

**BYLAWS OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY EMERITI
ASSOCIATION**

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ARTICLE I. PURPOSES

In addition to the general purposes identified in the Constitution, the Association is organized for the following purposes:

- a) 1. To facilitate continuing contributions by members to scholarly and other educational and professional objectives;
- b) 2. To encourage activities that support both the University and the Stillwater community through volunteer services;
- c) 3. To provide a means for continuing educational and professional growth and social activities of Association members;
- d) 4. To sponsor programs and activities relating to the interests and well-being of the membership;
- e) 5. To educate the public about the specific concerns of University retirees and other retired persons;
- f) 6. To communicate on behalf of OSU retirees with the University, the government, and other entities that might affect the welfare of retired persons;
- g) 7. To work for the improvement of the retirement programs of Oklahoma State University.

ARTICLE II. FEES, DUES, AND ACCOUNTS

Annual and lifetime membership dues are paid to the Treasurer, deposited with a Council-approved financial institution and used for the benefit and operation of the Association.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. Standing committees of the Association are Ambassadors/Alumni Relations, Archives/History, Audit, Benefits, Communications, Constitution/By-Laws/Policies & Procedures, International Relations, Finance and Development, Membership, Nominations, Facilities and Maintenance, and Emeriti Suite Decor.

Section 2. The President shall be responsible for the on-going activities of the Emeriti Council. The President shall appoint chairs for the Audit, Communications, Constitution/Bylaws/Policies & Procedures, Ambassadors/Alumni Relations, Finance and Development, and Nominations committees. (The Communications Committee includes the Brochure, Courtesy, Directory, Newsletter, NewsPress Liaison, Update, and Web Site Subcommittees.) The chairs, in consultation with the President, shall appoint members to the committees. The President shall be responsible for appointing Association representatives to Faculty Council and other University committees. The President may appoint ad hoc committees as deemed necessary.

Comment [n1]: George Waller suggested that we did not need to repeat "standing" here. Is that OK with all??

Section 3. The President-Elect shall appoint chairs for the Archives/History, Benefits, Facilities and Maintenance, and Membership committees. The chairs, in consultation with the President-

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Elect, shall appoint members to the committees. The President-Elect may appoint ad hoc committees as deemed necessary.

Section 4. The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating meal events. The Vice President presides over monthly meetings of the Activities committee and appoints chairs for special interest groups. The chairs, in consultation with the Vice President, shall appoint members to the groups.

Section 5. The Past President shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 6. The Emeriti Council shall maintain affiliation with White Woods Retirement Community, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at OSU (OLLI at OSU), and the International Relations Committee and appoint representatives from the Emeriti Association as requested. The President shall make these appointments with advice of Council.

Section 7. The Emeriti Association shall maintain membership in the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). The Emeriti Representative to AROHE shall make reports to the Council and general body of the Emeriti Association. The official communication link between AROHE and the Emeriti Association shall be the President-Elect.

Section 8. There shall be a written agreement between the OSU Emeriti Association and the OSU Alumni Association regarding usage of equipment and facilities in the Alumni building. The Emeriti Representative(s) to the Alumni Association shall make reports to the Council and general body of the Emeriti Association. The official communication link between the Alumni Association and the Emeriti Association shall be the President.

ARTICLE IV. FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Association is January 1 through December 31. An annual audit of the financial records of the Association shall be made following the end of the fiscal year. A written report of the audit committee shall be given to Council members as soon as it is completed each year.

Section 2. At the first regular Council meeting of the fiscal year, the Finance Committee shall present a proposed annual budget for approval.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Bylaws of the Association may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Council. Before considering any amendment to the Bylaws, the President shall send a notice of the meeting and proposed amendments to each Council member not less than one week and not more than thirty days prior to the Council meeting. Changes in the terms of the proposed amendment, but confined strictly to the same subject matter, may be made at the Council meeting by a majority vote.

Section 2. Any Bylaws change so made shall be announced to the membership and shall become effective thirty days after such notification. If a petition asking for reconsideration of the amendment is signed by at least twenty members of the Association and is received by the Secretary within the thirty-day grace period, the amendment shall not become effective without approval by a simple majority of the Association voting at a business meeting.

ARTICLE VI. PROCEDURE FOR DISBANDING THE ASSOCIATION

In the event that the Association is disbanded, any financial resources of the Association that exist after all outstanding bills are paid shall be transferred to the OSU Foundation to be used for the advancement of the academic mission of Oklahoma State University.

ARTICLE VII. INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Persons who may be indemnified by the Association are:

- (a) any present or former member of the Council or Officer of the Association;
- (b) any person serving at the Association's request as an Officer, Councilor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary; and
- (c) any person nominated or designated by the Council or any committee thereof to serve in any of the capacities referred to in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. The Association may, as determined by the Council of the Association, indemnify and advance expenses to an Officer, Councilor, employee, or agent to the maximum extent permitted by and in accordance with the Indemnification Section as provided by Section 1031, Title 18, of the Oklahoma Statutes annotated as it exists on the date hereof or as it may hereafter be amended.