

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE  
KANSAS STATE BOWLING PROPRIETORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

Name

This Association shall be known as:

The Kansas State Bowling Proprietors Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Mission Statement

“To Enhance the Profitability of Our Members”

The objectives of this Association shall be:

1. To perpetuate the best interests of its members in the business of bowling.
2. To promote better mutual understanding and relationships amongst its members.
3. To disseminate information for the beneficial conduct of its members’ business.
4. To further the best interests of bowling by encouraging uniform, clean, and ideal conditions under which bowling should be conducted by bowling proprietors.
5. To discourage practices contrary to the best interests of the game of bowling.
6. To encourage and conduct bowling events and contests with the highest ideals of and traditions of the truly American concept of competition in sports and recreation.
7. To foster organized youth bowling and assume the responsibility of conducting such programs, utilizing the standards and principles promulgated for each educational level of academic authority.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. This Association shall subscribe to and by the rules, regulations, Constitution and Bylaws of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America, Inc., so long as affiliation with that Association continues, in the opinion of this Association, to foster and promote ideals and objectives as set forth in the stated objectives of that Association.

Section 2. This Association shall adhere to the BPAA Constitution and Bylaws as and to the extent such pertain to this Association, and, but without limiting the foregoing, neither this Association nor its members shall in any way:

(a) Fix, suggest, establish, determine, or maintain, or attempt to fix, suggest, establish, determine or maintain, the prices, terms or conditions charged or imposed by any member for the use of his bowling establishment or facilities: or

(b) Hinder, restrict or prevent any member from soliciting the patronage of customers of another member or from otherwise determining the manner, method or form in which he may compete with another member.

Section 3. Participation in any tournament sponsored or conducted by or in behalf of this Association is open, upon the same terms and conditions, to all bowlers who do, or have done, any league, tournament, advertising exhibition or any other type of bowling (1) in a BPAA member establishment or (2) in a no-BPAA member establishment, or (3) whether such bowler is or is not a member of any bowling proprietor association.

Section 4. As a condition of membership in this Association, each member establishment shall be a member of the comparable class of the BPAA for which it is eligible, unless in particular cases this condition is waived by BPAA’s Executive Committee.

Section 5. Membership in this Association shall not be refused to any bowling establishment eligible therefore unless for a reason determined by BPAA to be a lawful reason.

Section 6. The membership in this Association of any member shall not be terminated by the Association unless for a reason determined by BPAA to be a lawful reason, and then only after reasonable notice and fair opportunity to be heard are afforded to the member concerned.

Section 7. Anything in the Constitution or Bylaws of this Association, or in any other rules, regulations or code of ethics of the Association, if such there be, or in any agreement or understanding to which this Association or any of its members is a party, if such there be, which is in conflict with or otherwise in derogation of any of the above provisions is hereby revoked and of no further effect as to either this Association or any member.

#### ARTICLE IV

Section 1. This Association is a non-profit organization.

Section 2. The location of this Association's principal office shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE V

Section 1. REGULAR MEMBER. Any bowling establishment (whether such be owned by an individual, firm, corporation or other legal entity) whose principal business is not the manufacture, sale or distribution of bowling or billiard supplies, is eligible to be a member of this Association provided such bowling establishment is a member in good standing of any approved affiliated city, district, or zone bowling proprietors' association in the area where the business is conducted. Where no approved city, district, or zone bowling proprietors' association exists where the business is conducted, an applicant not located in an affiliated area may apply directly to this Association, for disposition by the Board of Directors or such representatives as that Board may delegate. For the purposes of this section, the term "proprietor" shall not include the owner of a bowling establishment who leases to another, nor shall it include the employee of a proprietor. All final questions of eligibility shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBER.

(a) Any bowling establishment is eligible to be an Associate Member if it is owned or operated by any individual, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, the principal business of which is the manufacture, sale or distribution of bowling supplies.

(b) Any individual, 55 years of age or older, who was the designated representative of a member center which was in good standing at the time of sale or at the time of his or her retirement from that member center, and who is not eligible for any other membership, is eligible for associate membership.

(c) Associate members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Association except the rights to vote and hold office in the Association.

