

WISCONSIN MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. This association shall be known as the WISCONSIN MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, hereinafter referred to as 'the Association'.

Section 2. The location of the principal office of this Association shall be the City of Madison, County of Dane, State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. To foster, promote and protect the inherent advantages of transportation by motor vehicle and other like business and pursuit. To develop social, scientific and industrial interests and promote the general welfare of its members through and by such means as the Association shall from time to time determine.

Section 2. To develop a better highway transportation system properly adapted to the needs of commerce and the national defense of the United States of America.

Section 3. To advocate just, reasonable and equitable taxation for the operation of motor trucks within and between all states.

Section 4. To advocate that certain funds derived from taxation of motor vehicles be appropriated and used exclusively for the enforcement of regulatory laws.

Section 5. To promote harmony and cooperation among motor truck operators in order to coordinate their efforts in carrying out the aims and purposes of this Association.

Section 6. To pledge this Association to mobilize ever-growing forces of safety and give them wide support and leadership.

Section 7. To conduct seminars and provide information to its members to help insure that they are as productive and efficient as possible in internal operations.

Section 8. To engage in any lawful business incidental to or of a similar nature to the foregoing, which may be deemed advisable, and to do and perform all of the lawful acts and things which may be deemed necessary or convenient in the conduct of the business of said Association.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Any person, partnership or corporation, who is directly or indirectly engaged in transportation by motor vehicles may become a member of this Association by executing and filing with the Association a verified application agreeing to become bound to and to abide by the articles of Association and By-Laws of the Association and faithfully to discharge all duties and obligations imposed thereby, which application shall be accompanied by the necessary fees to cover such membership. Such application shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and membership shall become effective upon acceptance by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Any divisional or geographical group, or any association bureau or organization representing carriers engaged in motor vehicle transportation or any group fostering motor vehicle transportation may become a member of this Association by executing and filing with the Association a verified application agreeing to become bound to and to abide by the Articles of Association and By-Laws of the Association and faithfully to discharge all duties and obligations imposed thereby, which application shall be accompanied by the necessary fees to cover such membership. Such application shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and membership shall become effective upon acceptance by the Board of Directors. Any such membership shall be known and is hereafter referred to as a Division. Membership in any Division is predicated upon membership in the General Association unless provided otherwise by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Membership of any member or Division may be terminated by:

- a) Voluntary resignation upon not less than sixty (60) days' notice in writing to the Association;
- b) Expulsion of such member by order of the Board of Directors upon sixty (60) days' written notice for failure to pay or cause to be paid any amount owing the Association for dues, or any other account whatsoever;
- c) Expulsion of such member by order of the Board of Directors for failure to cure any breach of any duty or obligation of such member within sixty (6) days' after formal written notice by the President to do so.
- d) Expulsion of such member, by order of the Board of Directors through a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors present at a special meeting called for such purpose, for engaging in conduct, activities, or practices that are contrary to the mission of the Association, destructive to its reputation, deemed illegal or in conflict with the best interests of the Association and its trucking industry members.

Section 4. The property rights of the members of this Association shall be equal and all property rights, interests or other rights and privileges in or to this Association of any member or Division shall cease upon the termination of membership by voluntary withdrawal, expulsion, death or other causes. Upon dissolution of any Division any monies or properties shall revert to the Association.

Section 5. In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, the assets of the corporation shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of this corporation, with the particular recipient to be designated pursuant to a Plan of Distribution duly adopted by the membership in accordance with the Wisconsin Statute then applicable.

ARTICLE IV Voting

Section 1. Each person, partnership or corporation who is a member of this Association and qualified under Article III, Section 1 hereof, shall be entitled to one vote in all matters relative to the conduct of the affairs of the Association. Membership only in a Division does not entitle such member to vote upon affairs of the Association. Only one vote shall be allowed per member.

Section 2. Each Division qualified under Article III, Section 2 hereof, shall be entitled to the number of votes, as the Board of Directors shall from time to time direct.

Section 3. Members may not vote by proxy. Votes by a Division shall be cast by an authorized representative of said Division in a unit.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Section 1. The Board of Directors may designate any place as the place of meeting for any annual or any special meeting.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held on a date to be fixed annually by the Board of Directors, and it shall be the duty of the President to give ten (10) days' notice of such meeting to each Director, said notice to state the time and place of such meeting and to be addressed to the member either by postal mail or electronically, but failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such meeting or proceedings thereat. At such meeting, any business may be transacted not requiring a special notice.

Section 3. Special meetings of the membership may be held upon call by the President when directed by the Chairman of the Board, or upon direction in writing of a majority of Directors then in office, or upon written direction of a majority of the members. The President shall give five (5) days' notice of such meeting in the same manner as is provided in Article V, Section 2, hereof for the giving of notice, save that such notice shall, in addition specify the purpose or purposes of the meeting.

Section 4. A meeting of the membership may regularly and validly be held whenever a majority of the Board of Directors shall be present at any meeting, however notified, and shall sign a written consent to the holding thereof upon the records, and at such meeting any business may be transacted which could lawfully be transacted at meeting regularly called and notified.

