

OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL "A" FORD CLUB
CONSTITUTION
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CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME - STATUS – PURPOSE

SECTION 1. NAME:

The name of the Club shall be the OHIO VALLEY REGION MODEL A FORD CLUB, INC., hereafter referred to as OVRMAFC.

SECTION 2. STATUS:

OVRMAFC was originally established as a non-profit Region of MARC (THE MODEL A RESTORERS CLUB, INC), headquartered in Garden City, Michigan, on October 8, 1966, and as a non-profit Chapter of MAFCA (MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA), headquartered in LaHabra, California, on September 27, 1986. Its Constitution currently conforms to the ideals and philosophy of both MARC and MAFCA. OVRMAFC was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio on May 31, 1977.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE:

The general purpose of OVRMAFC shall be to encourage its members to acquire, preserve, restore, exhibit, and make use of the Ford Model A vehicle, model years 1928 through 1931, and all things pertaining to the Ford Model A and the Model A Ford era. The Club and its Leadership shall promote the introduction of ideas and fellowship among OVRMAFC members, shall be open to all persons, and shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan.

ARTICLE II - REGIONAL OFFICE

SECTION 1. REGIONAL OFFICE

- A. The Regional Office shall be deemed that of the common meeting place of OVRMAFC and shall be located in or near Cincinnati, Ohio.

- B. The purpose of the Regional Office shall be to maintain the records and files of OVRMAFC and, in general, to perform all duties as may be described by this Constitution and the Regional Officers of OVRMAFC as established by ARTICLE V.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATION

Any person interested in the purpose of OVRMAFC, as stated in Article I, Section 3, is eligible for membership. Actual possession of a Model A Ford is not a requirement for membership.

SECTION 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:

- A. **ACTIVE:** Individual, spouse, if any, and/or children twenty one (21) years of age or under who, by paying annual dues, received the right to hold office, to have two (2) votes per membership, to receive one (1) year's issue of the AAAA00OGAH OHIO V ALLEY REGION NEWS, as well as other OVRMAFC mailings, and the right to participate and compete in all OVRMAFC activities, functions and events.
- B. **LIFE MEMBER.** Membership, who, having been nominated by an Active membership in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Ford Model A and/or OVRMAFC as recommended by the Regional Officers and approved by a simple majority by show of hands of the general membership present at the time of voting. This membership shall pay no dues. A Life Member has voting privileges.
- C. **HONORARY MEMBER.** A person or persons, who, having been nominated by an Active Membership in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Ford Model A and/or OVRMAFC, as recommended by the Regional Officers and approved by a simple majority by show of hands of the general membership present at the time of voting. This membership shall pay no dues. An Honorary Member has no voting privileges.
- D. **OTHER CLASSES:** Other classes of membership may be provided for by the Regional Officers with approval by a simple majority by show of hands of the general membership present at the time of voting.
- E. **OTHER BENEFITS:** Surviving spouse of Active Membership may request Newsletter service after expiration of said membership at a rate to cover publishing and postage only
- F. **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:** In order to support the Status (Article I Sec 2) and the Purpose (Article I, Sec 3) of OVRMAFC, Active Members are expected (but not required) to maintain membership in either the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) or the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) or both.

SECTION 3. DUES

- A. Members shall pay annual dues as set by the Regional Officers with approval by a simple majority by show of hands of the general membership present at the time of voting.
- B. Members accepted during November and December shall be entitled to membership for the ensuing year; a calendar year being January 1 through December 31.
- C. Annual dues shall be payable in advance of each year and shall be due on January 1 of the calendar year. Members whose dues are not paid by January 31, shall be automatically suspended for non-payment of dues with all rights and privileges withheld.

SECTION 4. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Individuals suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment; however, payments received after February 1, will cause a member's name to be omitted from the current roster.
- B. Members may request not to be included in the roster by notifying the Membership Director.

SECTION 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. RESIGNATION: Any member may resign by directing a letter to the Regional Secretary. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt. Such-resignation shall not relieve any indebtedness to OVRMAFC.
- B. GENERAL: In the event of death, resignation, suspension, or other termination of a member, all rights and privileges as a member-of OVRMAFC shall cease. Dues shall be non-refundable.
- C. DISMISSAL: Any member may have their membership terminated by a majority vote of the Regional Officers of OVRMAFC for cause. Such membership shall cease on the date that the Secretary notifies the dismissed member by Registered Mail. Notification will include a brief description of the cause(s) for terminating the membership. A dismissed member has 30 days to appeal termination, which shall be made in writing, to the Regional Officers of OVRMAFC.

SECTION 6: INSURANCE:

Personal liability insurance is the responsibility of individual members.

SECTION 7: POWERS RESERVED TO MEMBERS:

- A. The members shall elect by ballot every two (2) years, Regional Officers subject to those terms as provided in Article V.
- B. The members shall approve or reject any such matter as brought before the General Membership by the Regional Officers for changes to, additions to and/or deletions from the Constitution or motions with expenditures larger than \$500.00, which approval requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the votes cast by those present at the time of voting by written ballot.
- C. For motions involving the everyday operations of OVRMAF (approval of minutes, treasurer's report, expenditures less than \$500.00, etc.) approval by simple majority by show of hands is required.
- D. Voting membership is defined as those members in attendance at a monthly membership meeting and is restricted to two (2) votes per active paid membership.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – EVENTS

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - EVENTS:

- A. A Membership Meeting shall be held once each month to be scheduled by the Regional Officers. A Membership Meeting shall be open to the General Membership and guests, and is held to conduct OVRMAFC business, discuss calendar of events, and to provide a forum for technical information to the General Membership. A Membership Meeting may be omitted for the month of December due to the year-end holidays.
- B. An event should be held once each month to be scheduled by the Regional Officers. This event shall be held to promote the purpose of OVRMAFC as outlined in Article I, Section 3.
- C. An annual banquet shall be held in December as a monthly event to distribute Membership Awards, participation Awards, and Family of the Year Award, as described in Article VI, Section 2b.

SECTION 2: LOCATION SELECTION

- A. The Regional Officers shall choose the location of the Membership Meeting which should remain in or near Cincinnati, Ohio.
- B. The Regional Officers shall choose monthly events as submitted by members of OVRMAFC. Duration, location, schedule, and cost shall remain accommodating to a majority of OVRMAFC membership. If no monthly events are submitted, the Regional Director may designate a Host Member for that monthly event.

SECTION 3. NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - MONTHLY EVENTS:

An announcement for the Membership Meetings and monthly events shall be placed in the AAAA00OGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS, stating location, date, time, and purpose (meeting or event) and shall constitute notice to the membership. Such notice must be mailed no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled event.

ARTICLE V - REGIONAL OFFICERS

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The affairs and management of OVRMAFC shall be invested in four (4) members elected as Regional Officers by the General Membership, and four (4) members appointed by the Regional Officers.
- B. The term of the Regional Officers shall be for two (2) calendar years and/or until his/her successor is elected. An elected officer, after serving two (2) consecutive terms of two years each, may not fill the same elected officer position without a two (2) year lapse. Appointed officers have no such limitations.
- C. All Regional Officers shall be elected at the Membership Meeting held in November of odd numbered years and shall commence their new positions on January 1 of the following year. Regional Officers shall end their two-year term on December 31 of odd numbered years and shall have a smooth transition with the newly elected Officers.
- D. All Regional Officers must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older, be a member of MARC and MAFCA, be able to attend Membership Meetings, in addition to being in good standing.

