

BYLAWS OF THE BUCKEYE BOWLING WRITERS

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as BUCKEYE BOWLING WRITERS.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The object of this organization shall be to bring together in an atmosphere of friendliness and cooperation those who promote bowling in the State of Ohio and are members of the United States Bowling Congress.

To honor outstanding publicity efforts by the members with an awards program.

To foster the exchange of information and to discuss problems connected with publicity through the written word, radio and television.

To assist with the goals and projects of the Ohio USBC Associations and extend fullest cooperation to their programs.

To publish a newsletter to be called *The Write Angle* three times a year: January, August and October.

To develop and maintain a website for our members.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

CHARTER MEMBERS shall be those who were in attendance at the organizational meeting of Buckeye Women Bowling Writers, who applied for membership and paid dues for the year at the organizational meeting and first Annual Meeting in February, 1976.

ACTIVE MEMBERS shall be United States Bowling Congress members in the state of Ohio, who are interested in publicity and public relations, or desire to be contributors of news items promoting the game of bowling by printed word, radio and television, or otherwise promote bowling, who make application for membership and pay dues.

Membership shall be for one year, renewable upon application and payment of dues to the Secretary-Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBERS – A Past President or Past Secretary-Treasurer of Buckeye Bowling Writers may be elected Life Member with privilege of voice and vote. Nomination must be by the Advisory Board and submitted for acceptance at the Annual Meeting. Election will require two-thirds affirmative vote of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

MEMBERS EMERITAE – A current or past member of the Buckeye Bowling Writers may be elected a Member Emerita with privilege of voice and vote. Nomination must be by the Advisory Board and submitted for acceptance at the Annual Meeting. Election will require two-thirds affirmative vote of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV – MANAGEMENT

Management shall be vested in the Advisory Board, who shall have full control and authority to carry out the objectives of Buckeye Bowling Writers.

This shall be a self-supporting, non-profit organization. Officers, directors and committee members, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, shall serve without monetary compensation. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be awarded a stipend, annually, the amount of which to be determined by the Advisory Board.

The President shall be authorized to conduct and transact business by mail, and may request ballots from the Advisory Board and/or membership if necessary.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS, ADVISORY BOARD

Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms. Advisory Board shall consist of four officers and seven directors.

Election of officers and directors shall be by ballot, officers by majority, directors by plurality, at the Annual Meeting. If there is only one candidate, a voice vote may be taken. Term of office shall be three years. Election schedule as follows:

1. President, Sergeant-at-Arms, Directors 1 and 2
2. Vice President, Directors 3 and 4
3. Secretary-Treasurer, Directors 5, 6 and 7 (2/96)

A candidate to be eligible for nomination as an officer or director must be a member in good standing of the Buckeye Bowling Writers at the time of their election. Candidates for an officer position must have served as a member of the Advisory Board a minimum of one (1) year prior to election, unless a suitable candidate is not available. The Advisory Board may recommend to the Nominating Committee a candidate not meeting this requirement.

VACANCIES – If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall have the option within seven (7) days to accept or decline the position for the unexpired term. If they decline, the Advisory Board shall elect a president to hold the position for the unexpired term.

The President, with the approval of the Advisory Board, shall fill any vacancy in the other elected offices and directorships with an appointee who shall meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the first paragraph, Article V, and the appointee shall hold that position for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings, administer and execute business, appoint committees, delegate work projects, request monthly reports, including bank or savings and loan statements from the Secretary-Treasurer.

VICE PRESIDENT shall assist the President, accept duties as may be required, and be prepared to function as President in case of the President's absence.

SECRETARY-TREASURER shall keep accurate minutes and records of all meetings and funds, and shall deposit latter in a federally-insured financial institution in the name of the Buckeye Bowling Writers; accept membership applications and dues; issue membership cards; furnish the President a monthly financial report, including bank or savings and loan statements; co-sign withdrawals with another authorized signature; record and mail Advisory Board minutes to board members.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the President and the Advisory Board.

DIRECTORS shall help direct and supervise business transactions, voice their views and suggestions at Advisory Board meetings and assist officers.

Standing committees shall be Legislative, Finance and Budget, Audit, Nominating, Awards and others deemed necessary by the President.

President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Advisory Board shall approve the Finance and Budget report.

Members of the Advisory Board who do not fulfill their directives, or who miss two (2) consecutive board meetings (unexcused) may be asked to submit their resignations.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

Membership dues shall be \$7.00 per year, payable in advance for one year, August 1 through July 31. Active Members, upon joining will receive an official membership pin.

Life Members and Members Emeritae, upon election, hold their status and no longer pay dues.

Assessments may not be levied upon members.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Annual Meeting shall be held during the Annual Meeting weekend of the Ohio USBC Women’s Bowling Association, time and place determined by the Advisory Board. Meetings of the Advisory Board shall be called by the President as needed.

Active Members, Life Members and Members Emeritae shall be allowed to attend the Annual Meeting with privilege of voice and vote.

Life Members and Members Emeritae shall be allowed to attend Advisory Board meetings with the privilege of voice and vote, if they so desire, but shall have no obligation to do so. (2/97)

Written notice shall be sent to all members at least 15 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Quorum required to transact business at the Annual Meeting shall be 15 members.

Advisory Board meeting quorum shall be six members of the Board.

ARTICLE IX – AWARDS

Buckeye Bowling Writers shall present awards each year at the Annual Meeting in accordance with policies set forth by the Awards Committee and approved by the Advisory Board.

Contest entry forms shall be mailed each year to Active Members and local associations.

Judges for the awards shall be selected by the President with the approval of the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

All changes in the bylaws shall be made at the Annual Meeting and shall require two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting for approval.

Proposed changes must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 75 days prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be distributed to members at least 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (2/96)

All approved changes shall become effective on August 1 following the Annual Meeting unless otherwise stated in the proposal at the time of approval.

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern proceedings of all meetings of the Buckeye Bowling Writers and of the Advisory Board when not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Buckeye Bowling Writers.