

**CONSTITUTION OF
THE MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF
THE FAMILY CAMPERS & RV'ERS OF NCHA.**

ARTICLE 1: NAME

SECTION A: The name of this organization shall be the Michigan State Association of the Family Campers & RV'ers (FCRV) of NCHA.

SECTION B: Any reference to the Association in this Constitution refers to the Michigan State Association of FCRV/NCHA.

ARTICLE II: MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION COLORS AND SYMBOLS

SECTION A: The official colors of the Michigan State Association of FCRV/NCHA are blue and gold. The Association symbols are a wolverine on an outline of the State of Michigan as follows: blue background, gold outline of the state with gold letters and gold wolverine.

ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

SECTION A: The objectives of the Michigan State Association of FCRV/NCHA shall be:

1. To have as the chief purpose of the Association, assisting the local members' chapters to preserve and conserve the beauty of nature in Michigan to their full ability in order to fulfill the need for refreshment and spiritual uplift that only contact with nature can give.
2. To recommend improvements in public camping and hiking facilities wherever the need exists; to bring these recommendations before the proper government agencies; and to press for action until the improvements have been made.
3. To assist in the conservation of our natural resources by cooperating with other organizations which are working toward this end.
4. To provide a medium for receiving and disseminating up-to-date information concerning local campsites, roads, trails, etc.
5. To encourage campers and rv'ers to develop interest in and to pursue a broader scope of the many and varied hobbies and activities associated with camping and rv'ing.
6. To promote among campers and rv'ers, and other travelers, the development of good habits and a sense of responsibility in such matters as the prevention of forest fires, conservation of wildlife and natural beauty, the proper disposal of all types of waste materials, safety, courtesy, etc.
7. To promote formal statewide Spring and Fall Campouts each year, operating under the guidelines as set forth by this Association.

ARTICLE IV: AFFILIATION

SECTION A: The Michigan State Association is affiliated with Family Campers & RV'ers/NCHA, a non-profit educational, volunteer, national organization of campers and hikers, with national headquarters at 4804 Transit Road, Building 2, Depew, New York 14043-4906.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: Membership in this Association shall include every family in the State of Michigan in good standing with the Family Campers & RV'ers/NCHA.

SECTION B: Membership shall be divided into three classes: 1.) Active, 2.) Associate, and 3.) Honorary.

SECTION C: An active membership shall consist of a chapter organized in the State of Michigan and chartered by the Family Campers & RV'ers Association, providing they elect to join.

SECTION D: An associate membership shall consist of a family in good standing with Family Campers & RV'ers Association not within an active member chapter. An associate member may become an active member by joining a chartered chapter belonging to the State Association.

SECTION E: An honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors, at its discretion, to any group or individual who has performed unusual and/or outstanding service to the State Association.

SECTION F: The period of membership for each year shall coincide with the calendar year.

SECTION G: In order to retain membership in the Association, each member must continue to satisfy the above-defined requirements.

SECTION H: A chapter delegate or alternate shall represent the chapter at the Association's Delegate Meetings. It is the responsibility of the chapter delegate or alternate to cast the chapter's vote on all matters concerning the State Association. One vote per member chapter.

SECTION I: It shall be the responsibility of each member chapter to inform the Secretary of this Association of all current officers and delegates; name, address and changes thereto.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

SECTION A: NATIONAL DUES: The dues to be paid to the Association on the national level shall be as fixed by the National Board of Trustees of the Family Campers & RV'ers/NCHA., 4804 Transit Road, Building 2, Depew, New York 14043-4906

SECTION B: STATE ASSOCIATION VOTER REGISTRATION FEE;

1. The Michigan State Association of FCRV shall be financed by the annual voter registration fee paid by each local member chapter determined as a fixed sum per local member chapter.
2. The amount of the registration fee for the Michigan State Association shall be as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Association delegates.
3. No approval of the annual registration fee by member chapters shall be required if the fee is to be the same as the preceding year.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS AND BOARD

SECTION A: OFFICERS: The officers of the Michigan State Association shall be: 1.) President, 2.) a Vice President, 3.) a Secretary, 4.) a Treasurer, 5.) an Advisor, 6.) the State Director, and 7.) the Assistant State Director. The officers, with the exception of the Advisor, State Director and Assistant State Director shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution. The Advisor shall be the Immediate Past President or, in the event he/she is unable to serve, any other of the Immediate Past Officers may be selected by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. The State Director shall be appointed by the National Executive Board of Directors. The Assistant State Director shall be appointed at the discretion of the State Director. The above Officers shall constitute the Board of Directors for the Michigan State Association.

