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BY-LAWS**

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**BY-LAWS  
OF  
FLORIDA RV TRADE ASSOCIATION**

*As revised and approved  
By the Board of Directors  
On December 13, 2014*

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

**Section I. Name**

The name of the not-for-profit corporation “Florida RV Trade Association, Inc.” Such entity is hereafter sometimes called the “Association” or “Corporation” or “FRVTA”; which is the symbolic abbreviation for the association.

**Section II. Registered and Principal Office**

The registered and principal office of the association shall be located at 10510 Gibsonton Drive, Riverview, Florida 33578 unless changed by action of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES**

**Section I. FRVTA**

The purpose of the Florida Recreation Vehicle Trade Association is to lead, educate, protect and promote the Recreation Vehicle Industry of the State of Florida. This objective can and will be international in scope.

- (A) To unite those engaged in the recognized branches of the recreation vehicle industry, including but not limited to dealers, park and campground owners, distributors, manufacturers, suppliers, banks, lenders, representatives of insurance and mortgage finance companies, and to afford opportunities to members to associate and exchange views and to take such concerted action as may be desirable, looking to the betterment of conditions generally in trade and business, in the state of Florida.
- (B) To enter, execute and enforce any contract agreement or transaction, property rental or purchase which it may believe to be for the betterment and best interests of its members, and to engage in other related activities, such as the gathering and dissemination of statistics and information, that will promote and safeguard the recreation vehicle industry in the state of Florida.

- (C) The association does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, for its members, and no part of the net earnings of the association shall be paid to the benefit of any member.
- (D) The association shall have no capital stock; the revenue of the association shall be derived from such dues and other sources as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III** **MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **Section I. Membership Qualifications**

Membership in the association shall include Recreation Vehicle Dealers, Recreation Vehicle Campgrounds, Recreation Vehicle Manufacturers, Suppliers, Service Firms, Finance and Insurance Firms, and other recreation vehicle related companies as defined in Section III.

##### (A) Eligibility to Hold Office

Region. A membership (company) may name up to two (2) persons as designated region representatives eligible to hold region office. Representatives from the same membership (company) cannot hold the office of President and Director at the same time in the same region. If two (2) representatives from the same membership hold region office at the same time, only one (1) person shall be eligible to sign on the Region accounts.

State. No membership (company) shall have more than two (2) representatives serving on the state board at any one time. Only one (1) representative from a membership (company) will be eligible to serve on the State Executive Committee at any one time.

#### **Section II. Membership Voting**

Full-Voting. Any business, which by virtue of common control or ownership having more than one location in a region, may only have one membership and one vote per region. Any business, which by virtue of common control or ownership has more than one location in the state, may have a membership in each applicable region in which it has a location. Such a business will have full voting privileges in these regions, but will have only one vote in the election of state officers.

#### **Section III. Memberships Definitions and Categories**

- (A) The term “Recreation Vehicle Dealer” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company, or corporation actively engaged in the sale of new and/or used recreation vehicles at retail as licensed by the State of Florida.

- (B) The term “Recreation Vehicle Manufacturer” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation actively engaged in the manufacturing of complete recreational vehicles for sale to dealers.
- (C) The term “RV Campground” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation actively engaged in the business of providing suitable parking facilities for recreation vehicles. A Marketing Corporation representing more than one RV Campground must maintain a Voting Membership and must have a multiple location membership for each of its locations.
- (D) The term “Supplier” is defined as a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation which provides merchandise materials or products at either wholesale or retail for recreation vehicles.
- (E) The term “Service Firm” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation actively engaged in providing a service to any branch of the recreation vehicle industry, including distributors.
- (F) The term “Insurance Firm” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation actively engaged in providing offering, brokering or selling insurance to any branch of the recreation vehicle industry.
- (G) The term “Finance Firm” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation actively engaged in providing offering, brokering or selling financial services to any branch of the recreation vehicle industry.
- (H) The term “Category IV LP Service Firm” is defined to mean a person, co-partnership, firm, limited liability company or corporation licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide services related to the installation, repair or maintenance of liquefied petroleum gas systems on Recreational Vehicles. Proof of licensure is required at the time of application or renewal of Association membership.

#### Section IV. Membership Applications

All applications for membership shall be written on a form prescribed by the Board, and shall be accepted or rejected by the Executive Director in accordance with such instructions and declaration of policy as may from time to time be established and announced by the Board of Directors.

