

STANDARD BYLAWS FOR LEAGUE

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League.

ARTICLE II - Mission

The mission of the Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League (LOCAL) is to support, defend and promote the fact that open carry of firearms is a legal choice in Louisiana. We seek to accomplish this goal by educating the public about the legality of open carry in Louisiana through the existence of our website, producing and distributing literature, organizing open carry campaigns and events, and by actively petitioning our representatives and legislators. Additionally, we seek to be a conduit for personal involvement by interested citizens to become active in their communities, as well as state level politics.

ARTICLE III - Members

Section 1. There shall be eligible for membership in this league, as a “member” thereof, any person who is interested in the mission of the organization by application or nomination and subsequent vote to admit.

Section 2. A member of a Chapter shall simultaneously be a member of the League.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1. The Chapter Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and as many elected Directors as the League membership deems necessary. League officers shall have one vote each and must be present or vote on the forum within a 48 hour window to participate in a ballot.

Section 2. The officers of the League shall be no less than a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 3. The term of any office shall be one year.

Section 4. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President for the remainder of the unexpired term. All other vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board by ballot.

Section 5. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be such as are implied by their respective titles, with such duties as may be added or removed by membership vote.

ARTICLE V – Officer Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside at all scheduled meetings of the League and serve as Chairman of the Chapter Board of Directors. He/She shall call regular meetings of the League Board and such special meetings as may become necessary. He/She shall appoint all Standing and all Special Committee Chairmen.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and assume the duties of President if that office becomes vacant. He/She shall assist the President as needed in the interest of the League.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the League, including minutes. He/She shall keep a roster of the membership and perform such other duties as may be requested by the President or agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect deposit and disburse dues and donations as needed and shall fully track and document all transactions. Dues collected in the Chapters are to be sent to the League. Any funds needed by the Chapter may be requested from the League or pulled from collected dues and fully documented after clearing any withdrawals with the League.

ARTICLE VI – Elections

Section 1. Any member shall be eligible to serve as an officer.

Section 2. Each member shall have one vote and must be present to cast his vote.

Section 3. In the event of a tie vote for any position, a second vote will be called for by the Secretary. If, after this second count of cast votes there remains a tie, the Secretary shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

Section 4. Voting of League officers shall be by Forum Poll vote or Email and shall not be cumulative. Chapter officers will be elected by ballot or a show of hands at the December Chapter Meeting. Only members in good standing may vote. There shall be no voting by proxy. In the event of a tie vote, another ballot must be taken.

Section 5. Any vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the League Officers. The officer appointed to such vacancy shall serve only for the remainder of the term of the officer he or she replaces.

ARTICLE VII – Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint the members of Special Committees.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall appoint the members of Standing Committees, except the Chairman.

Section 3. The duties of the Committee and Committee members shall be as such as are implied by their respective titles and defined at the time of their creation.

ARTICLE VIII – Dues

Section 1. Upon acceptance of membership, the member shall pay the current annual dues.

Section 2. The Treasurer of each chapter shall be responsible for collection of dues from individual voting members. A member of a Chapter shall simultaneously be a member of the League. (Article III, Section 2).

Section 3. "All monies received for payment of dues shall be the property of the League and shall be collected by the League Treasurer. Should a new applicant to the League be located within an existing Chapter, the League Treasurer will forward the appropriate percentage of the dues to the Chapter Treasurer along with the new members application information. Should a new applicant join via a Chapter, the Chapter Treasurer will forward the appropriate percentage of the dues to the League Treasurer along with the new members application information."

ARTICLE IX – Meetings

Section 1. The League shall meet at a time and place as will be determined by the Chapter. If needed, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the date, time, and place of a regular meeting may be changed.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall be two officers, elected or acting, and two additional voting members or an Area Coordinator and 3 voting members in the case of an Area Coordinator held meeting.

ARTICLE X – Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended, where the blanks occur, at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting.

Section 2. Any amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any Chapter, but shall not be effective without the change authorized by the state Board of Directors or as otherwise will be determined.

ARTICLE XI – Area Coordinators

Section 1. An Area Coordinator (AC) is a paid member in good standing who acts as LOCAL's point of contact in an area that doesn't have a Chapter. The AC can hold meetings, distribute materials and field questions about LOCAL and Open Carry in his/her area.

Section 2. To become an AC a paid member will need to be nominated by paid members in their area and/or apply to and be voted in by the League Officers. The position is good for one calendar year.

Section 3. The AC shall preside at all scheduled meetings in their area and also act as Secretary and shall be responsible for the records of the League, including minutes. She/he shall keep a roster of the membership and perform such other duties as may be requested by the President or agreed upon by the Board of Directors. The AC will act as their own Treasurer and keep records of any expenses/income that they handle as AC. These Minutes and records are to be submitted to the League no less than Monthly or upon request.

ARTICLE XII – Removing a Member

Section 1. Any officer may be removed, with cause, by the League Officers, at any time. In the event that an officer or member needs to be removed from the group it will require a simple majority vote of 3 or more league and/or chapter officers with a minimum of 3 “yea” votes by a minimum of 3 officers. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the League Officers. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

ARTICLE XIII – Nonprofit Status

Section 1. The Louisianan Open Carry Awareness League is organized as a nonprofit. The Organization is nonprofit and may not have or issue shares of stock or make distributions. It is intended that the Organization shall have the status of an Organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. These bylaws shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the Organization shall be limited accordingly.

ARTICLE XIV – Organization Details

Section 1: Designation of Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first of December of every year.

Section 2: Nondiscrimination policy.

This Organization shall not discriminate in its programs, activities, or membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, or national origin.

Section 3: Nonliability of Officers.

The directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the Organization. The personal liability of an officer to the Organization or its members for monetary damages is eliminated for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as an officer or member, except liability for: (A) The amount of a financial benefit received by an officer or member to which he or she is not entitled; (B) an intentional infliction of harm on the Organization or the members; or (C) an intentional violation of criminal law.

Section 4: Dissolution of the Organization

In the event of the dissolution of this organization to the extent allowed under applicable law, all of the assets of the organization shall be distributed to the Louisiana Shooting Association, a non-profit Organization, provided that the Organization is then in existence and is such a tax exempt organization. If The Louisiana Shooting Association should not be in existence at the time of said dissolution, then the assets of the organization shall be sold and the proceeds distributed to another organization organized and operating exclusively for Pro 2nd Amendment purposes which shall be selected by the League Officers of this organization.

In the event that for any reason upon the dissolution of this organization the League Officers shall fail to act in the manner herein provided, the assets shall be distributed in accordance with the law governing the distribution of assets of nonprofit organizations in the jurisdiction in which the organization is located.