Section 5. Presence at any meeting of twenty (20) Directors shall constitute a quorum, save as otherwise provided by law; but less than a quorum meeting at any time pursuant to notice, shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

Section 6. The Chairman of the Board, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the membership, and the Secretary shall act as Secretary thereof, but should such officers not be present, their function may be performed by any of the members present, as chosen by those in attendance.

ARTICLE VI Board of Directors

Section 1. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of fifty-one members and all active past chairmen representing the person, partnership or corporation who is a member of the Association. No company may have more than one voting member on the Board of Directors. No director may be an Honorary Director and an active past chairman at the same time.

The fifty-one general directors shall be nominated from the membership at large and shall serve for terms of three years each, with seventeen directors being elected each year. Each division of the Association shall have at least one member on the Board of Directors. The President shall also serve as a non-voting, ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee shall make its recommendations to the full membership at each annual meeting relative to positions on the Board of Directors. In making its nominations, the Nominating Committee shall try to insure that the Board of Directors represents a good cross section of the members from a geographical, size of company, and type of operations perspective. It is also the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to insure that every division within the Association has at least one representative on the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is authorized to also name Honorary Directors. To be eligible for designation as an Honorary Director, an individual must have been a past director and must have made significant contributions to the Association and the industry over an extended period of time. If a person is approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the Board for designation as an Honorary Director, he or she is specifically invited to every Board function, but would not have voting rights.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have power, in addition to all others lawfully vested in them:

- a) To purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, sell, convey, transfer, or assign any property, rights, interests or privileges of the Association, upon such terms and conditions, and for such price as such Board sees fit.
- b) To employ a President upon such terms and conditions as said Board may see fit. Such appointment shall be made by a majority vote of the elected Board of Directors.
- c) To select and retain outside consultants and agents as the Board deems necessary upon such terms and conditions as the Board sees fit. Such appointment shall be made by a majority vote of the elected Board of Directors.
- d) To remove or suspend any of the above personnel, or all or any of the said officers of the Association by two-thirds vote of the elected Board, and said Board may delegate to any officer of the Association by resolution or to any committee or members of the Association, all or any of the powers stated in this section, or any part of such powers.
- e) To authorize the borrowing of money for Association purposes, as in the discretion of said Board seems fit, and for that purpose to execute or cause to be executed in the name of the Association such bills, notes or other evidences of debt as may be expedient.
- f) To establish branch offices or places of business for the carrying on of the business of this Association at any place within this state, or elsewhere.
- g) To elect the individuals who will serve as the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Foundation.

Section 3. If a Director, representing his or her company, terminates his or her employment with that company, the Director shall be replaced according to the provisions outlined in Section 6.

Section 4. A Director may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, and said resignation shall be effective from the filing thereof, unless a later date be fixed by its terms.

Section 5. The membership, at any special meeting called for such purpose, may remove from office any or all of the Directors, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 6. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, from any cause whatsoever, shall be filled by election by the Board of a successor or successors from among the qualified members of the Association, and the person or persons so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the membership.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall meet annually, and from time to time, thereafter as herein provided:

- a) Annual meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held the same place as the annual membership meeting. At such meeting, any business may be transacted.
- b) Special meeting shall be held upon call of the President as directed by the Chairman of the Board or upon the written request of three (3) of the Directors; it shall be the duty of the President to give five (5) days' notice of such meeting to each Director personally or by mail as specified in Article V, Section 2. But meetings may be held at any time or place, all Directors being there and then in attendance and waiving notice and consenting to the holding thereof, and at such meetings, any business may be transacted which could have been transacted had notice regularly been given.

Section 8. The Chairman of the Board, and in his absence the First Vice-Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall act as Secretary thereof, but in the absence of either or any of such officers, their functions may be performed by any members of the Board elected by those present.

Section 9. The regular order of business shall be:

- a) Call of the roll
- b) Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
- c) Report of officers and committees
- d) Unfinished business
- e) New business

Section 10. Any Director who is absent from three or more Directors' meetings during a calendar year shall be removed from the Board and replaced according to provisions outlined in Section 6, Subject to concurrence of the Board.

Section 11. Executive Committee -- The Chairman of the Board may appoint an executive committee subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. This Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Board of Directors as outlined in Article VI except that the powers conferred by Section 2 (b) of Article VI shall be retained by the Board of Directors, except that the Executive Committee may suspend the President until the next meeting of the Board. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, two-thirds of the duly appointed members shall constitute a quorum, and a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the committee shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted on by the committee.

Section 12. "Each voting member may designate another person from the same company to represent that director at any WMCA Board meeting as an alternate. Such alternate may, in the absence of the regular board member, vote and act in all affairs of the Board of Directors, but would not be eligible to hold office".

ARTICLE VII Officers

Section 1. The general officers of this Association shall be a Chairman of the Board, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and President.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors from the general membership of the Association excepting that the office of Chairman of the Board shall be elected from the members of said Board, and each of said officers hold office for the term of one year or until his successor is elected and qualifies.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association subject to the control of the Board of Directors, with the power to execute contracts and instruments generally on behalf of the Association, and he shall have such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by these By-Laws or delegated to him by the Board of Directors. Committee appointments shall be made by the Chairman of the Board with the approval of the Board. Any interim committee appointment shall be approved at the subsequent meeting of the Board.