Applications, which are of doubtful acceptability, the Executive Director must present to the Board of Directors for specific action. If a member shall be a business entity other than an individual, the name of the person(s) who will act as its designed representative(s) in the affairs of the association shall be designated in the application, which designation may be changed from time to time by further written notification to the Board. However, such notification of change of designated representative shall be

invalid as to any voting privilege sought to be exercised by substituted designee within thirty (30) days following receipt of notification of change.

### Section V. Membership

Membership in the association shall not be transferable.

### Section VI. Resignation

Resignation from membership shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the association and shall be effective upon receipt. Any dues, which have been paid in advance by the resigning member, shall not be refunded.

### Section VII. Termination of Membership

Any membership in the association may be terminated for proper cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors of the association, provided that such action may only be taken after the member involved has been accorded full opportunity to appear at a hearing before the Board and be heard with respect to the charges being considered, and provided that such members shall be given at least ten (10) days written notice of such hearing. This termination can be either for the business itself or the designated representative or both, at the discretion of the Board. After termination of membership, any such member may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board, providing the causes for termination have been removed.

If any member of the association neglects to renew his, her or its annual membership payment of the ensuing year's dues within sixty (60) days after due date, the Board has instructed the Executive Director to terminate such membership with written notice. No member thus terminated may reapply for membership without making restitution for all outstanding obligations, outstanding dues, penalties or other financial obligations due to the association at the time of such termination.

## **ARTICLE IV** **DUES**

### Section I. Dues and Income

The expense of maintaining the association shall be distributed among the members through dues and other income producing activities. The Board of Directors shall approve all dues' schedules.

### Section II. Annual Budget

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Finance Committee shall prepare a proposed budget covering the estimated receipts and expenditures for the coming year.

### Section III. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the association shall begin on the first day of October in each year and end on the last day of September of the following year.

## **ARTICLE V** **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Section I. Management**

The management of the association will be conducted by the State Board of Directors. The State Board of Directors will consist of the following officers and directors: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Presidents and Directors insuring that there is representation from each of the following divisions; Campgrounds, Dealers, Manufacturers, Service and Suppliers, Finance and Insurance. The Past President will serve as a voting member in the honorary position of Chairman of the Board. If there is no representation on the Board in one or more categories, the President may appoint an additional Director for the category.

### **Section II. Regions**

The state will be divided into a number of geographic areas hereafter called regions. The State Board of Directors shall determine the number of regions based on the growth and geographic location of members.

## **ARTICLE VI** **MEETINGS OR CONVENTIONS**

### **Section I. General Membership Meeting**

There will be one general membership meeting or convention each year. This meeting or convention will be held in the month of September each year. Adequate notice will be provided to all members to insure maximum attendance.

### **Section II. State Board of Directors Meetings**

The Board will meet at least four times per year to review, discuss and take the necessary actions to conduct the business of the association.

The President can call special meetings of the Board if he deems it necessary. If travel by Board Members is necessary, a written notice ten days in advance will be sent to all state Board Members.

The President can call a “telephone conference” call of the members of the Board if he deems it necessary, with no less than 24 hours verbal notice.

### **Section III. Voting**

Voting on all questions or issues submitted to a vote of the members, shall be done in such a manner as is determined by the person presiding at the meeting, or by a majority vote of the members. In connection with any secret written ballot vote, the person presiding at the meeting where the vote is to be taken shall appoint two tellers, to distribute, collect, and count the ballots.

#### Section IV. Proxies and Absentee Ballots

There shall be no voting by proxy at any meeting of the FRVTA. Absentee ballots may be cast for the election of State Officers, which will be held at the Annual General Membership Meeting or Convention.

It will be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to see that absentee ballots, containing the nominations for all officers, are mailed to all voting members who have provided written notice that they will not attend the general meeting.

All absentee ballots must be returned to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in adequate time to allow the sealed votes to be presented to the teller prior to the voting at the General Meeting.

### **ARTICLE VII** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### Section I. Management and Control

The management and control of the association and its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

#### Section II. Election and Term of Office

All officers and directors of the State and of the Regions shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting or Regional Meetings, except where previously noted.

All officers will be elected to serve a one-year term of office. Any officer can be nominated for an additional term of office with no more than 2 consecutive years being served in any one office. No member shall serve in the State office of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary unless previously served on the Board of Directors for a minimum of one year. The Directors will be elected to serve a two-year term of office. Any Director can be nominated for an additional term of office with no more than 4 consecutive years being served in this office. Only an owner, corporate officer, sole proprietorship or its assigned designee is eligible to run for State office.