SECTION B: Any one couple having joint membership may hold only one office, either elective or appointive, in the Association, or have one membership on the Board of Directors at any time.

SECTION C: DUTIES: The Board of Directors shall recommend policies and procedures to the Association Delegates and serve as the voice of the Michigan State Association when the Association is not in session.

SECTION D: VACANCIES: If a vacancy occurs during the year in any one of the offices provided for in this Constitution, other than President, State Director or Assistant State Director, the Association shall elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

SECTION E: PRESIDENT: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, Chairperson of the Board of Directors and shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Association Delegates and Board of Directors are carried into effect. The President shall appoint each standing committee or special committee. The President shall have the general powers of supervision and active management usually vested in that office.

SECTION F: VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall serve in the capacity of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall succeed to the office of President in the event of a vacancy in that office and shall then serve as President throughout the unexpired term during which the vacancy occurred. The Vice President shall, in general, have any and all powers and duties usually vested in that office.

SECTION G: SECRETARY: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the records of the Association, the minutes of meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep the official files of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and chapter name of the Association Delegates. The Secretary shall inform all participants of the time and place of each meeting as directed by the President. The Secretary shall carry on any other correspondence as directed and shall have the powers and duties usually vested in that office.

SECTION H: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive and have custody of all funds, securities and assets of the Association. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association. Expenditures for other than normal business items shall require approval of the Association. The Treasurer shall pay out funds only as authorized by the Board of Directors and shall prepare and submit an annual report at the close of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall, in general, have any and all powers and duties usually vested in that office.

SECTION I: ADVISOR: The Advisor shall serve in the capacity of a general advisor to the Association and Board of Directors.

SECTION J: STATE DIRECTOR – ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTOR: The State Director and the Assistant State Director represent the National Association on the State Association Board of Directors and have veto powers on any matter which is contrary to the policies of the Family Campers and RV'ers, subject to review by the National Association Executive Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII: OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION A: POWERS AND DUTIES: The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Michigan State Association and shall perform such functions and duties as may be ordered by the Association Delegates, or which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, are for the best interest of the Association in accordance with its objectives.

SECTION B: MEMBERSHIP: The State Association business shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, one (1) qualified Delegate from each member chapter and two (2) active Field Directors appointed by the State Director to represent the Associate members.

SECTION C: MEETINGS: The Board of Directors shall hold such meetings as they deem necessary. Regular Delegate meetings of the Association shall be scheduled in the winter (January or February), spring (May or June), and fall (October or November).

SECTION D: ACTIONS: Actions of the Association Delegates shall require the vote of a majority of the membership present. Actions of the Board of Directors shall require the vote of four (4) members of the Board. They may be polled by mail or telephone, if necessary on a specific question.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: ELECTION YEAR: Election of Michigan State Association Officers shall be held biannually during the odd numbered years.

SECTION B: NOMINATIONS: The Nominating Committee shall be appointed at any time during the President's term of office, but no later than the even numbered year's spring Delegate Meeting of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees consisting of at least two nominees for each of the four elective offices. The slate of nominees, with their qualifications, shall be presented to the fall Delegate Meeting of the Association at which time additional nominations can be taken from the floor.

SECTION C: ELECTION: Selection of officers shall be made in a statewide election conducted by a ballot printed in the January issue of the Association's official publication, the Michigander. Qualifications and pictures of each nominee shall be included in the issue. Provisions shall be made on the ballot for a write-in vote. Completed ballots shall be returned to the Nominating Committee at the winter meeting of the Association Delegates or mailed to the address provided and postmarked before midnight February 28th. Ballots shall not be destroyed until after installation of the newly-elected officers.

SECTION D: INSTALLATION: The newly-elected officers shall be installed during the Spring General Membership Meeting following the election and shall assume their duties upon adjournment of that meeting.

SECTION E: RE-ELECTION: Officers of the Association shall be ineligible to succeed themselves in their respective offices for a period of two (2) years following the expiration of their term of office, with the following exceptions:

1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President who succeeded to the presidency for the unexpired term may be eligible to succeed himself/herself in the office of President during the succeeding term.
2. All officers shall be eligible for re-election for two successive terms in office.
3. Any person fulfilling the unexpired term of office of Vice President or Treasurer shall be eligible to run for election to succeed himself/herself in that office.

