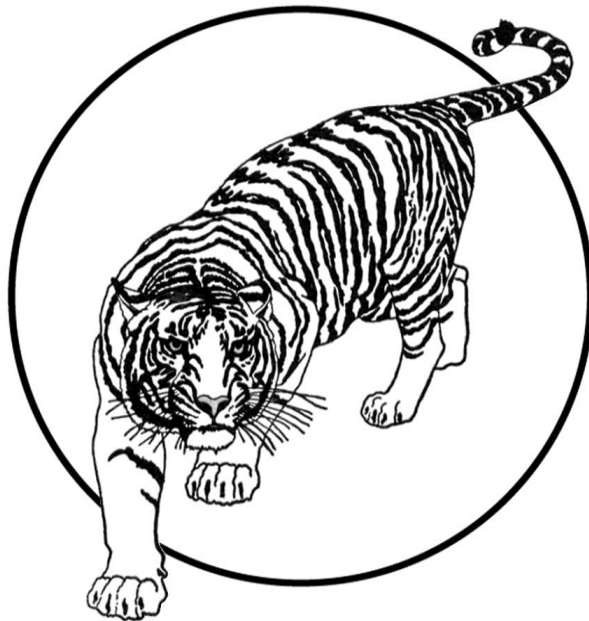


# Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Association, Inc.

## By-Laws



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## **Article I – Name and Object**

### **Section 1.**

The name of the association shall be called “The Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Association, Incorporated” (henceforth as the Association).

### **Section 2.**

The Association is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within meaning of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3).

### **Section 3.**

The object of the Association shall promote the activities of Alumni of Nebraska School for the Deaf.

## **Article II – Membership**

### **Section 1.**

Membership of the Association shall be divided into three (3) categories:

1. Active
2. Associate
3. Honorary

### **Section 2.**

Active membership is open to any deaf individual who has attended or has graduated from Nebraska School for the Deaf.

### **Section 3.**

Associate membership is open to any individual who wishes to join the Association and does not meet the requirements for Active membership. Associate members may attend all functions of the Association. Associate members are exempt from voting and hold office.

### **Section 4.**

Honorary membership is awarded to anyone who contributes to the Association. Honorary Membership is awarded by the consent of the majority of Active members present at the Association’s Reunion/Conference. Honorary members may attend all functions of the Association. Honorary members are exempt from voting but may at times at the wish of the Membership serve as an officer except the Office of the President.

#### Section 5.

1. All membership categories have a term of four (4) years and can be renewed upon payment of membership dues.
2. Honorary members can have their membership extended by the consent of the majority of Active members present at the Association's reunion/conference.

### **Article III – Officers**

#### Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### Section 2.

The Officers of the Association shall be designated as the Executive Committee.

#### Section 3.

The term of Association officers shall be four (4) years.

#### Section 4.

The officers shall be elected on the second day of the Association's reunion/conference by secret ballot taken by all Active members present at the conference. No mail or proxy ballots shall be allowed.

#### Section 5.

The newly elected officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the adjournment of the Association's reunion/conference.

#### Section 6.

Any resignation from an office shall be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall appoint a successor and is subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

## **Article IV – Duties of Officers**

### **Section 1. President**

1. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee and Association's reunion/conference.
2. The President shall enforce order and due observance of the Association's By-Laws.
3. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian to decide all questions in dispute subject to Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Section 2. Vice President**

1. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President at the President's request or whenever the President is absent or is unable to act.
2. The Vice President shall appoint members of all standing committees except the Executive Committee.
3. The Vice President shall become President upon resignation, death, or removal of the President.
4. The Vice President shall be ex-officer member of all standing committees.

### **Section 3. Secretary**

1. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Association's reunion/conference and Executive Committee meetings.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for recordkeeping of all correspondence of the Association.
3. Necrology Committee
  - a. Necrology committee shall prepare eulogies of deceased Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Members and former students/spouses.

- b. Necrology committee shall present the eulogies in the Association's reunion/conference.

#### **Section 4. Treasurer**

1. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures of the Association.
2. The Treasurer shall submit a report of the Association's financial standing at Association's reunion/conference or to the Executive Committee when requested.

#### **Article V – Standing Committee**

##### **Section 1.**

Standing Committee shall be Executive, Necrology, Resolutions and Law.

##### **Section 2. Duties of Standing Committees**

###### **A. Executive Committee**

- I. The Executive Committee shall have the general management of the Association.
- II. The Executive Committee shall decide the site of the next Association Reunion/Conference.

###### **B. Resolutions Committee**

- I. Resolutions committee shall suggest to the Association the adoption of resolutions to praise members for outstanding contribution, resolutions to improve the work of the Association, and resolutions to set the amount of dues and to conduct other business and financial matters.

###### **C. Law Committee**

- I. Law Committee shall study any recommended changes to the By-Laws of the Association.

- II. Law Committee shall present its report of recommended changes to the By-Laws of the Association during the Association's reunion/conference.

D. Finance Committee

- I. The Treasurer is responsible to select the chair of the finance committee and its chair's responsibility to select two members either alumni or associate.
- II. Responsible for planning and overseeing the Association's fiscal affairs including creating and annual budget and presenting it to the general board meeting, monitoring on a regular basis the collection and expenditure of fund by the Treasurer, assuring timely and complete audits are conducted as necessary and recommending policy to ensure the financial health of the Association.

**Article VI – Conference**

**Section 1.**

The Reunion/Conference of the Association shall be held every four (4) years.

**Section 2.**

The Reunion/Conference of the Association shall be held at any site in Nebraska. The Board shall solicit input from membership as to a list of possible meeting sites. After reviewing the list, the Board shall determine a site other than the former Nebraska School for the Deaf campus.

**Article VII – Amendments**

**Section 1.**

Amendments may be made to these By-Laws at the Reunion/Conference. They shall submit in writing at least 30 days prior the Association Reunion/Conference. A two-third (2/3) vote, a quorum voting shall be necessary for the adoption of an amendment.

## **Article VIII – Dissolution**

### **Section 1.**

Upon the affirmative vote of majority of the Executive Committee and approval by two-third (2/3) vote of the Active members of the Association shall be dissolved, and the Treasurer shall cause to be transferred all funds, including the deposits and investments and all other assets and property of the Association to be divided and given to Nebraska Deaf Heritage Museum and Cultural Center and Nebraska organizations that serve the deaf as determined by the board as the recipient for its full and unrestricted use and benefit as it may direct.