#### Section III. Election of Board Members

All elected officers of the Board of Directors shall be selected by a majority of the votes cast by the general membership in attendance at the annual meeting. No person shall serve as an elected State Officer and as a Regional President at the same time.



Each region shall elect one member to serve as the Director. Directors will hold a two-year term of office with elections of those Directors being held in opposite years according to the following schedule. Directors from regions 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be elected in odd years and from regions 2, 4, 6, and 8 in even years.

#### Section IV. Powers of the Board

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the association and shall have the power and responsibility to conduct, manage, supervise and control the business property, funds and all activities of the association.

#### Section V. The President and Vice President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the association (exclusive of all Committee meetings) and of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the implementing of all actions taken and all policies established by the Board of Directors. The President may serve as an ex-officer member of all FRVTA State Committees. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. If the office of the President becomes vacant due to the incapacity or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the President, and the Board of Directors shall elect a Vice-President for the unexpired portion of the term of office.

#### Section VI. The Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief staff executive of the Association. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board members present at a regular or called meeting is necessary for the appointment or discharge. The Executive Director will report directly to the President, but will be responsible to the Board.

#### Section VII. The Secretary

The Secretary, assisted by the Executive Director, shall be responsible for the keeping of a record of all official actions of the association and of the Board of Directors including the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall assist the President to prepare the agenda and shall be responsible for the additional following duties: notification to all Committees of their appointments; keeping a record of members and officers of the chapters; having custody of all records of the association.

#### Section VIII. The Treasurer

The Treasurer, assisted by the Executive Director, shall be responsible for proper records of the financial transactions and condition of the association and shall furnish a report to the Board of Directors at each of four regular meetings. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board may at any time order an independent certified audit or a lesser form of review of the books and records of the association. Copies shall be furnished to each Board member immediately following completion of the findings and reviewed at the next Board of Directors' meeting.

## Section IX. Director

Directors shall serve at the pleasure of their region and will be voting members of the Board of Directors. In the event a Regional President cannot attend a regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors of the association, it will be the responsibility of the Director to represent that region and report for that region, also to return to the region and report on necessary functions of the State Board meeting.

## Section X. Resignation of Directors and Officers

Any director or officer of the association may resign at any time by giving written notice of their resignation to the Board of Directors. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if such time is not specified, immediately upon receipt by the Board of Directors.

## Section XI. Removal of Directors and Officers

A director or officer may be removed from the Board of Directors or their position as an officer if the person fails to attend two (2) meetings of the Board within 12 months, (unless excused), or for cause agreed upon by unanimous vote thereof by all the members of a quorum of the Board of Directors, except the director or officer whose removal has been proposed. Such removal shall be effective at such time as the Board may determine. The notice of any Board meeting at which such action is contemplated shall contain a notice of the proposed termination, and the director or officer whose standing is being challenged, shall be notified thereof, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. In addition, a person shall immediately cease to be a director or officer at such time as the company with whom he is associated ceases to be a member of the association. A director or officer may return to their office for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after the day that they have ceased to be a principal officer, owner, partner, or full time employee of a member. Should the director or officer be successful in retaining a position with a qualified member firm during the ninety days, they may retain their elected office for the balance of their elected term.

## Section XII. Filling a Board Vacancy

Should vacancy occur in the Board of Directors of the association during the year, other than a Region President or a Director, the President may appoint a replacement. This appointment must be ratified by a majority of the Board of Directors present at the next Board meeting.

## Section XIII. Check Signing Authority

The authority to sign checks upon all or any funds of the association for any authorized expenditures will require the signatures of at least two (2) of the following: the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman of the Board, Executive Director or Marketing Director. State Office expenditures shall be authorized by an annual budget prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of

Directors. No funds shall be expended which are not authorized in the budget or specific Board action, or are not in the normal course of operation of the association.

#### Section XIV. Quorum

At all meetings of the Board, fifty percent (50%) of the total number of members of the Board must be present in person in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### Section XV. Voting

Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Board. Unless otherwise provided by statute or by these By-laws, the act of a majority of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE VIII** **COMMITTEES**

#### Section I. Finance Committee

There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the Treasurer as Chairman, and two (2) or more members of the association appointed by the President, whose duties will be to direct the fiscal policies of the association and develop policies and programs and a budget, which will maintain the association on a sound financial basis. The Committee will also be responsible for developing and having approval of a budget for the next fiscal year before the annual meeting.

