

# MIDWEST LAMA ASSOCIATION - BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I: IDENTIFICATION

The name of this association shall be:  
MIDWEST LAMA ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association:

- a. General welfare of lamas
- b. Promotion of lamas
- c. Education and support to owners and potential new owners
- d. Fellowship

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person or entity who subscribes to the purpose and basic policies of this Association shall be eligible for membership.
2. A membership may comprise a maximum of two persons, who reside at the same address. Limited to one vote per person.
3. Membership in the Association shall run from January 1 through December 31; in the event membership dues are not received from the member by March 1, all membership privileges shall cease.
4. Membership dues shall be determined by the elected Officers.

## ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Management and governance of the Association shall be by its elected officers.

All dues-paying members of the Association shall be eligible to serve on any vacant position as officers. The election shall be held at the Association's annual meeting. Each officer's term of office shall be for a period of two years, with the President and Vice President being elected in even numbered years and the Secretary and Treasurer being elected in odd numbered years.

The officers of the Association shall consist of the following:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

The President of the Association shall preside over all meetings. In the event the President is unable to attend any of the meetings, the Vice President shall act in his or her stead.

The Secretary of the organization shall record and maintain the minutes of any meetings, and shall, upon approval of the minutes, post the approved minutes on the Association's website.

The Treasurer of the Association shall maintain the financial records of the Association, send out (and be reimbursed for, if appropriate) annual dues' notices. The Treasurer shall also prepare a financial accounting which shall be approved by the officers and made available to any member upon request. The treasurer shall maintain a current membership list of the Association.

In the event of permanent absence of an elected officer, the remaining officers shall appoint a replacement to fill the absent officer's remaining term of office.

Any officer of the Association may be removed from his or her appointed office for reason of neglect of responsibilities or any act or action counter to the purpose of this Association, or for any act or action which brings harm to the Association and its members.

## ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

The Association shall hold an Annual meeting. The first Membership Meeting of the calendar year shall be deemed the Annual Meeting.

Notification to the paid members of the Association of the date and place of the annual meeting shall be made by newsletter, U.S. Mail and/or electronic mail (e-mail) thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date.

A majority of all members attending a meeting shall be deemed sufficient to ratify any new business that may be presented at the Meeting.

All meetings shall be governed by the Roberts Rules of Order, except as modified by the bylaws of the association.

## VI. AMENDMENTS

The Association's Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of paid members in attendance at any special or annual meeting; provided notice of intended change has been sent either by newsletter, U.S. Mail and/or electronic mail (e-mail) thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date.