SECTION 2. ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR REGIONAL OFFICERS:

- A. The Regional Officers shall encourage participation by the General Membership in the governance of the Club. Election of the Regional Officers shall be by ballot or verbal vote of the General Membership in attendance, on candidates or slates of candidates as proposed by the Nomination Committee.
- B. The Nomination Committee shall seek candidates who are the best qualified to serve as Regional Officers for a two (2) year term. Ideally, there should be two (2) or more candidates for each position to be elected. Regional Officer positions may be elected individually or as a slate of potential candidates.
- C. Nominations may also be submitted by the General Membership to the Regional Officers who will, in turn, submit them to the Nomination Committee. All potential candidates, or slates of candidates must meet the requirements of Article V, Section 1, and must be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the election.

SECTION 3. VACANCY OF OFFICE

In the event of a vacancy in an elected office due to death, inability, or refusal to act or carry out the duties as prescribed by the Regional Officers and this Constitution, etc., the Regional Director, with concurrence of the remaining Regional Officers, may appoint a replacement who will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. INSTALLATION OF REGIONAL OFFICERS:

Formal duties after a regular election shall take place on January 1 of even numbered years.

SECTION 5. REGIONAL OFFICERS - POWERS IN GENERAL:

- A. VACANCIES: Any vacancies occurring among the Regional Officers shall be filled as provided for in Article V, Section 3 for the unexpired term of that office.
- B. QUORUM: The action of a majority of the Officers shall be the official act of the Regional Officers except where otherwise provided by this Constitution.
- C. COMPENSATION: Officers shall not receive any salaries for their services as such, nor shall any Officer or spouse of any Officer be employed by OVRMAFC or perform any services for OVRMAFC for compensation.
- D. All Officers shall be required to attend a minimum of eight (8) meetings per year, which will be held monthly.
- E. CLOSED SESSIONS: The Regional Officers shall be authorized to meet in closed session to consider and discuss such matters which may be defined as of a sensitive nature.

ARTICLE VI - REGIONAL OFFICER'S DUTIES

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The Regional Officers shall be the principle governmental body of OVRMAFC and, except as may be specified elsewhere in this Constitution, the general management shall be the responsibility of the Regional Officers.
- B. All unreserved powers shall be assumed by the Regional Officers. They may establish and grant authority to committees, or persons, to act in carrying out the directions of the Regional Officers.
- C. The Regional Officers reserve the right to dissolve any committee or remove any chairperson by a majority vote of the Regional Officers present.
- D. The Regional Officers shall keep minutes of all meetings recorded by the Secretary and published in the AAAA00OGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS except for parts as may, in their judgment, require expunging. All votes conducted by the Regional Officers shall be recorded.
- E. Elected Officers include Regional Director, Regional Vice Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Appointed Officers include Technical Director, Membership Director, Newsletter Editor, and Youth Coordinator
- F. Other appointed or volunteer officers include OVR regional correspondent, Sunshine person, Sales product officer. Others officers may be created as deemed necessary by the Regional Officers.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS:

- A. REGIONAL DIRECTOR: The Director shall be the principle Executive Officer of the Regional Officers and of OVRMAFC, and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of OVRMAFC. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Shall publish an agenda for distribution to all officers prior to scheduled meetings.
 - 2. Shall preside at all meetings of the General Members and Regional Officers.
 - 3. May sign, with the Secretary, or any other Officer of the Club, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Regional Officers have authorized to be executed.
 - 4. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. All standing, ad hoc and special committees shall report to the Regional Director.
 - 5. Shall assist the Treasurer in the preparation of a budget for Club approval prior to the Club's next fiscal year.
 - 6. Shall appoint the chairperson of all committees with the Regional Officers' approval.