#### Section II. Government Affairs Committee

There will be a Government Affairs Committee of the association, consisting of a Chairman and two (2) or more members of the association appointed by the President. Their duties will be to maintain a vigilant watch on legislative and regulatory matters which affect the industry. They will also formulate programs which will assist the growth of the industry through political action.

#### Section III. Membership Committee

There will be a Membership Committee of the association, consisting of a Chairman and two (2) or more members of the association, appointed by the President. Their duties will be to formulate plans and programs for the internal growth of the association and the expansion of membership.

#### Section IV. Show Committee

There will be a Show Committee with a Chairman appointed by the President and as many members as deemed necessary to carry out the annual State trade show, regional show procedures and scheduling of all regional shows.

## Section V. Long Range Planning Committee

There will be a Long Range Planning Committee, consisting of a Chairman and as many additional members deemed necessary, appointed by the President. This Committee will act in an advisory capacity and will conduct and recommend to the Board of Directors long range planning for the development of the association and its program.

## Section VI. Administration Committee

There will be an Administration Committee consisting of a Chairman, and at least two (2) other members, appointed by the President. Their duties will be to establish procedures and oversee the association office through and with the cooperation of the Executive Director. To review the administrative budget and costs of running the State Office and the other expenditures not otherwise allocated. To review and administer the by-laws of the Association.

## Section VII. Nominating Committee

There will be a Nominating Committee consisting of a Chairman appointed by the President, and as many members as deemed necessary to nominate officers. The Nominating Committee shall meet prior to the regular annual meeting to consider candidates for the offices to be filled. The Committee is encouraged (with discretion) to recruit 2 candidates for each available office. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall present the Committee's recommendations for officers to the members, either at the regular annual meeting or in accordance with procedures established pursuant to these by-laws. Further nominations for officers may be made in the same manner as those made by the Nominating Committee. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members' regular annual meeting or in accordance with procedures established by the by-laws.

## Section VIII. Executive Committee

There will be an Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, who is the President of the Association; and four other members who are the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Board (immediate past President). Between regular quarterly Board meetings, the Executive Committee may act for the elected Board, subject to revision or retraction by the Board at the next meeting.

## Section IX. Education Committee

There will be an Education Committee consisting of a Chairman, and at least two (2) other members appointed by the President. Their duties will be to establish and oversee the administration of such educational programs as may be deemed necessary by the Board.

## Section X. PR/Communications Committee

There will be a PR/Communications Committee consisting of a Chairman and at least two (2) other members appointed by the president. Their duties will be to

formulate and execute marketing and PR programs that promote the RV lifestyle and the Association, both inside the state and out.

#### Section XI. Special Committees

There may be Special Committees formed under the direction of the President as deemed necessary.

#### Section XII. Committee Authority and Responsibility

All committees serve at the pleasure of the President unless otherwise called for by these by-laws. Committees serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors to study, identify, and suggest actions for consideration by the Board of Directors. The Board may grant a Committee specific powers to take action covering specific issues subject to a revision or retraction made by the Board at its next meeting. Such power to act with the Board's authority is revoked when a new Board is formed following the association's annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX** **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

The by-laws of the association may be amended or repealed, or new by-laws may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Board upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the number of members attending. Said meeting shall state at least the substance of any proposed by-law or other action relating to the by-laws. No by-law may be changed at the meeting in which it is proposed. It must be considered for vote at the next meeting. All amendments to by-laws must be added to existing by-laws, noted and date change recorded.

### **ARTICLE X** **INDEMNIFICATION**

#### Section I. Director's and Officer's Liability

A director is not liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach or fiduciary duty as a director, except for: a breach of director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its members; an act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law; a transaction from which a director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the director's office; an act or omission for which the liability of a director is expressly provided for by statute; or an act related to an unlawful distribution of income.

#### Section II. Basic Coverage

Each person who at any time has served or serves as a director, officer, staff member, or other duly authorized representative of the association, or his executor, administrator, or other legal representative, may be indemnified by the association against:

- (A) Reasonable expenses, including, but not limited to, counsel fees and disbursements and amounts of judgment, fines or penalties, actually and necessarily incurred in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or other claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation in which such person becomes involved or is threatened with becoming involved, by reason of any act or omission on his part in his capacity as director, officer, staff member or other authorized representative of the association (“action” being hereinafter used to mean any such claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation) and;
- (B) Reasonable payments made by such persons as a pre-judgment settlement or in satisfaction of any post-judgment or fine or penalty imposed in connection with any action in which such person becomes involved by reason of any act or omission on his part in his capacity as director, officer, staff member or other authorized representative of the association.