Section 4. The First Vice-Chairman shall discharge the duties of Chairman of the Board in the event of absence or disability, for any cause whatever, of the latter. In addition, the First and Second Vice Chairmen will perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by these By-Laws or delegated to them by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep a complete and permanent record of all proceedings of the membership meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall, in addition, have general charge of the books and records of the Association and shall safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the Association, or in any wise pertaining to the business thereof, and he shall countersign all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the Association and such other papers as he shall be directed to countersign by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall keep and account for all monies, credits and property of any and every nature of the Association, which shall come into his hands and keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed, and keep proper vouchers for monies disbursed, and he shall render such accounts, statements and inventories of monies received and disbursed and of monies and property on hand, and generally of all matters pertaining to this office as shall be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The President shall be responsible for all management functions. He shall manage and direct all activities of the Association as prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall be responsible to the Board. He shall employ and may terminate the employment of members of the staff necessary to carry on the work of the Association and fix their compensation within the approved budget. As President, he shall define the duties of the staff, supervise their performance, establish their titles and delegate those responsibilities of management as shall, in his judgment, be in the best interests of the Association. The President shall be further authorized to act as a spokesman for the Association before the general public and any and all public bodies. Any elected officer of the Association may delegate to the President any duty of his elected office prescribed herein, except that such delegation shall not relieve the elected officer of the responsibility for the performance of such duty.

Section 8. Whenever the Board of Directors may so order, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Section 9. In the case of the absence or disability of any general officer of the Association, the Board of Directors may delegate his duties to one of the other officers or to a member of the Board of Directors, until the return or recovery of the absented or disabled officer.

ARTICLE VIII Compensation

Section 1. Directors and general officers, with the exception of the President, shall not be compensated for their services. The salary of the President shall be set by the Board of Directors. Expenses for the Directors and general officers may be permitted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX Dues

Section 1. Dues of members of this Association and any Division thereof shall be fixed from time to time by resolutions of the Board of Directors adopted at any regular or special meeting, of which ten (10) days' written notice by mail that such change will be considered at such meeting has been given to all Directors. Such dues shall be paid when due. Division dues shall first be approved by any Division.

Section 2. Each member of this Association shall, as requested by the Board, submit the information necessary to compute the membership dues. This information may include but is not limited to fleet miles traveled, fleet miles traveled in Wisconsin, number of units registered, gross system revenues, and gross Wisconsin intrastate revenues.

ARTICLE X Divisions

Section 1. In addition to the Divisions, groups, associations, bureaus, or organizations accepted for membership under Article III, Section 2 hereof, the members of this Association may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, organize and establish within this Association natural or geographical divisions which shall be known and referred to herein as Divisions of the Association.

Section 2. Each Division accepted to membership in this Association under Article III, Section 2 hereof, or formed under Section 1 of this Article shall file with the President a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, or if it is not incorporated, there shall be filed with the President a written statement of the purposes and plan of operation of said Division.

Section 3. Divisions may hold special meetings of their members but notices of such meetings and the purpose of the same must be served upon the President in person or by mail at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the holding of any such meeting. The President of a duly selected agent may be present at all such meetings. This requirement is made to avoid any infractions of the Association's policies and to give such assistance as is helpful to each Division.

Section 4. No Division may take any action outside of the Association without prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Association, except such matters as are in the regular course of the regular business of the members of such Division. The activities of a Division shall be restricted to the consideration of problems of the industry which directly affect the Division, and no Division shall in any matter whatsoever commit the Association to any program or for any obligation.

ARTICLE XI Litigation

Section 1. No officer, employee, member or Division may enter into or foster litigation of any character in the name of the Association or any of its Divisions without the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.

ARTICLE XII Legislation

Section 1. No member and/or Division of this Association shall engage in sponsoring any matter of a legislative nature without the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Association. There is excepted from the provisions of this Section such matters as are necessary in the regular course of the member's business.

ARTICLE XIII Penalties and Procedure

Section 1. The majority of the elected Board of Directors may impose such sanctions and such penalties as it sees fit against any member or Division that violates the provisions of the By-Laws, including expulsion from the Association.

Section 2. If the Board of Directors deems it necessary to apply Section 1, it shall provide the accused member or Division a fair opportunity to hear the charges and to present a defense against them by:

- a) Mailing by registered mail a statement of the charges.
- b) The statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors.
- c) Opportunity to appear in person or by representation to defend against any charges.

ARTICLE XIV Affiliation by the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association

Section 1. The Board of Directors is specifically authorized and empowered to affiliate this Association with other incorporated Associations if the object of the Association to be affiliated with be similar to the object of this Association as expressed in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XV Rules of Order

Section 1. Robert's "Rules of Order" shall be the preliminary authority of this Association.

ARTICLE XVI Mode of Amendment

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any time by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting called for that purpose, except that Article VI, Section 1, shall not be amended except by vote of the membership. The Board of Directors at any time, however, does have the authority to seat a representative on the Board for any newly formed division that has been approved in accordance with Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws.