



South Carolina Horse Council BY-LAWS

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What are the SCHC Bylaws?

The South Carolina Horse Council (SCHC – Formerly South Carolina Horse Council) By-laws are a legal document. They define how the SCHC operates as a 501c3 organization. The By-laws provide authority and power of the officers, members, and established procedures to be followed with respect to the SCHC as a whole. They have a direct bearing on the rights of members within the organization.

The stipulations in the By-laws are only those required by SC and /or Federal Law. They may be amended only as set forth herein. If suggested changes to the By-laws do occur, they will be approved by the Board prior to submission to the general membership. Members should be notified about potential changes and why they are being suggested. Changes require specific notification to members.

What are the SCHC Policies and Procedures?

The Policies and Procedures of the SCHC are the principles which govern its operation and are mentioned in various sections of the Bylaws. Specific Policies and Procedures serve to clarify SCHC purpose, delineate basic structure and provide the cornerstone for an effective organization. They are more fluid and allow for change while more defining responsibilities in more detail and strengthening accountability. They allow members of the Board, the general membership, and potential members to have a better understanding of what the organization is and how it functions.

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BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HORSE COUNCIL

ARTICLE I-PURPOSE

Section 1.1 **Purpose**

The South Carolina Horse Council is a charitable and educational non-stock, nonprofit corporation. It is organized and operated without monetary gain or profit to its members or to any private individual. It is organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of educating its members, the general public, and government officials about equestrian activities and the benefits thereof and shall be operated solely for such charitable and educational purposes as are consistent within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE II-OFFICES

Section 2.1 **Principal Office**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at such place, within the State of South Carolina, as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and as shall have been so designated most recently in the annual report of the Corporation or amendment thereto, filed with the South Carolina Department of Revenue pursuant to Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.

Section 2.2 **Registered Office**

The Corporation shall maintain a registered office in the State of South Carolina as required by law, which may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office.

Section 2.3 **Other Offices**

The Corporation may have offices at such other places, within the State of South Carolina, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, or as the affairs of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE III-DIRECTORS

Section 3.1 **General Powers**

All corporate powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.2 **Number, Term, and Qualification**

The number of directors may be increased or decreased, by the Board of Directors, during the course of business at any meeting, by a majority vote provided a quorum exists. The number of directors of this Corporation shall consist of such number as deemed appropriate by the Board.

No resolution reducing the number of directors below the number of directors then in office shall of itself have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of such director's agreed upon term of office.

The terms of directors and the term of any director elected to fill a vacancy shall be at the discretion and approval of the Board.

Notwithstanding the stated terms of directors, a director shall cease to serve as such and his or her position shall be deemed vacant upon his or her death, resignation, removal or disqualification.

Directors must be residents of the State of South Carolina and members of the South Carolina Horse Council.

Section 3.3 Election of Directors

Directors other than the initial directors may be elected at the annual meeting of members by a vote of the membership.

Members are encouraged to notify the council of their interest in serving and may submit a statement of interest and qualification. Similarly, members may submit nominations for Directors as early as possible – including particulars about the nominee that support their suitability for service.

Information will be shared with members at the annual meeting to support their decisions regarding prospective Directors.

Any member in good standing may make nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 3.4 Voting for Directors

Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the members entitled to vote in the election of Directors at a meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, at each election for directors, every member entitled to vote at such election shall have the right to vote the number of votes he or she is entitled to cast for as many persons as there are directors to be elected and for whose election, he or she has a right to vote.

Section 3.5 Removal

Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or by applicable law, a director may be removed from office with or without cause by a vote of the Board of Directors, provided a quorum exists and the number of votes cast in favor of such removal exceeds the number of votes cast against such removal. A director may not be removed by the members at a meeting unless the notice of the meeting states that a purpose of the meeting is removal of such director.

A simple majority vote of the directors' present, providing a quorum is present, will determine the removal of said director.

Section 3.6 Compensation

The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may compensate directors for the payment of expenses reasonably incurred by directors in attending meetings of the Board or of any Committee or in the performance of their other duties as directors. The Board of

Directors may hire employees for execution of specific responsibilities and terminate such employment as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IV-MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.1 Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors will determine the time and place, within the State of South Carolina, for the holding of regular meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice per year for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Board.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two directors. Such meetings must be held within the State of South Carolina.

Section 4.2 Notice of Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held whenever deemed appropriate provided the dates are communicated to the Board members with adequate notice (no less than 1 week). The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall give notice of the meeting to the directors by any usual means of communication. Delivery or completion of transmission of written notice to the address of a director shall be deemed receipt by such director. A director's attendance at or participation in a meeting shall constitute a waiver by such director of inadequate notice of such meeting, unless the director at the beginning of the meeting (or promptly upon his or her arrival) objects to holding the meeting or to the transaction of business at the meeting and does not there after vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.

Section 4.3 Quorum

One third of the number of directors in office shall be required for, and shall constitute, a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.4 Manner of Acting

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or required by applicable law, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors' present at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the act of the Board of Directors, if a quorum is present when the vote is taken.

Section 4.5 Organization

Each meeting of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the President or, in the absence or at the request of the President, by the First Vice President, and in their absence or at their request, by any persons elected to preside by vote of a majority of the directors' present. The Secretary, or in the absence or at the request of the Secretary, any person designated by the person presiding at the meeting, shall act as secretary of the meeting. The order of business of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be recommended by the President (or presiding officer) and approved by the Board of Directors. In the absence of specific guidelines from these by-laws or other established practices, all meetings and business shall be conducted in compliance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 4.6 Action Without Meeting

Action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if one or more written consents describing the action taken are

affirmed by a majority of the Directors, whether before or after the action so taken, and filed with the corporate records or the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Action so taken by majority vote has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

Section 4.7 Participation Online

Any one or more directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of an online conference that allows all persons participating in the meeting to simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, and such participation in a meeting shall be deemed presence in person at such meeting.

ARTICLE V- OFFICERS

Section 5.1 General

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers and other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Directors or otherwise provided in these Bylaws. Members and directors must have been a member in good standing for one year to hold an officer position. The title of any officer may include any additional designation descriptive of such officer's duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Officers shall be voting members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.2 Appointment and Term

The officers of the Corporation shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors or elected by the Corporation's members pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The President shall be elected by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall appoint such other officers as identified in 5.1 as appropriate. Each appointed officer shall serve as such at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Section 5.3 Removal

Any Officer or Director, may be removed by the Board of Directors at any time with or without cause by a vote of the Directors at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present and for which notice was given as prescribed in these By-Laws upon receiving an affirmative vote at least equal to (a) three-fourths of the remaining Directors present at such meeting or (b) two-thirds of all Directors. An officer's removal shall not itself affect the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 5.4 Compensation

Unless the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or a member agreement provide otherwise, there is no compensation for officers of the Corporation.

Section 5.5 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall have all of the duties and authority of that office. The President shall supervise and control the operations of the Corporation, shall have such duties and authority as are normally incident to the position of chief operating officer of a corporation and such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.6 **Vice President**

The Vice President, and if there be more than one, the First Vice President or other Vice President designated by the Board of Directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the President, have the authority and perform the duties of said office. In addition, each Vice President shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as are normally incident to the office of Vice President or as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.7 **Secretary**

The Secretary shall have the responsibility and authority to maintain and authenticate the records of the Corporation; shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of shareholders and directors; shall give, or cause to be given, all notices required by law and by these Bylaws; shall have general charge of the corporate records; and shall keep, or cause to be kept, all records of members as are required by applicable law or these Bylaws; shall sign such instruments as may require the signature of the Secretary; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 5.8 **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities belonging to the Corporation and shall receive, deposit or disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Directors; shall keep, or cause to be kept, full and accurate accounts of the finances of the Corporation in books especially provided for that purpose, and shall generally have charge over the Corporation's accounting and financial records; shall cause a true statement of its assets and liabilities as of the close of each fiscal year, and of the results of its operations and of cash flows for such fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, including particulars as to convertible securities then outstanding, to be made as soon as practicable after the end of such fiscal year. The Treasurer shall also prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, all reports and returns required by Federal, State or local law and shall generally perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 5.9 **Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers**

The Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, if any, shall, in the absence or disability of the Secretary or the Treasurer, respectively, have all the powers and perform all of the duties of those offices, and they shall in general perform such other duties as shall be assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer, respectively, or by the President or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI -MEMBERSHIP

Section 6.1 **Qualification**

Any person, business, or organization supporting the goals and purposes of the Corporation may become a member. Members are selected by simultaneous application and payment of fees.