Section 3. HONORARY MEMBER. Any deserving person may be elected an Honorary Member by a three-quarter (3/4) vote of the Regular Members. Honorary members may attend all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors and participate in the deliberations at such meetings but as such shall not be entitled to any other rights and privileges.

Section 4. Any member of the Association may resign by giving written notice to the principal office of the Executive Director. Such notice shall be reported to the Board of Directors at the first meeting after the receipt of such notice. Resignation of any member shall not free such member from any obligation to the Association at the time of resignation.

Section 5. A member may be suspended or expelled from membership for violating the bylaws of the Association, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of bowling and its patrons. Such suspension or expulsion shall be affected by majority vote of the Board of Directors. A notice to any member so charged shall be mailed to such member at least fifteen (15) days before action is to be taken. Such notice shall state

the time and place where a hearing shall be held. The charged member shall be given an opportunity to present a defense at the time and place stated in the notice.

Section 6. Any member under suspension or expulsion may be reinstated by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Any member who has been suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal to the membership of the Association at a regular meeting.

## ARTICLE VI

### Regular & Special Meetings

Section 1.

(a) Regular meetings of this Association shall be held in the period of January 2 to March 15 (herein designated as the winter meeting) and in the period from May 15 to August 15 (herein designated as the annual meeting).

(b) The date and location for the winter meeting shall be decided at each winter meeting, one year in advance.

(c) The date and location for the annual meeting shall be decided by the Kansas State Bowling Proprietors Board of Directors working one year in advance.

Section 2. To conduct the business of this Association in convention or any other meeting, a minimum of fifteen (15) percent of the membership, in good standing, shall be present to constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The president; may designate executive sessions at any meeting.

Section 4. All elections shall be in executive session by closed, written ballot, unless there is only one nomination for office. The nominee receiving a majority of ballots cast for the particular office shall be declared elected. If a majority of the ballots are not cast for a particular person, the nominee receiving the smallest number of ballots shall be dropped, another ballot taken among the remaining nominees, and so on until a majority is obtained.

Section 5. Special meetings of this Association may be called by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Notice for any special meeting shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be forwarded to all members of this Association, in good standing, and may be transmitted by any media, as determined by the Board of Directors dependent upon the necessity of the occasion.

## ARTICLE VII

### Dues and Assessments

Section 1. Dues of this Association shall be fixed at the Annual Meeting of this Association. A quorum as stated in Section 2 of Article VI shall be present. Basis of dues shall be a levy per lane bed in each member establishment. Dues fixed at the Annual Convention Meeting shall include those of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, Inc.

Section 2. Collection of dues for state, zone and national shall be the responsibility of the state office.

Section 3. The fiscal year of this Association shall be the calendar year from January 1 to Dec. 31.

Section 4. Dues shall be paid for the calendar year and are payable as of January 1.

Section 5. Members whose dues are not paid in full by January 31 of the current calendar year shall be deemed delinquent and forfeit all privileges of membership in this Association. Such delinquency shall include prior obligations remaining unpaid. Forfeited privileges shall include voting, holding of assigned tournaments, local zone or state, display of association membership emblems, or any other benefits accruing to a membership in good standing.

Section 6. Any action taken regarding delinquency of members shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Budget plans for payment of dues and assessments may be promulgated by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. The Association shall have the power to make and levy assessments at a regular meeting of the Association. In the event that a special meeting is called, and any assessment is to be considered for adoption at such meeting, a notice of such intent shall be forwarded to every member, in good standing, at least ten (10) days prior to such special meeting as outlined in Sections 2 and 6 of Article VI.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Officers –Board of Directors

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be:

President  
Vice President/President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Sergeant-at-Arms

All officers shall be active members in good standing. Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. Except the office of Treasurer which shall have no term limit. However, after the passage of one (1) year after completion of two (2) such terms such person shall again be eligible for election to any office. Office year begins fourteen (14) days after the close of the annual meeting.

A. President

The President shall preside at all business sessions of the Association and shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and serve ex-officio on all Board Committees with the right to vote on all except the Nominating Committee. The President shall communicate at the Annual and Mid-Winter Meetings and at such other times as he/she may deem proper to the Association or the Board of Directors such matters and make such recommendations as may, in his/her opinion, tend to promote the welfare and usefulness of the Association, and perform such other duties as are prescribed herein or by the Board of Directors.