SECTION F: VOTING POWER: All active and associate member families shall have no more than two (2) adult votes per family. Honorary members shall have no voting power.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

SECTION A: STANDING COMMITTEES: In order to conduct the business matters of the Association, the President shall appoint a chairperson and as many members as he/she deems necessary for each of the following standing committees. Committee chairpersons may recommend committee members for approval of the President.

1. Awards
2. By-Laws and Parliamentary
3. Chaplain
4. Editor and Publicity
5. National Campvention Committees (Float, Hospitality, Noise Parade, etc.)

6. Nominations
7. Projects
8. Commercial
9. Insignia (State)
10. Communications
11. Website
12. Budget Coordinator

SECTION B: STATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS: A State Program Director for each of the National programs, i.e. Teen, Youth, Conservation, etc., shall be appointed as joint decision of the President and the State Director.

1. Conservation
2. Disaster Assistance Team (D.A.T.)
3. Self Propelled Camper (S.P.C.)
4. Historian
5. Legislation
6. Retirees
7. Teens
8. Trip Information and Campsites
9. Wildlife
10. Youth
11. Scholarship
12. Discount
13. Insignia (National)

SECTION C: TERM: The term of service for each Committee Chairperson, Program Director or Committee Member shall normally coincide with the President's term in office and shall always terminate at the end of the President's term in office. Any Committee Chairperson or Committee Member shall be eligible for re-appointment by the newly-elected President.

SECTION D: QUALIFICATIONS: If a current Chairperson of a standing committee becomes a Michigan State Association Officer, special consideration will be given to be eligible to continue serving as Chairperson. This must be brought before the assembly of delegates who will vote 1.) to allow the Officer to continue Chairmanship of the standing committee during their term or 2.) if another chairperson must be found.

SECTION E: OTHER COMMITTEES: Other standing committees or adhoc committees may be appointed by the President when directed by the Michigan State Association or the Board of Directors. State Campouts are appointed by the Board of Directors after acceptance and approval of bid for State Spring or Fall Campout. Appointment is normally for duration of campout preparation and presentation.

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS

SECTION A: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Meetings of the total Michigan State Association membership shall, as far as practical, be held semi-annually during the State Spring and Fall Campouts. The day and hour to be determined by the President and the Campout Chairperson.

SECTION B: SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special Meetings of the Association Delegates may be called by the Board of Directors upon ten (10) days written notification to all delegates to the Association.

SECTION C: QUORUM: A quorum of the Association shall be defined as one-third (1/3) of the Delegate members of the Michigan State Association.

SECTION D: RULES OF ORDER: The rules of order for all meetings of the Association shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

SECTION E: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: To avoid any possibility of public criticism, the consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted at any meetings of the Michigan State Association of the Family Campers and RV'ers/NCHA.

SECTION F: ORDER OF BUSINESS: The regular order of business at each meeting shall normally be as follows;

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
(National Anthem)
(Canadian National Anthem) General Membership Meetings only
(God Bless America)
4. Introduction of visitors
5. Minutes of Previous Delegates Meeting
6. Treasurer's Report (Delegate meeting only)
7. Reports of Standing Committees
8. Reports of Special Committees
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. State Directors
12. Reports of State Program Directors
13. State Teen Directors
14. Vice President
15. Advisor
16. President
17. Open Floor Discussion (Delegates meeting only)
18. Adjournment

ARTICLE XII: FISCAL YEAR

SECTION A: The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on June 1 and end on the following May 31.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION A: The bylaws of this constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the member chapters delegates present at any regular Delegates Meeting of the Michigan State Association, provided a quorum is present, and provided the proposed

amendment to the Constitution shall have been communicated in writing to the member chapters sixty (60) days prior to the State Association Meeting at which it is scheduled to be considered. Any member chapters not being present shall have caused their official vote to be received by the Association Secretary prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION A: By-laws of the Michigan State Association may be adopted or amended by a majority of the member chapter Delegates present at any Delegate Meeting of the State Association provided a quorum is present.

SECTION B: TERMINATION OF CHAPTER: Should the activities of said chapter terminate, any property or chapter funds shall be disposed of in the following manner:

- A. All property shall be sold.
- B. 75% of all funds, after debts, shall be given to State or National educational programs such as Conservation, Scholarship, and /or Safety.
- C. 25% of all funds, after debts, shall be given to local charitable groups.
- D. The choice of programs or groups to receive the chapter's assets shall be decided by the majority of members in good standing with the chapter at the time of termination.

The above percentages may be changed to membership's desire at the time of accepting the choice, provided the total 100% of funds are disposed of.

The End.

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