- Section 6.2 **Fees and Class**
The Board of Directors may establish fees and such classes of membership with the requirements and privileges thereof as from time to time may be desirable. See SCHC Policies and Procedures for current classes and dues.
- Section 6.3 **Transfer of Membership**
Transfer of membership is prohibited.
- Section 6.4 **Termination of Membership**
Each membership shall terminate at any time upon the resignation of the member or at the next calendar year for which membership fee is not paid
- Section 6.5 **Suspension or Expulsion**
Any member may be suspended or expelled for conduct detrimental to the best interest and purposes of this council by affirmative vote thereof by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at meeting of the Board called in accordance with these By-laws.
- Section 6.6 **Voting Rights**
Members will be allowed the specified number of votes for their class of membership for voting at the General Membership Meeting. This will include voting for President, Changes to By-laws, and business properly brought before this meeting.
- Section 6.7 **Membership Certificates/Cards**
Each certificate or card shall be identified and must state on its face:
(a) the name of the Corporation and that it is organized under the laws of South Carolina;
(b) the calendar year for which the membership is valid
(c) the name of the person to whom the certificate is issued; and
(d) the number and class of votes the certificate represents.

ARTICLE VII-MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- Section 7.1 **Place of Meetings**
All meetings of members shall be held within the State of South Carolina, as shall be recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- Section 7.2 **Annual Meetings**
The annual meeting of the members shall be held early each year (prior to April 15) at such date and time as shall be designated by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, for the purpose of electing the President, and directors of the Corporation, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.
- Section 7.3 **Special Meetings**
Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by or at the request of the President or the Board of Directors with approval of the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the members shall also be called upon the written demand or demands of the members of at least 10% of all votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be

considered at such meeting pursuant to such demand or meeting is to be held and a resigned, dated and delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation. If, for any reason, the corporation has no directors in office, then any officer or any member may call for a special meeting of members to elect directors.

Section 7.4 **Notice of Meetings**

Written or printed notice stating the date, time and place of a meeting shall be given not less than 10 days nor more than one year before the date thereof, either personally or by mail, at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting, to each member entitled to vote at such meeting and each other member entitled to notice pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation or applicable law. In the case of a special meeting, the notice of meeting shall specifically state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. In the case of an annual meeting, the notice of meeting need not specifically state the purpose or purposes thereof or the business to be transacted thereat unless such statement is expressly required by the provisions of these Bylaws or by applicable law.

A member's attendance at a meeting constitutes a waiver by such member of (a) objection to lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting, unless the member at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and (b) objection to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the notice of the meeting, unless the member objects to considering the matter when it is presented.

Section 7.5 **Record Date**

For the purpose of determining members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or in order to make a determination of members for any other proper purpose, the Board of Directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for any such determination of members, such record date in any case to be not more than 70 days immediately preceding the date of the meeting or the date on which the particular action requiring such determination of members is to be taken.

If no record date is fixed for the determination of members entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of members, the close of business on the day before the date on which notice of the meeting is first mailed to members shall be the record date for such determination of members.

Section 7.6 **Members' List**

Not later than the date notice of a meeting of members is first given, the Secretary or other officer or person having charge of the books of the Corporation shall prepare a list of the members entitled to notice of such meeting, with the address of and number of votes held by each member, which list shall be kept on file at the principal office of the Corporation (or such other place in the city where the meeting is to be held as may be identified in the notice of the meeting) for the period commencing on the day notice of the meeting is first given and continuing through such meeting, and which list shall be available for inspection by any member, or his or her agent or attorney, upon his or her demand, at any time during regular business hours. This list shall also be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting and shall be subject to inspection by any shareholder, or his or her agent or attorney, during the whole time of the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

Section 7.7 **Quorum**

The members who are entitled to vote, present in person, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of members for purposes of acting on any matter for which action by the members is required.