- B. REGIONAL VICE DIRECTOR: In the absence of the Director, or in the event of the Director's inability to act, the Vice Director shall perform the duties of Director. Additional duties shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Shall serve as Regional Coordinator with MARC and MAFCA.
 2. Shall acquire and keep, on a yearly basis, monthly meeting and monthly event attendance records for the purpose of Driving Awards and/or Membership Awards.
 3. Shall supervise the OVRMAFC Driving Awards program and shall act as, or appoint a coordinator for the National Awards programs.
 4. Shall oversee the formation of the Family of the Year Award Committee at least 45 days prior to the Annual Banquet and shall implement the Committee's decision.
 5. Shall oversee the purchase and selection of trophies and awards for OVRMAFC.
 6. Shall oversee the distribution of awards at the Annual Banquet and on any other such occasion.
 7. Shall undertake any other projects as may be assigned by the Director and/or Regional Officers.
- C. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall perform all duties in accordance with provisions established in this Constitution. Duties shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the General Membership and Regional Officers. Minutes shall be published in the next issue of the AAAOOOGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS following the meeting.
 2. Shall be responsible for the custodianship of the OVRMAFC records.
 3. Shall chair the Constitution Committee and maintain any amendments to this Constitution
 4. Shall assure proper signatures on any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Regional Officers have authorized to be executed.
 5. Shall assure that all notices are duly given in a timely manner in accordance with this Constitution and the Regional Officers.
 6. Shall oversee the upkeep of approved motion addendums to this Constitution.
 7. Shall be custodian of this Constitution, making it available for consultation, at every Membership meeting.
 8. Shall undertake any other projects as may be assigned by the Director and/or Regional Officers.

- D. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds and securities of OVRMAFC, and shall perform all duties incidental to the office of Treasurer as established in this Constitution. Duties shall include, but not limited to, the following:
1. Shall propose to the Regional Officers and General Members, a comprehensive budget in consultation with the Regional Director prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.
 2. Shall oversee all expenditures of OVRMAFC in accordance with the approved budget and be responsible for maintaining adequate books and ledgers.
 3. Shall insure that monies received shall be promptly deposited to the account; whereas all funds in excess of operational needs shall be invested in interest bearing accounts which are duly insured.
 4. Shall assure that proper signatures of elected Officers and other required persons are obtained for banking purposes, etc. Checks, at or above a dollar level, specified by the Regional Officers, shall require two (2) signatures of either the Regional Director, Regional Vice Director, or the Treasurer. Checks of lesser amounts shall require only one (1) signature of those approved for banking purposes.
 5. Shall direct the Regional Club investments and bank accounts in consultation with the Regional Director and Regional Vice Director. Investments are to be limited to United States Government Securities and Insured Accounts.
 6. Shall consult with a Certified Public Accountant on payment of taxes, preparation of year-end adjustments to the books, and audit/review results, as required.
 7. Shall provide a monthly statement of income and balance sheet to the Regional Officers at the Monthly Meeting as well as a year-end statement within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. All financial statements shall be published in the next issue of the AAAA00OGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS.
 8. Shall review with the Regional Officers all inventory and make adjustment as necessary.
 9. Shall review dues rates yearly with the Regional Officers and make recommendations for adjustments as appropriate.
 10. Shall periodically review the sale price of all club merchandise and publications and make recommendations for adjustments as appropriate.
 11. Shall undertake any other projects as may be assigned by the Regional Director and/or Regional Officers.

SECTION 3: DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS:

