nominations may be made by delegates from the floor of the business meeting.

(2) Election of officers shall be by the delegates by a simple majority vote.

c. A Board of Directors meeting following the business meeting. Said Board of Directors meeting shall constitute the beginning of the term of the corporate officers, who shall remain in office until their duly elected successors assume their duties.

3. A Chapter must in good standing with GO at the time of the Annual Conference in order to maintain its voting status. To be in good standing a Chapter must, at the opening of the Conference, be current with:

a. the submittal to the Corporate Secretary of its chapter membership list. Current membership reporting shall be construed to mean as of the first day of the month in which the Annual Conference is held, and

b. the submittal to the Corporate Financial Officer of its financial reports as well as the payment of required fees. Current financial reporting shall

be construed to mean as of the first day of the month in which the Annual Conference is held.

4. Each Chapter is allowed a minimum of three delegates selected by the Core Group, one delegate being the Board Member for the Annual Conference, who shall be the voting representatives of their respective chapters. The total number of delegates is set forth in Appendix D, which is based on the chapter's current membership list as defined in Article IV, Section C, paragraph 3.a, as determined and set forth by the Corporate Secretary.

5. The transaction of all business requires the presence of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all delegates. All business, including amendments and resolutions, must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates in attendance.

#### **D. Service Marks, Graphics and Logos**

1. The Board of Directors shall exercise the sole responsibility for design, registration, implementation, and utilization of the official logo/s for GO.

2. The official logo/s for GO are to be registered with the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of California. The official logo/s are to be prominently displayed on all official documents or publications, including newsletters, recruitment materials and promotional devices.

3. Each chapter may, at its discretion, adopt additional graphics, artwork or logos, designed to create a unique statement for the chapter, and when displayed through its chapter newsletter, items of apparel or camping equipment, will exemplify and promote the name of GO, and the good character and image of the chapter represented.

4. The above graphics, logos shall, when presented by the artist or designer for use by GO, and adopted by the Board of Directors for GO, or the Core Group for implementation within said chapter, become the exclusive property of GO.

### **V.**

#### **FINANCES**

##### **A. Chapter Finances**

1. Each chapter is responsible for maintaining its own finances. All monies received and expenditures made shall be recorded by the chapter Treasurer. Periodic accountings should be made available to the chapter membership. Chapters shall determine the price of each of the outings and shall charge in addition an activity fee as specified in Appendix B of these Bylaws. Chapters may raise funds from the sale or products bearing the letters "GO" or the logo as official representative products of GO.

2. Each chapter shall present to the Financial Officer a report of financial activity. This report shall be presented to the Financial Officer no later than fourteen days after the last day of the month. This report shall cover a period of time of the previous calendar month. This report shall include the following information:

a. Beginning balance, amount and sources of revenues, an itemization of expenditures and the ending balance.

b. Bank information including the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the banks where the accounts are kept and the account numbers.

c. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the signatories of the accounts.

d. A check from the chapter for the membership dues.

3. Expenditures of the chapter's monies shall be as determined by the Core Group of each chapter and as established by these Bylaws.

## **B. Corporate Finances**

1. The fiscal year of GO shall begin October 1 and end September 30.

2. The Board of Directors is responsible for maintaining the finances of GO. All monies received and expenditures made should be recorded by the Financial Officer. Periodic accountings should be made available to the membership of GO as well as to the Board of Directors. All GO income tax returns will be prepared by either a Certified Public Accountant or by a Qualified Tax Preparer. Each chapter is required to forward to the Financial Officer that portion of the fees which it has collected for membership as specified in Appendix B of these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may raise funds by having one or more outings for the purpose of raising funds. Expenditures of the Board of Directors shall be as determined by the Board of Directors and as established by these Bylaws.

## **C. Intent**

GO is strictly a volunteer organization. While chapter leaders may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on chapter business, they pay the same membership and other fees as any other member unless specifically adjusted by the Core Group. Although no member within GO is paid for work performed for the benefit of any chapter, under special circumstances, professional services may be retained. All money collected by GO is used to provide materials and services to the membership and donations to the community. When funds in excess of \$25.00 are spent from the chapter treasury as a donation, said donation must first be approved by a majority vote of the current membership attending a general meeting in the chapter supplying the funds. In said chapter's next newsletter, an article shall be published listing all amounts donated and naming all recipient organizations

## VI.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Reservation of Powers**

All powers and policies not delegated by these Bylaws are reserved to the chapters.

#### **B. Adoption**

The original Bylaws of GO were adopted and became effective November 1, 1981. These Bylaws were adopted and became effective on October 12, 1996.

