

# BUCKEYE LINKS ASSOCIATION

## BYLAWS

### Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be the Buckeye Links Association.

### Article II Object

The object shall be to promote acquaintance and friendship among the members and to support the Grand Chapter of Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star.

### Article III Membership

#### Section 1:

All members of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, OES who receive (or have received) from the Worthy Grand Matron, a commission as a Grand Representative are eligible to become members.

#### Section 2:

A Grand Representative (or former Grand Representative) may become a member by payment to the Treasurer the membership fee of \$5.00 (which includes dues until the time of the next annual spring meeting.)

#### Section 3:

Membership may continue indefinitely by payment of annual dues.

#### Section 4:

- a. All Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of Ohio shall be honorary members (without voting privileges). A Past Grand Matron who is a former Grand Representative shall retain her voting privileges.
- b. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall be given an Honorary Membership (without voting privilege) at the Buckeye Links annual fall meeting.
- c. Honorary Membership (without voting privilege) shall be given to all Grand Representatives of Ohio in other Grand Jurisdictions who are in attendance at the Buckeye Links Fall Meeting.

#### Section 5:

Life memberships may be granted only upon payment of dues according to the schedule outlined in Article VI, Section 3.

### Article IV Officers

#### Section 1:

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties that normally pertain to such offices and the parliamentary authority of this organization. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian.

#### Section 2:

President, Vice President, and Secretary shall serve for one (1) year and may not serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years. Officers may advance to the next office if so nominated and elected.

#### Section 3:

- a. Treasurer shall be elected to serve the Buckeye Links Association for five (5) years and will not move up in the line of officers. After a term of five (5) years the

nominations committee will select a new Treasurer to serve for another five (5) year term and will present that name with the other officers being nominated to fill the Buckeye Links Offices.

b. Any Buckeye Links member in good standing can serve as Treasurer.

c. The Treasurer shall choose a Buckeye Links member, close geographically, who is also authorized to sign checks or other financial documents.

d. If the Treasurer feels that she cannot continue, notice should be given to the Buckeye Links President so that plans can be made to elect a new Treasurer at the annual spring meeting.

Section 4:

The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) who shall report at the next annual meeting. The committee shall nominate no more than one (1) candidate for each office. The membership may accept the report by a majority vote.

Section 5:

In case of the death of a Buckeye Links Officer, a nomination committee from that officer's District shall appoint a member to fill that position and continue through the line.

#### Article V Meetings

Section 1;

The Annual Meeting and meal shall be held in conjunction with the inspection of the Worthy Grand Matron's home chapter.

Section 2:

A meal shall be held annually in conjunction with the Grand Chapter Session.

Section 3:

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President, or in her absence the Vice President, with at least ten (10) days written or electronic notice to all members.

#### Article VI Fees, Dues and Gifts

Section 1:

Life Membership dues for Buckeye Links to be paid according to the following schedule-based on members' age at the time of her appointment. The one-time fee can be paid any time after her appointment. Those paying annual dues as of 2025 will change to the lifetime membership and pay according to her age as of spring 2026; per the schedule listed.

Under age 50 \$50.00

50-55 \$45.00

56-60 \$35.00

61-65 \$25.00

66-70 \$20.00

70-75 \$10.00

76 and older \$5.00

Section 2:

An honorarium or gift not to exceed \$25.00 shall be given to the Secretary at the conclusion of her term of office.

Section 3:

An honorarium of gift not to exceed \$25.00 shall be given to the President at the conclusion of her term of office.

Section 4:

An honorarium or gift not to exceed \$25.00 shall be given to the Treasurer at the conclusion of each year that she has served as Treasurer.

Article VII Committees

Section 1:

The President shall appoint a chairman for the meals at the spring and fall meetings.

Section 2:

The President shall appoint an Audit Committee of three members to audit the books prior to the annual spring meeting and when there is a change in the officer serving as the Treasurer.

Section 3:

The President shall appoint other committees as necessary.

Section 4:

The President shall be ex-officio, with voice and vote, on all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules adopted by the organization.

Article IX Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting provided that a copy of the proposed changes have been sent by mail or electronically to each member with the invitation/call to the Annual Meeting and adopted by the members present and voting by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote.

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