- A. **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:** The Technical Director shall direct the Regional Officers and the General Membership in the preservation, restoration, exhibition, and general use of the Ford Model A vehicle, model years 1928 through 1931, and all things pertaining to the Ford Model A. Duties shall include, but not limited to the following:
1. Shall provide technical demonstrations pertaining to the Ford Model A at scheduled Monthly Meetings which shall be open to the Regional Officers, General Membership, and guests.
 2. Shall act as technical consultant for OVRMAFC to the Regional Officers, General Membership, MARC, MAFCA, other MARC Regions or MAFCA Chapters, or any other person or organization inquiring about the Ford Model A.
 3. Shall appoint the chairperson, and oversee the Regional Judging Standards Committee and the Regional Fashion Standards Committee per Article VII, Sections 5 and 6.
 4. Shall undertake any other projects as may be assigned by the Regional Director and/or Regional Officers:
- B. **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:** The Membership Director shall handle all matters pertaining to membership in OVRMAFC. Duties shall include, but not limited to, the following:
1. Shall develop and pursue those programs which assure that OVRMAFC retains a healthy membership growth.
 2. Shall handle the placement of membership advertising for OVRMAFC in any outside publications.
 3. Shall oversee the composition, editing, and publishing of the OVRMAFC Membership Roster. The Membership Roster shall be published once yearly within a timely manner after the February 1 cutoff date for renewal of dues.
 4. Shall provide new members or prospective new members with information describing OVRMAFC and its activities along with a copy of this Constitution.
 5. Shall handle Public Relations of OVRMAFC.
 6. Shall act as, or appoint the Committee chairperson for election of Regional Officers per Article VII, Section 4.
 7. Shall undertake any other projects as may be assigned by the Regional Director and/or Regional Officers.

- C. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: The Newsletter Editor shall handle all matters pertaining to creation of the OVRMAFC Membership Newsletter. Duties shall include, but not limited to, the following:
1. Shall oversee the composition, editing, printing, publication, and distribution of the OVRMAFC Membership Newsletter entitled AAAA00OGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS.
 2. Newsletter content shall follow guidelines as set forth by MARC and MAFCA to be eligible for National Newsletter Awards.
 3. Shall provide the General Membership with notice of OVRMAFC Membership Meetings, and monthly events as well as any other OVRMAFC functions at least 30 days prior to scheduled event. Notice shall include date, time, and location of event including other pertinent information.
 4. Shall provide publication of material relative to OVRMAFC activities, past, present, or future, as submitted by the Regional Officers or General Membership.
 5. Shall provide publication and distribution of AAAA00OGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS no later than seven (7) days prior to each scheduled Membership Meeting.
 6. Shall undertake any other projects as may be assigned by the Regional Director and/or Regional Officers.
- D. YOUTH COORDINATOR: A Youth Coordinator shall preferably be a youth leadership position to promote the purpose of OVRMAFC among the active membership under age 21. This position shall be appointed by the Regional Officers. Duties shall include, but not limited to, the following:
1. Shall serve as coordinator between OVRMAFC Regional Officers and the active Membership under age 21.
 2. Shall promote the purpose of OVRMAFC as defined in Article I, Section 3 to the active Membership under age 22.
 3. Shall serve as liaison between OVRMAFC and other Youth Coordinators of MARC and MAFCA.
 4. Shall promote youth activities which are sponsored by MARC and/or MAFCA among the youth of OVRMAFC.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: GENERAL:

- A. The Regional Officers, having been invested with the management of OVRMAFC, will assume the duties of various Committee Chairpersons and/or supervision of such as identified in Article VI. Additional appointments may be made by the Regional Officers, as necessary, including any change in present assignments to accomplish the goals of the Regional Officers.
- B. The Regional Director and/or the Regional Officers shall have the power to create new committees, as necessary or desirable. (See Article VII, Section 2). Chairpersons will be appointed by the Regional Director with approval of the Regional Officers.
- C. The Regional Director and Regional Officers shall provide the necessary guidance to all appointed committees.
- D. No Regional Officer or Committee shall incur any expenditures in excess of budget without prior approval.
- E. Committee members and/or chairpersons may be removed or replaced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Regional Officers.
- F. With exception of the Regional Nomination Committee, and whereas otherwise specified, the Regional Director shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- G. All Committee Chairpersons shall prepare a budget to include revenues and expenditures expected for the fiscal year and shall submit same to the Treasurer.
- H. All Committee Chairpersons shall submit expense records and receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement in accordance with the current policy on expenses.
- I. All Committees shall record the minutes of meetings and supply copies for each Regional Officer.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEE TYPES AND POLICIES:

- A. **STANDING COMMITTEE:** Standing Committees shall be those mandated by the Constitution formed as permanent in existence and as further identified in this Article under Sections, 3,4, 5, 6, and 7. The chairperson and membership may change.
- B. **APPOINTIVE COMMITTEES:** Appointive Committees shall be those committees established by the Regional Officers and/or Regional Director to function as permanent or temporary.
- C. **CHARTERED COMMITTEES:** Chartered Committees shall be those committees formed under individual Committee By-Laws and function at the pleasure of the Regional Officers. The Chairperson shall be selected by, and from, their own membership with that name being submitted to the Regional Director and Regional Officers for approval or rejection. All Committee members shall likewise have advance approval from the Regional Officers.

SECTION 3: FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD COMMITTEE:

- A. A committee shall be formed no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Banquet in December to select the Family of the Year Award. This committee shall oversee the selection of a Regional Membership to receive the Family of the Year Award based on the contributions to OVRMAFC in support of the Club's purpose as described in Article I, Section 3.
- B. Committee members shall be comprised of the past winners of the Family of the Year Award from the three (3) previous years and shall include spouses/partners. The committee chairperson shall be from the winning family of the third previous year.
- C. All current members of OVRMAFC in good standing shall be eligible for the Family of the Year Award except past award winners from the five (5) previous years.
- D. All committee decisions will be determined by a majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Regional Vice Director will cast the deciding vote.
- E. The Committee Chairperson shall notify the Regional Vice Director of the Family of the Year Award winner within thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Banquet.

SECTION 4: REGIONAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

- A. The Regional Director and Regional Officers shall appoint a five (5) member Nomination Committee to oversee the election procedures for Regional Officers. The Membership Director shall act as, or appoint the committee chairman.
- B. All committee decisions will be determined by a majority vote.
- C. No two (2) committee members shall be a spouse of each other. No committee member shall be slated for office.
- D. See Article V for further guidelines in Election Procedures.

SECTION 5: REGIONAL JUDGING STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

- A. A Regional Judging Standards Committee may be formed to act as liaison between OVRMAFC and MARC and/or MAFCA. The primary focus of the committee will be to interpret the judging standards of MARC and/or MAFCA for General Membership applications.
- B. Committee Chairperson to be the Regional Technical Director. Committee members to be appointed by the Regional Technical Director and approved by the Regional Officers. Committee members to be selected based on their knowledge and/or contribution to the goals of this committee.
- C. Minutes and records shall be recorded at all committee meetings and shall be presented to the Regional Officers.

SECTION 6: REGIONAL FASHION STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

- A. A Regional Fashion Standards Committee may be formed to act as liaison between OVRMAFC and MARC and/or MAFCA. The primary focus of the committee will be to interpret the judging standards of MARC and/or MAFCA for General Membership applications.
- B. Committee Chairperson to be, appointed by, the Technical Director. Committee members to be appointed by the Technical Director and approved by the Regional Officers. Committee members to be selected based on their knowledge and/or contribution to the goals of this committee.
- C. Minutes and records shall be recorded at all committee meetings and shall be presented to the Regional Officers.

SECTION 7: CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

- A. The Regional Director and Regional Officers shall appoint a five (5) member Constitution Committee with the Secretary being the sixth (6th) member and serving as chairperson.
- B. All Committee decisions will be determined by majority vote.
- C. No two committee members will be the spouse of each other.
- D. The Constitution Committee will convene on the decade years beginning in the year 2010, for the purpose of reviewing and presenting to the Club revisions as needed.

