

# **Bylaws of Southern Nevada Anthropomorphic Events**

## **Article 1 — Name**

The name of this corporation shall be Southern Nevada Anthropomorphic Events, hereinafter SNAE or “the Organization”.

## **Article 2 — Object**

### **Section 2.01 — Relevant Authorities**

Southern Nevada Anthropomorphic Events is a non-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 82 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and for purposes exclusively in accordance with Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Section 2.02 — Mission Statement**

Our mission is to support the growth of the furry fandom, i.e. the community of enthusiasts of anthropomorphic animals in various media and art forms, in Southern Nevada by organizing events where they can socialize, create, interact, and learn with others in this community.

## **Article 3 — Members**

### **Section 3.01 — Membership**

Any person who pays an annual due to the Organization, to be decided by the Board of Directors, is considered to be a member of the organization for one year from the date of payment. All ticket sales of any event held by the Organization shall be accompanied by a non-voting membership for the person who the ticket is intended for. Membership may also be granted directly by the Board of Directors.

There shall be two classes of members: voting members and non-voting (associate) members.

### **Section 3.02 — Voting Members**

1. A list of members who meet a list of qualifications below will be granted the power to vote at general meetings. Voting members shall keep their right to vote for one year from their qualification.
2. The qualifications to become a voting member will be as follows:
  - a. Volunteer for the Organization at least four hours within the year.
  - b. Have said hours approved by an Officer or Director of the Organization.
  - c. Be approved by the Board of Directors.
3. All Officers and Directors of the Organization shall also be classed as voting members.
4. Voting members may have their membership due waived by the Board of Directors.
5. The Secretary shall maintain a list of voting members.

### **Section 3.03 — Non-Voting Members**

Non-voting or associate members shall consist of all other members who have paid their due but have not fulfilled the qualifications required in the previous section.

### **Section 3.04 — Revocation of Membership**

A membership of any class may be revoked should the Board of Directors find the accused disobeying the Code of Conduct. A two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors shall be required to remove a member.

## **Article 4 — Officers and Directors**

### **Section 4.01 — Establishment**

1. There shall be ten (10) members of the Organization who shall serve as Directors.
2. Three (3) Directors shall additionally serve as President, Secretary, and Treasurer in accordance with NRS 82.211. For the purposes of these bylaws, the term "Officer" shall only refer to these named positions and not to any other Director.
3. Officers and Directors shall not be compensated by the Organization beyond having their membership due waived.
4. These Officers and Directors shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

### **Section 4.02 — Director Elections**

Any vacant Director positions that may arise will be filled by the Board of Directors using a single transferable vote system (STV). In the case of multiple vacant seats, there will be a single race to fill every available seat.

## **Section 4.03 — Director Vacancies**

In the case of a Director vacancy, any member may submit their name to the Secretary for consideration at the next election.

## **Section 4.04 — Director Terms**

Directors shall serve indefinitely.

## **Section 4.05 — Director Removal**

A Director may lose their seat if they are found guilty of misconduct. A two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors, minus the accused, is required to remove a Director.

## **Section 4.06 — Officer Terms**

Officer terms shall last two years or until the Officer's successor is chosen. Officers shall be chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors at the first meeting of every odd-numbered year or when there is a vacancy.

Officers serve at the discretion of the Board and may be dismissed at any time by a two-thirds vote in the Board.

## **Section 4.07 — The President and Chair**

1. The President and Chair shall be the chief executive and overseer of the Organization. The President shall:
  - a. Preside over all meetings of the Organization or appoint someone who shall.
  - b. Act as or hire the registered agent for the Organization pursuant to NRS 82.193.
  - c. Act as the Responsible Party of the Organization in matters concerning the Internal Revenue Service.
  - d. Act as a liaison and primary contact between the Organization and any external entities, including the State of Nevada.
  - e. Ensure the execution of motions and resolutions made by the Board.
  - f. Perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

## **Section 4.08 — The Secretary**

1. The Secretary shall be the primary record keeper of the Organization. The Secretary shall:
  - a. Write and keep the minutes of Board of Directors meetings.