B. President-Elect

The President-Elect, who will automatically succeed the President upon completion of the President's term, shall assist the President and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The President-Elect will be elected only when the President is starting his/her final term.

C. Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice President will be elected in those years when no President-Elect is being elected.

D. Secretary

The Secretary will certify and authenticate the official records of the Association, record meeting minutes, prepare and keep the necessary ballots for elections, keep a record of attendance at meetings, maintain an accurate membership roster, cause notice of all meetings and amendments to be forwarded to the membership and perform such other duties as prescribed herein or by the Board of Directors.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee and supervise the custody of the Association's funds and fiscal records by reviewing the monthly bank reconciliations and financial

reports as provided monthly by the Executive Director; supervise an annual audit and report by a public accountant by request from the Board of Directors; and submit such report at the Annual Meeting and at any other time when requested by the President or the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall certify the payment of the bills of the Association. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to see that accurate records of all financial business transacted by the Association be kept and perform such other duties as are prescribed herein or by the Board of Directors.

F. Sergeant-at-Arms

The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be those customarily prescribed for that office, and such other duties that may be prescribed by the presiding officer.

G. The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of the duly elected officers of this Association and past presidents who are representatives of regular members. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to decide on issues requiring special meetings of the Association, and to act as liaison between the President, the Board of Directors, and the membership in general.

The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

1. Employment of personnel.
2. Arrange for Conventions and Regular Meetings.
3. Set policies of the Association.
4. Fix wages, fees and allowances.
5. Approve appointments.
6. Resolve decisions not requiring special meetings.
7. To supervise administrative decisions.
8. Offer recommendations to membership.
9. To hold hearings on conduct of members and affiliates.
10. Peruse budgets submitted by Finance Committee.
11. Consider the good of the Association.
12. Allocation of zone areas and boundaries.
13. Approve dates and locations of sponsored tournaments.

H. Standing Committees

(a) Finance Committee

This committee shall consist of three (3) members of which at least two (2) shall be current members of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Committee to arrange for annual audits requested by the Board of Directors, recommend financial policy, and assist the President in preparation of budgets.

(b) Membership Committee

This committee shall consist of three (3) or more members. Its duty shall be to investigate applications for membership, study and recommend all phases of Association membership and report thereon.

(c) Tournament Committee

This committee shall consist of at least three (3) members. It shall be the duty of this committee to make plans, establish rules, sanction, prepare posters and advertising, and perform such duties as required for Association sponsored tournaments and events, and submit same to the Board of Directors for approval of site selection, dates, awards and other pertinent decisions.

(d) Communications

This committee shall be appointed to perform those functions relating to publicity and public relations.

(e) Legislative and Bylaws Committee

A committee of four (4) members shall be appointed to perform those functions relating to legislative and bylaws matters.

(f) Kansas Beverage Committee

The Kansas Beverage Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the membership regarding best use of KSBPA beverage funds for the benefit of the membership.

(g) Member Benefits Committee

The Member Benefits Committee is responsible to provide benefits to help drive traffic into member bowling centers and enhance the profitability of its members. Such benefit programs might include group purchasing programs and suggested ways to use them to.

(h) Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three (3) most recent past presidents who are representatives of regular members. This committee will oversee the nomination and election of officers (as outlined in Article IX).

(i) Youth Task Force Committee

The Youth Task Force Committee will assist in developing and delivering programs that grow participation in youth bowling. This includes but is not limited to High School Bowling and the In-School Bowling Programs.

(j) Historical Committee

The Historical Committee shall acquire and maintain information regarding the association and its members.

(k) Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame Committee shall oversee the nomination process (as outlined in Article X) to honor outstanding individuals for induction into the KSBPA Hall of Fame.

(l) Special Committees

Special Committees for which no provision is made herein may be created and appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IX

### Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three (3) most recent past presidents who are representatives of regular members. This committee shall, in writing, report its nominations to membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. On the first day of the annual meeting (immediately following the meeting opening ceremonies), the Nominating Committee chairman shall orally state the committee's nominations. Nominations from the floor shall be made immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee. Election of officers shall take place during the last business session on the first day of the annual meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one (1) nomination for an office.

