

Athens County Agricultural Society

Constitution

Article I. Title

Section I The Society shall be known as the Athens County Agricultural Society.

Article II. Object

Section I The object of this society shall be to promote and encourage agriculture, industry, science, art and other interests of Athens County which the Board seems proper and in the best interests of the community.

Article III. Membership

Section I Any resident of Athens County age 18 years or over may become a member of the Society by paying annually the membership fee fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section II No person shall pay for or secure more than one such membership. Corporations, organizations, partnerships or firms shall not secure memberships.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section I The management shall consist of a board of 18 members who shall be elected for a term of three years and the terms so arranged that the terms of one-third of the members shall expire annually. Not more than five directors may be elected from one township to serve concurrently.

Section II Any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from office or other causes, may be filled by the Board until the next annual election when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

Article V. Election

Section I The annual election of the Board of Directors shall be held on the Fair Grounds on the first Saturday in November of each year from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Section II The said election shall be by ballot. Ballots must be marked opposite the name of each candidate voted for; otherwise the name will not be counted. Names will be placed on the ballot as fixed by the Board of Directors.

- Section III Only persons holding membership certificates at the close of the annual fair, or at least fifteen days before the date of the election, as may be fixed by the Board, may vote.
- Section IV Members of the Society must declare their candidacy for the office of director of the Society by filing with the Secretary of the Society, a petition signed by ten or more members of the Society who are residents of Athens County, at least seven days before the annual election of Directors is held. Only regularly nominated candidates who must have met the filing requirements will be eligible for election as a Director.
- Section V The term of office of the retiring Directors shall expire and that of the Directors-elect shall begin on the date of the annual meeting of each year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article VI. Organization and Meetings

- Section I The Board of Directors shall meet annually on the first Saturday of November each year, the same day as the annual election and elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, Vice President and Treasurer shall serve one year and the Secretary not more than three years as the Board may determine and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- Section II The President and Vice President shall be directors. The Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be directors.
- Section III Before the election of officers the newly elected directors shall qualify by taking the following oath (or Affirm) before a competent authority (designated by law):
- “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Ohio, Laws of Ohio and rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture of Ohio pertaining to Agricultural Societies and to the best of my ability, perform the duties of Director of the Athens County Agricultural Society, so help me God.”
- Section IV The executive committee shall consist of all eighteen members of the Board of Directors.

Article VII. Amendments

- Section I Amendments to the Constitution or by-laws may be proposed by:
- A. A majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment of the ballot, or

- B. Filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least 14 days prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than 25 members.

Section II If an amendment is proposed, it will be submitted to the membership of the Society at the annual election of the Board of Directors.

Section III When more than one amendment shall be submitted at the same time, they shall be submitted as to enable the members to vote on each amendment separately.

Section IV If the majority of the membership voting on the proposed amendment shall adopt such amendment, it shall become part of the constitution and by-laws.

Article VIII. Compensation

Section I The President may be compensated in the amount not to exceed \$200 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section II The Secretary may be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$1500 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section III The Treasurer may be compensated in the amount not to exceed \$1500 per year as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section IV The Concession Manager may be compensated in the amount not to exceed \$300 per year and will submit a mileage report each month for consideration by the Board of Directors to be compensated at the State of Ohio allowable rate per mile.

Section V Any director who is assigned work over and above his/her duties as a director shall receive compensation not to exceed \$100 per year approved by the Executive Committee.

Section VI The Society may pay directors of the Society an amount not exceeding eight dollars plus mileage allowed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, from the director's residence to the meeting place of the Board of Directors and return for attending up to 12 meetings of said Board each calendar year.

Section VII The Board of directors of the Society may pay per diem, mileage, tools and parking fees to any director and duly authorized representative of the board, who attends the Convention of Agricultural Societies, the annual meeting required by Section 901.06 of the Revised Code, and any other event which is designated by the board if said board determines that attendance by the director or authorized representative at the meeting or other event is directly

beneficial to the society and records such determination and authority for such payment in the minutes of any regular or special meeting of the Board. Mileage shall be at the state allowable rate per mile.

Section VIII The Agricultural Society may:

- A. During the week of the fair, purchase meals for directors and officers of the Society, and for other individuals designated by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Board.

Article IX. Bonds

Section I The Secretary shall post a surety bond in the amount of \$15,000 payable to the Society, conditional upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office.

Section II The Treasurer shall post a surety bond in the amount of \$15,000 payable to the Society, conditional upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office.

Article X. Fair Dates

Section I The Board of Directors shall fix the dates of the annual exposition of the Society, subject to the approval of the Ohio Director of Agriculture.

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By-Laws

Article I. Quorum

Section I A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Society.

Article II. Meetings

Section I The annual meeting of the Society shall be on the first Saturday in November on the Fair Grounds

Section II Special meetings may be held when necessary, at the call of the President or at the call of the Secretary upon the written request to the Secretary by not less than three members of the Board of Directors.

Section III Notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be delivered personally to each director by mail, telephone or email at least two days before the meeting. Such notice, however, may be waived by any directors either before or after the meeting. The notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting.

Section IV The regular meeting of the Board of Directors may be the first Tuesday of every month.

Article III. Order of Business

Section I Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Article IV. Duties of Officers

Section I It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, to appoint committees, and to perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

Section II It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assume all duties of the President in the event of his absence or vacancy of office and to perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

Section III It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- A Keep a list of all members of the Society.
- B Keep accurately a record of all proceedings of the Society and the Board.

- C Notify all members of the Board of the time and place of all special meetings.
- D Give the members of the Society notice of the time and place of the annual election of the Board of Directors and the annual meeting of the membership.
- E Keep strict account of all moneys that may come into his hands and pay the same over to the Treasurer and take his receipts therefore.
- F Keep a correct itemized account of all receipts and expenditures of money.
- G Make out the annual report of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Section IV It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to:

- A Receive all monies and give a receipt for same as to amounts and sources from which it came.
- B Keep and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements.
- C Pay such orders as may be countersigned by the Secretary.
- D Perform such other duties as are determined by the Board.

Article V. Duties of the Executive Committee

Section I It shall be the responsibility of the executive committee to select the appropriate committees for the operation of the fair.

Section II Each committee shall assume the responsibility for the operation of his or her department.

Section III Perform such other duties as are determined by the Board of Directors.