- b. Maintain and certify the membership ledger and a current copy of these bylaws in accordance with NRS 82.181.
- c. Maintain and certify all other records of the organization.
- d. Assist in conducting elections.
- e. Perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

## Section 4.09 — The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall track and maintain the finances of the Organization. The Treasurer shall:
  - a. Execute any financial transactions made by the Organization.
  - b. Give a report of all financial activities made on behalf of the Organization at every Board meeting.
  - c. Perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Organization.

# Article 5 — Meetings

## Section 5.01 — General Meetings

1. **Definition** — A general meeting shall be a meeting of voting members of the Organization.
  - a. Any motion or resolution properly made and adopted by the voting membership at a general meeting shall be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval.
2. **Annual Meeting** — Before the first Board of Directors meeting of the year, there shall be a single general meeting known as “the annual meeting.”
3. **Special Meetings** — A special meeting of the voting membership may be called by the President or by a petition of one-half of all voting members. A notice for the meeting shall be posted to the SNAE website and distributed to all voting members one month before the meeting is to occur.
4. **Quorum** — One-fourth of all voting members shall constitute a quorum for doing business.
5. **Notice** — The notice for a general meeting shall be posted to the SNAE website at least one month before it is to occur.
6. **Teleconference** — Voting members shall be free to attend the meeting and vote electronically.

## Section 5.02 — Meetings of the Board of Directors

1. **Regular Meetings of the Board** — At the final scheduled meeting of the year, the Board of Directors shall create and adopt a schedule for regularly scheduled meetings for the following year.
2. **Special Meetings of the Board** — A special meeting may be called by the Chair for matters requiring immediate deliberation. The notice for the meeting shall be posted to the SNAE website and distributed to all Directors one week before the meeting is to occur.
3. **Quorum** — One-half of all seated members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for doing business.
4. **Notice** — The call for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be posted on the SNAE website and distributed to all Directors with the time and place of the meeting.
5. **Teleconference** — Directors attending meetings over teleconference shall be considered to be in attendance so long as they can hear all other members of the Board.
6. **Agenda Initiatives** — Any voting or non-voting member of the Organization may, with the signature of one other member, introduce a resolution for consideration to the Board of Directors. Resolutions must be submitted to the President at least ten days before a Board of Directors meeting.

## **Article 6 — The Board of Directors**

### **Section 6.01 — Composition**

All Officers and Directors of the Organization shall constitute the Board of Directors (hereinafter “the Board”).

### **Section 6.02 — Duties**

1. The Board shall have full control over the affairs of the Organization pursuant to NRS 82.201.
2. The Board may spend money, enter into contracts, and represent the membership on behalf of the Organization.
3. The Board shall fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Organization, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

## **Article 7 — Committees**

### **Section 7.01 — Standing Committees**

There shall be no standing committees.

### **Section 7.02 — Special Committees**

1. A special committee may be formed by a majority vote by the Board. At the establishment of the special committee, the Board shall choose an Director to chair the committee and it shall consist of members appointed by said chair and approved by the Board.
2. When deemed necessary, the Board may, by a majority vote, dissolve any special committee it creates.

## **Article 8 — Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Organization may adopt.

## **Article 9 — Amendments to Bylaws**

### **Section 9.01 — Amendment Process**

1. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote.
2. Proposed bylaw amendments must be submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting and attached to the notice of the meeting it will be considered.
3. Amendments will be recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting they were approved.
4. Upon passage, the Secretary will update the version of the bylaws kept on the SNAE website.

## **Article 10 — Staff**

### **Section 10.01 — Establishment**

1. With the approval of the entire Board of Directors, the President may appoint members, including other directors, as staff to assist them with their duties.
  - a. Compensation for staff will be decided by the Board of Directors, but sitting Directors shall not be compensated.

## **Article 11 — Miscellaneous Provisions**

### **Section 11.01 — Indemnification**

The Organization shall indemnify all directors, officers, staff, and members against expenses pursuant to NRS 82.541.

## **Article 12 — Dissolution**

This organization may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors or by action taken by the state of Nevada. Upon dissolution of this organization, all assets shall be liquidated and dispersed to three different charities as decided at the final meeting of the Board of Directors.