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OKLAHOMA RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1.   Organization shall be known as the OKLAHOMA RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY, an affiliate of the National Recreation and Park Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1.   The objectives of this organization shall be as follows:

   a.   To be a means of bringing together all people engaged in the fields of recreation and parks in the State of Oklahoma, in order that they may act collectively in the interest of the recreation and park profession.

   b.   To foster and maintain the highest standards of Professional qualifications, training and ethics.

   c.   To stimulate and further a wide interest in recreation and/or park preservation, and development of the State's recreation resources.

   d.   To contribute to the discussion of problems relating to recreation and/or parks.

   e.   To cooperate with the National Recreation and Park Association, and other public and private agencies.

   f.   To protect the interests of Recreation, Park, and Leisure Service workers in situations where their professional interests are involved.

   g.   To participate in a national plan for the registration, review and endorsement of professional certification for recreation and park personnel.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.   Membership in this Society shall consist of those persons meeting the requirement as provided hereinafter or in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT

Section 1.   The control and management of the affairs of this Society shall be governed by the Board of Directors which shall consist of the elected officers of the Society: The President, the President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, the three (3) Vice-Presidents At-Large, serving a one year term and three (3) Trustees, one (1) to be elected each year for a three (3) year term.

Section 2.   Nomination of officers shall be made by the Nominating Chairperson. Provisions are made in the by-laws for the nomination of others in addition to those suggested.

Section 3.   Officers and Trustee members shall be elected by the active Membership of the Society as prescribed in the by-laws.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1.   The officers of the Society shall be the President; the President-elect; The Immediate Past President; the Secretary; the Treasurer, three (3) Vice-Presidents and three (3) Trustee members.

Section 2.   The Board of Trustees of the Society shall be made up of the President, the President-elect, the Immediate Past-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Trustee Board Members.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1.   The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary in the interest of the Society.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1.   The annual conference and other workshops of the Society shall be Held on such dates and in such locations as the Board of Directors May designate.

Section 2.   Special meetings may be called by the President or on written request of 51% of the members of the Board of Directors or of the active

membership of the Society. Written request for a special meeting must be received by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the called meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

Section 1.   Fifty-one (51%) of the Board of Directors or the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. FEES AND DUES

Section 1.   All members of the Society shall be required to pay a membership fee as prescribed in the by-laws. All dues will be payable by July 1 of each year for the next fiscal year.

Section 2.   Membership cards may be requested at the time of payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1.   This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active members of the Society, present and voting at the annual conference.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED:
July 1985, November 1990, March 2000, November 2009, November 2013, January 2017