Section 2. Vacancies in any regularly elected office shall be filled by special election at the first regular meeting after such vacancy occurs. The Nominating Committee will submit its recommendation to fill the vacancy in writing to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at "the first executive session". The election will be held at "the second executive session" with no additional nominations from the floor being accepted. Voting will be by written ballot.

## ARTICLE X

### Kansas Bowling Proprietors' Hall of Fame

Section 1. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor outstanding contributions to the Association.

Section 2. An individual who has been an Association member or Executive Director for ten (10) years and is at least fifty-five (55) years of age or deceased is eligible to be nominated to the Kansas Bowling Proprietors' Hall of Fame.

Section 3. Nomination forms shall be mailed to all member centers by November 15th preceding a Hall of Fame election year. Completed forms for nomination to the Hall of Fame must be received by the Executive Director by December 31 (every other year beginning in 2009). At the winter meeting, the Board of Directors, by secret ballot, shall vote on the nominees. Any nominee who receives at least 25% of the eligible votes will be placed on the list to be submitted to all members for election.

Section 4. Immediately following the winter meeting of each Hall of Fame election year, the Executive Director shall submit a resume' of the nominees to all member centers, along with a return post card for the member centers to designate their votes. The nominees must receive a 50% approval of the votes cast to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The voting shall be governed by Article VI, Section 4.

Section 5. Induction into the Hall of Fame will take place during the annual meeting on the even numbered years,

Section 6. Individual(s) selected to be inducted into the Hall of Fame will be notified in writing by the President before March 15 of the current year. Individual(s) selected will receive a paid registration for all Annual Meetings during his or her lifetime.

## ARTICLE XI

### Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to the Articles of this Association shall be made only at the annual meeting. A quorum, as defined in Section 2 of Article VI, Regular and Special Meetings, shall be in attendance. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be necessary to amend the Bylaws.

Section 2. No proposed amendments shall be presented to the membership unless written notice thereof has been issued to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting. This section may be waived provided the presiding officer at the preceding regular meeting has announced to the general assembly that particular amendments may be proposed at the next regular meeting. Such announcement by the presiding officer shall be made a part of the minutes of the meeting at which such announcement is made.

## ARTICLE XII

### Affiliations

Section 1. This Association shall foster the formation of progressive City, District, and/or Zone Bowling Proprietors' Associations and shall require them to affiliate with this Association and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. The Board of Directors of this Association shall accept applications for affiliation with this Association and present its recommendations to the membership in assembly.

Section 2. To receive official recognition of this Association, City, District and/or Zone Bowling Proprietors' Organizations shall make written application to this Association, enclosing therewith a copy of its bylaws.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may terminate an affiliation when it determines that termination is in the best interest of this Association. Any affiliate of this Association may request and shall be granted a hearing with the Board of Directors. Any affiliate of this Association may appeal any decision of the Board of Directors to the Association in a regular meeting, provided that any request for such hearing shall be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to such a scheduled meeting.

Section 4. The application for affiliation with this Association shall contain the following information:

1. Name of Association.
2. Territory to be encompassed.
3. Fees or dues to be in effect.
4. Names and proprietors of establishments included.
5. Address of establishments.
6. Names and addresses of officers.
7. Eligibility requirements for membership.
8. Address of principal office.
9. Copies of constitution and bylaws.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Order of Business

- Sections 1.
- a. Roll Call
  - b. Reading of previous minutes
  - c. Reports of Committees
  - d. Reports of Officers
  - e. Communications
  - f. Unfinished business
  - g. New business
  - h. Elections
  - i. Good of the association
  - j. Adjournment

Section 2. Order of business may be rearranged for the convenience of the presiding officer or assembly.

Revised – Adopted – 1997 Annual Convention, Great Bend, Kansas  
Revised – Adopted – Mid-Winter Meeting, February 26, 2004, Salina, Kansas  
Revised – Adopted – Mid-Winter Meeting, February 20, 2008, Salina, Kansas  
Revised – Adopted – 2010 Annual KSBPA Meeting, Blue Springs, Missouri  
Revised – Adopted – 2022 Annual KSBPA Meeting in Pittsburg, Kansas