Provided, however, that in the event that such action, suit or proceeding is comprised or settled before final adjudication thereof, the association’s legal counsel shall find either that such person acted without negligence and that his action did not constitute misconduct in the performance of duty or that any negligent misconduct which may have been involved did not relate to matters of sufficient consequence to warrant the withholding of the indemnity herein provided.

### Section III. Board May Act

The Board of Directors of the association acting by a quorum consisting of directors not parties or involved in such action, shall make a final and conclusive determination of all matters under the provisions of this Article and, then making such determinations, may rely on the written opinion of the association’s counsel.

### Section IV. No Presumptions

The termination of any claim, action, suit, or other proceedings, by judgment, order, settlement (whether with or without court approval) or conviction, or upon a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, or its equivalent, shall not by itself create a presumption that such person did not meet the standard of conduct required herein.

### Section V. Expenses Advanced

Expenses incurred are subject to indemnification hereunder and may be advanced by this association prior to final disposition of the claim, action, suit, or other proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking acceptable to the association by or on behalf of the recipient to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to indemnification.

### Section VI. Rights Cumulative

The right of indemnification herein provided shall be in addition to any other rights to which those to be indemnified may otherwise be entitled by agreement, vote of

directors or members, operation of law or otherwise, and shall be available whether or not the claim asserted against such person is based upon matters which antedate the adoption of this by-law.

### Section VII. Savings Clause

If any word, clause or provision of these by-laws or any indemnification made hereunder shall for any reason be determined to be invalid, the provisions herein shall not otherwise be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

## **ARTICLE XI** **SHOWS**

### General Policy

Trade shows or public expositions of the products and services offered by the RV industry may be put on by the State or Regions. These shows and dates must be approved by the State Board of Directors. The State Show Committee will set certain procedures that State and Regional shows must follow.

## **ARTICLE XII** **REGION BY-LAWS**

### Section I. Operation

- (A) The Regions must operate under all FRVTA by-laws and regulations of the association. The regions are accountable for income and expenditures to the State association. All financial statements shall be mailed directly from the financial institution to the State office where they shall be reviewed, copied and re-mailed to the Regional Treasurer. In the event of an inactive region or dissolution of a region, all funds will be returned to the State association. Each region must deliver to the State office a financial statement each quarter, and year-end statement to maintain their regional status.
- (B) The association or Region does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, for its members, and no part of the net earnings of the association shall be paid to the benefit of any member or individual.
- (C) The Region shall have no capital stock; the revenue of the Region shall be derived from sources as may be determined from time to time by the Regional Board and its members.

### Section II Structure and Management

- (A) Each region may have its own Board of Directors who will consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director. The Regional Officers will conduct and manage the business of the association in that region under the by-laws of the association.

- (B) The Regional Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the region and shall have the power and responsibility to conduct, manage, supervise and control the business, property, funds and all activities of the Region.
- (C) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Region (exclusive of all Committee meetings) and shall be responsible for the implementing of all actions taken and policies established by the region and the State association. A region's President may serve as President for no more than four (4) consecutive one-year terms, elected annually.
- (D) The Director assists the President in representing the region at the State Board meetings. The Director shall report for and to the region at the Board or regional meetings in the event that the President is unable to function in this capacity.
- (E) The Vice-President: In the event a Regional President and Director cannot attend a State Board meeting, it should be the responsibility of the Vice-President to represent the region and report on necessary functions of the State meeting.
- (F) The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of a record of all official actions of the region and of the Board of Directors including the minutes of all meetings. They shall be responsible for the additional following duties: notification to all Committees of their appointments; keeping a record of members and officers of the regions; having custody of all records of the region.
- (G) The Treasurer shall be responsible for proper records of the financial transactions and conditions of the region and shall furnish a report to the region at scheduled monthly meetings (a minimum of four per year). The Region Treasurer will provide the State with four quarterly reports (including a year-end report) based on the criteria established by the State Board of Directors.
- (H) Should a vacancy of a Regional officer occur during the year, the region will have nominations and an election to fill the position that is vacant. Ample notice must be given of the election to all region members. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice President will assume the duties until such time as the election may be held.