#### **C. Revision**

These Bylaws may be amended, repealed or revised at any duly convened Annual Conference of GO. Proposed amendments, repeals, or revisions to these Bylaws must first be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for review and discussion at their third regularly scheduled meeting and recommendations by the board will be made at their fourth regularly scheduled meeting. Amendments not brought to the third regularly scheduled meeting may be brought (typed) to the fourth regularly scheduled meeting for submission, but the board will not take any stand on the amendment. All proposed amendments, repeals, or revisions shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to each chapter no later than thirty days prior to the business meeting of the Annual Conference. A two thirds vote of the delegates in attendance is required for the approval of proposed amendments, repeals, or revisions. Said amendments, repeals, or revisions to these Bylaws shall be effective at the close of the Annual Conference or as otherwise specified in the amendment, repeal or revision.

#### **D. Interpretation**

When a question of the interpretation of these Bylaws is raised between Annual Conferences, the Board of Directors will issue an advisory interpretation of these Bylaws. Any and all said interpretations shall be presented at the Annual Conference for evaluation and incorporation, if necessary, into the normal Bylaws revision process.

## VII.

### **CORPORATE DISSOLUTION**

#### **A. Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the GO Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the County in which the corporation has its principal place of business, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

By my membership in GREAT OUTDOORS, I accept the principles that the human person is a part of the whole of nature, and along with all of nature should be respected and appreciated; and that the environment too must be respected and appreciated in its worth and beauty, and be protected for this generation and for many to come.

I accept the concept of leadership by the few, appointed and elected, as a valid concept by which GREAT OUTDOORS should be governed and administered. I agree to respect and abide by the Bylaws, rules and regulations prescribed by such duly appointed or elected officers when instituted for the good of the whole, and pledge my cooperation and support of such officers in the performance of their office and responsibilities.

If elected or appointed, I endorse a level of moral conduct which best presents a positive image of GREAT OUTDOORS, restraining from conduct of a nature which would affect my ability as a leader to show good judgment in my office responsibility, or adversely affect the overall good morals of a group assembled, or cause an open disregard for the advice and direction of any duly appointed or elected officer.

I agree to respect the rules and regulations of any private person or public agency, whose facilities or property GREAT OUTDOORS might utilize in the course of any scheduled activity, similarly the rights of others to enjoy and participate in outdoor activities without being subjected to disturbing, distracting or offensive actions by any member of this organization which would result in an adverse opinion toward GREAT OUTDOORS discrediting the organization and its members in the eyes of the general public or any public agency, and to restrain from any abusive or offensive language toward any other individual, whether or not a member.

I endorse a level of safe and moral conduct which promotes restraint from the use of illegal drugs, the excessive use of alcoholic beverages or the performance of sexual activities in public, or other conduct that is excessive or distasteful.

I endorse a level of moral conduct which places responsibility on all appointed or elected officers to conduct themselves honorably, honestly and in a manner above reproach in the business of GREAT OUTDOORS, deserving of the trust of the membership in this organization with full understanding that violations of which could and will bring legal action by appropriate municipal, state or federal law enforcement agencies.

In conclusion, I agree to advise any guests of the contents of the Code of Conduct, encouraging their compliance with and cooperation in maintaining an acceptable behavior in the outdoors.

**APPENDIX B**  
**FEE STRUCTURE**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Great Outdoors Inc. (corp.) will receive \$5.00 of each annual membership fee.

An individual chapter may, at its discretion, offer its members a reduced fee and will retain the balance of the reduced fee.

There is no refund of membership fees.

**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

\$25.00/year

**ACTIVITY FEES - BASIC OUTING FEES**

Outings: up to \$5.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members

Special Outings: up to \$10.00 for members (3 days or more) and \$25.00 for non-members

One day activities: up to \$3.00 for members and non-members

Non-members shall be charged at least \$5.00 more than members for outings and special outings



## **APPENDIX C**

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I am aware that my participation in GREAT OUTDOORS may include potentially hazardous activities and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with that knowledge and the understanding that I will use my own best judgment to avoid injury to myself and others. I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release GREAT OUTDOORS, including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with said organization from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of any participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I am assuming sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries on any other persons connected with the GREAT OUTDOORS.

### **MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT**

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any and all bills incurred by me for medical treatment as the result of my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me, including hospitalization and surgery, as may best be determined under the circumstances.

## APPENDIX D

# of members	# of delegates
1-99	3
100-149	4
150-199	5
200-249	6
250-299	7
300-349	8
350-399	9
400-449	10
450-499	11
500-549	12
550-599	13

## Bylaw Revision History

October 2010 - Appendix B (Fee Structure) - Removed all membership categories except “Regular”; GO “Corporate” will now receive \$5 per member. Fees remain the same.

October 2001: Section IV (Government) C (Annual Conference) 1 (hosting) - revised; Appendix E deleted

October 2000 - Appendix B (Fee Structure) - revised

October 1998 – IV (Government) C (Annual Conference) 4 (delegates) - revised

October 1996 – V (Finances) C (Intent) - Revised