Once a member is represented for any purpose at a meeting, they are deemed present for quorum purposes for the remainder of the meeting and for any adjournment thereof unless a new record date is or must be set forth at adjourned meeting.

Section 7.8 **Organization**

Each meeting of members shall be presided over by the President, or, in the absence or at the request of the President, by such other officer as the President or the Board of Directors may designate, or in their absence and in the absence of such designation, by any person selected to preside by plurality vote of the members represented and entitled to vote at the meeting, with each member having the same number of votes to which it would be entitled on any other matter on which all members represented and entitled to vote at the meeting would be entitled to vote. The Secretary, or in the absence or at the request of the Secretary, any person designated by the person presiding at the meeting, shall act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 7.9 **Voting of Members**

Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, each outstanding member having the right to vote on a matter or matters submitted to a vote at a meeting of members shall be entitled to vote on each such matter. A member must vote in person. Youth members under the age of 18 may not vote.

Action on a matter by the members entitled to vote on the matter is approved by such members if the votes cast favoring the action exceed the votes cast opposing the action, unless a greater number of affirmative votes is required by law or the Articles of Incorporation.

Voting on all matters including the election of directors shall be by voice vote or by a show of hands unless, as to any matter, the members entitled to at least 25% of the votes represented at the meeting and entitled to vote on that matter shall demand, prior to the voting on such matter, a paper ballot vote on such matter.

Section 7.10 **Director's Conflict of Interest**

Any corporate transaction in which a director has an adverse interest must be approved in good faith by a majority, not less than two (2), of the disinterested directors present even though less than a quorum, irrespective of the participation of the adversely interested director or in the approval; provided, however, that no such transaction may be approved if it would constitute self-dealing prohibited under Section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws, or if it would result in the imposition of any excise tax under any other provision of Chapter 42A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

ARTICLE VIII-CONTRACTS, LOANS AND DEPOSITS

Section 8.1 Contracts

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any document or instrument on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Any resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the execution of documents by the proper officers of the Corporation or by the officers generally and not specifying particular officers shall be deemed to authorize such execution by the President, or any Vice President, or by any other officer if such execution is within the scope of the duties and of such other office. The Board of Directors may by resolution authorize such execution by means of one or more facsimile signatures.

Section 8.2 Loans

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 8.3 Checks and Drafts

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner, as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. See Policies and Procedures

Section 8.4 Deposits

All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed or invested shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as the Board of Directors directs.

ARTICLE VIX-RECORDS AND REPORTS

Section 9.1 General

The Corporation shall keep all records and submit and file all reports and filings as are required by applicable law. Unless the Board of Directors otherwise directs, the Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping, or causing to be kept, all financial and accounting records of the Corporation and for submitting or filing, or causing to be submitted or filed, all reports and filings of a financial or accounting nature, and the Secretary shall be responsible for keeping, or causing to be kept, all other records and for submitting or filing, or causing to be submitted or filed, all other reports and filings.

The Corporation shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of its members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the Board of Directors without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken by Committees of the Board of Directors. The Corporation shall maintain appropriate accounting records. The Corporation or its agent shall maintain a record of its members in a form that permits preparation of a list of the names and addresses of all members. The Corporation shall maintain its records in written form or in another form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time.

Section 9.2 **Records at Principal Office**

The Corporation shall keep a copy of the following records at the Corporation's principal office: (a) its Articles or restated Articles of Incorporation and all amendments to them currently in effect; (b) its Bylaws or restated Bylaws and all amendments to them currently in effect; (c) resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors creating one or more classes or series of membership, and fixing the irrelative rights, preferences, and limitations, (d) the minutes of all membership meetings; (e) all written communications to members generally within the past year and the financial statements required by law to be furnished to the members; (f) a list of the names and addresses of its current directors and officers; (g) its most recent annual report delivered to the South Carolina Department of Revenue; and (h) its federal and state income tax returns for the last year if filed.

Section 9.3 **Financial Statements**

The Corporation shall furnish to its members annual financial statements, which may be consolidated or combined statements of the Corporation and one or more of its subsidiaries, as appropriate, that include a balance sheet as of the end of the fiscal year, or an income statement for that year. If financial statements are prepared for the Corporation on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles, the annual financial statements shall also be prepared on that basis.