ARTICLE VIII - CONTRACTS – OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 1: CONTRACTS:

- A. The Regional Director shall, in the name of OVRMAFC, sign contracts as are deemed necessary by the Regional Officers for the operation and maintenance of OVRMAFC.
- B. The Regional Officers shall be empowered to authorize other Agents to sign contracts in the name of OVRMAFC or the Regional Officers.
- C. The Regional Director may, with concurrence by a majority of the Regional Officers, delegate the authority to obligate OVRMAFC for such expenditures as may arise as a cost over-run of a Regional Officer approved venture.
- D. Reports of all expenditures shall be made to the Treasurer who shall append them to the report given at the next Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2: GENERAL:

- A. The Regional Director shall, in the name of OVRMAFC, accept all gifts, bequests, and other benefits of such nature, provided that such does not require more than minor custodial attention.
- B. The Regional Director shall, in the name of OVRMAFC, be authorized to bestow awards on such persons as the Regional Officers want to recognize for outstanding contributions to OVRMAFC.

ARTICLE IX - LIABILITY – INSURANCE

SECTION 1:

LIABILITY:

OVRMAFC assumes no responsibility for any liability from activities of its individual members.

SECTION 2:

INSURANCE:

The Regional Officers are empowered to procure Insurance as may be reasonably required to protect OVRMAFC officers, employees, general members and the Club from personal liability which may arise as a result of their individual or collective participation in the authorized activities of OVRMAFC.

SECTION 3:

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICIALS:

- A. Each elected OVRMAFC Officer and/or Chairperson, now and after serving as Regional representative, may be protected by OVRMAFC against claims and liabilities to which said Regional representative may become subject by reason of service in such capacity.
- B. At the option of the Regional Officers, OVRMAFC may reimburse each Regional representative for reasonable legal expenses in the defense of claims and liabilities, or defend the same on behalf of each Regional Representative.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 1:

MANNER OF AMENDMENT:

This Constitution may be amended or repealed, and additions may be made subject to the provisions hereinafter stated.

SECTION 2:
PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT:

- A. Any proposal originating with the General Membership shall be submitted to the Regional Officers by petition, signed by ten (10) percent of the voting OVRMAFC Membership, as of December thirty first (31), preceding submission.
- B. Any proposals originating with the Regional Officers shall have concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the votes cast by those present at the time of voting.

SECTION 3:
AMENDMENT PROCEDURE:

- A. Upon receipt of a valid proposal for amendment, the Secretary shall chair the Constitution Committee. The Chairperson shall appoint five (5) additional members. The Committee shall be charged with writing, editing, and overseeing that all amendment procedures are carried out as specified by this Constitution.
- B. All proposed amendments shall be prepared and distributed to all OVRMAFC Members in good standing.
- C. The Committee shall see that the proposed amendment contains complete revised text of any Article and/or Section to be considered for amendment, revision, and/or addition. The distribution of the proposed amendment shall also contain the Regional Officers' recommendation for or against the proposal.

SECTION 4:
BALLOTING:

- A. The distribution of the proposed amendment shall be such that it allows at least thirty (30) days consideration and fifteen (15) days' notice prior to approval or rejection by the General Membership.
- B. Approval requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the votes cast by the general membership present at the time of balloting, by written ballot and is restricted to two votes per active paid membership.
- C. Approval of the proposed amendment shall cause its incorporation into the Constitution by the Secretary, and the amendment shall be deemed effective immediately upon approval.
- D. The results of the balloting shall be sent by the Secretary to the Newsletter Editor, and published in the AAAA00OGAH OHIO VALLEY REGION NEWS within a reasonable amount-of time.

SECTION 5:

GENERAL:

The Constitution shall be kept on file with and by the secretary, and a copy shall be available to any Member upon request.

All approved Motions to Amend the Constitution of OVRMAFC shall be added to existing addendum of this Constitution as approved by the General Membership. Approval of the proposed motion to amend the Constitution shall cause its incorporation into the Constitution and the motion shall be deemed effective immediately upon approval. Any approved Motions to Amend the Constitution will be listed by the Secretary in the monthly membership meeting minutes and printed in the AAAA OOGAH Ohio Valley Region News.

ARTICLE XI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of OVRMAFC shall be from January first (1) through December thirty first (31st).

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