### Section III – Region Fund Management:

#### Contracts, Checks, Bank Accounts

- (A) Execution of Contracts. The region Board may authorize any officer or officers of the region in addition to the officer or officers so authorized to execute and deliver any contract or other instrument in the name and on behalf of the region. Unless authorized by the region or expressly stated, no officer or agent shall have any power or authority to bind the region or association by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it financially liable for any purpose or in any amount.
- (B) Checks, drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the region, shall be



signed by such officer or officers of the region and in such manner determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the case of such determination by the Board, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, Vice-President or Secretary of the association.

- (C) The authority to sign checks upon all or any funds of the region for any authorized expenditures will require the signatures of at least two (2) of the following officers: the President, Vice- President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director.
- (D) Deposits. All funds of the Region will be deposited in a bank or financial institution as chosen by the Regional Board of Directors.

#### Section IV – Meetings and Voting

- (A) Regional meetings should be held in a location that is easily accessible to all members of the region as agreed upon at each regional meeting.
- (B) The regions are required to have at least four yearly meetings and the members of the regions must be advised as to meeting dates and locations at least ten days in advance of the meeting.
- (C) Voting on all questions or issues, submitted to a vote of the members, shall be done in such a manner as is determined by the person presiding at the meeting, or by a majority vote of the members. In connection with any secret written ballot vote, the person presiding at the meeting where the vote is to be taken shall appoint two tellers to distribute, collect and count the ballots. Only Region members may vote in the Region. Only the designated representative as stated on the State membership application may vote at the State level, but the designated representative may authorize in writing another company representative to represent and vote for that voting member at the regional level.
- (D) Any expenditure over \$2,500, other than normal budgeted expense, must be announced by written agenda/notice to all members at least 10 days prior to the meeting where the expenditure will be proposed.

#### Section V – Regional Trade Shows

- (A) General Policy. Trade shows or public expositions of the products and services provided by the RV industry may be put on by the Regions. These shows and dates must be approved by the association. The State Show Committee will set procedures that State and Regional shows must follow.
- (B) Regional FRVTA Shows. Regional shows will be put on primarily first for the members of that region.
- (C) Any dealer exhibiting must have been retailing RVs for a period of ninety (90) days prior to the opening of a regional show. All regional shows are open to

participation by any member of another region and must not be refused as long as there is no conflict in production lines and space is available. Violation of this article will mean immediate suspension of the President of this region. The remaining space may be offered as follows:

- I. Members of contiguous regions will be offered space providing there is not a conflict of product lines.
- II. If all members in all remaining regions do not use the available remaining space, it may be offered to non-member firms.

### **ARTICLE XIII** **DISSOLUTION**

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No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed except to its members, board, officers or other private persons, to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in the furtherance of its purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to such organizations who are organized for similar purposes, or to such organizations operating as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## ADDITIONS & AMENDMENTS

Article I through VIII and XI	Amended July 30, 1988 per BOD mtg.
Article IX and XII	Amended Sept.22, 1988 per BOD mtg.
Article XII Section V (C)	Amended April 15, 1989 per BOD mtg.
Article XIII	Amended April 15, 1989 per BOD mtg.
Article VII Section II	Amended July 14, 1990 per BOD mtg.
Article XII Section IV (D)	Added July 8, 1995 per BOD mtg.
Article XII Section II (C)	Amended July 13, 1996 per BOD mtg.
Article II Section I	Amended Sept. 4, 1997 per BOD mtg.
Article III Section II	Amended Sept. 4, 1997 per BOD mtg.
Article VIII Section IX	Amended July 11, 1998 per BOD mtg.
Article XII Section II (E,H)	Amended April 10, 1999 per BOD mtg.
Article VIII, Section X	Added April 7, 2001 per BOD mtg.
Article III, Section VII	Added December 14, 2002 per BOD mtg.
Article XII, Section V	Amended July 10, 2004 per BOD mtg.
Article III, Section I, II & III	Amended Sept. 17, 2004 per BOD mtg.
Article III, Section I; Article V, Section I; Article VII, Sections II, III, IX, XII (A,D,E); Article XII, Sections II & III (C)	Amended December 12, 2009 per BOD mtg.
Article III, Section H	Added December 13, 2014 per BOD mtg. Effective October 1, 2015