If the annual financial statements are reported upon by a public accountant, such accountant's report shall accompany them. If not, the statements shall be accompanied by a statement of the President or the Treasurer or other person responsible for the Corporation's accounting records (a) stating his or her reasonable belief whether the statements were prepared on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles and, if not, describing the basis of preparation and (b) describing any respects in which the statements were not prepared on a basis of accounting consistent with the statements prepared for the preceding year.

Section 9.4 **Annual Report**

The Corporation shall prepare and deliver to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for filing each year any annual report required by applicable law. Such annual report shall be filed each year on or before the fifteenth day of the third month next after the preceding income year in a form prescribed by the South Carolina Department of Revenue and shall contain all information and facts required by either the Department of Revenue or the South Carolina Secretary of State.

ARTICLE X-GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 10.1 **Notice and Waiver of Notice**

Except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any notice permitted or required to be given pursuant to these Bylaws may be given in any manner permitted by applicable law and with the effect therein provided. Without limiting the generality of the forgoing, written notice by the Corporation to a member is effective when deposited in the United States mail with postage thereon prepaid and correctly addressed to the member's address shown in the Corporation's current record of members.

Section 10.2 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be a standard calendar year (January – December).

Section 10.3 Indemnification

Any person who at any time serves or has served as a director of the Corporation shall have a right to be indemnified by the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by law against

- (a) expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, whether formal or informal, and whether or not brought by or on behalf of the Corporation, arising out of his or her status as such director, or his or her status as an officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or his or her service, at the request of the Corporation, as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or as a trustee or administrator under an employee benefit plan, or his or her activities in any of the foregoing capacities, and
- (b) any liability incurred by him or her, including without limitation, satisfaction of any judgment, money decree, fine (including any excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan), penalty or settlement, for which he or she may have become liable in connection with any such action, suit or proceeding.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall take all such action as maybe necessary and appropriate to authorize the Corporation to pay the indemnification required by this Bylaw, including without limitation, to the extent necessary,

- (a) making a good faith evaluation of the manner in which the claimant for indemnity acted and of the reasonable amount of indemnity due him or her and (b) giving notice to and obtaining approval by the shareholders of the Corporation.

Expenses incurred by a director in defending an action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt by the Corporation of

- (a) a written affirmation of the director of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct prescribed by law for indemnification of the director by the Corporation,
- (b) a written undertaking by or on behalf of the director to pay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation against such expenses, and
- (c) a determination is made that the facts then known to those determining whether to indemnify the director would not preclude indemnification.

Any person who at any time after the adoption of this Bylaw serves or has served as a director of the Corporation shall be deemed to be doing or to have done so in reliance upon, and as consideration for, the right of indemnification provided herein, and any modification or repeal of these provisions for indemnification shall be prospective only and shall not affect any rights or obligations existing at the time of such modification or repeal. Such right shall inure to the benefit of the legal representatives of any such person, shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which such person may be entitled apart from the provisions of this Bylaw, and shall not be limited by the provisions for

indemnification in Sections 33-8-510 through 33-8-560 of the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, as amended, or any successor statutory provisions.

Section 10.4 Construction

All references in these Bylaws to “member” or “members” refer to the person or persons in whose names memberships are registered in the records of the Corporation. These Bylaws shall include persons of any gender. All terms used herein and not specifically defined herein but defined in the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, as amended, shall have the same meanings herein as given under the South Carolina Business Corporation Act of 1988, as amended, unless the context otherwise requires.

Section 10.5 Amendments

Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Articles of Incorporation or by applicable law, these Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by action of the general membership by a majority vote thereof at the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting for which 30 days’ notice is given and such notice shall include the proposed By-Law change.

Section 10.6 Distribution upon Dissolution

In the event the Corporation shall be dissolved, all assets, funds, and proceeds of the Corporation, after payment of all debts and obligations of the Corporation, shall be distributed for charitable or public purposes as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. Assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance to particular person or entity upon the Corporation’s dissolution shall be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with such requirements.
