Oklahoma Museums Association Constitution

Article I. Name
The name of this Association shall be the Oklahoma Museums Association (OMA).

Article II. Mission and Goals
The Oklahoma Museums Association exists to empower Oklahoma museums. OMA supports museums by:

1) developing resources to fulfill the mission;
2) building networks among members and member institutions as well as with various publics;
3) encouraging public awareness of the existence, purposes, and value of museums;
4) promoting professional growth among museum employees and volunteers;
5) providing professional services to Oklahoma museums;
6) advocating on behalf of museums;
7) being a national model for state museum associations; and
8) achieving excellence.

Article III. The Board of Directors
The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors (“the Board”) consisting of the elected officers and others as described in the Bylaws of the Association. The Board may adopt rules and regulations that are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and may alter, amend or repeal any of such rules or regulations. No member of the Board shall be entitled to receive compensation for service as a member of the Board.

Article IV. Officers
Officers of the Association shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are elected by the membership. Guidelines regarding elections, terms of office, duties, responsibilities and powers of each officer are defined in the Bylaws of the Association. No officer shall be entitled to receive compensation for acting as an officer.
Article V. Membership
The Association is a membership organization. Membership categories and associated benefits, if any, shall be determined by the Board. Membership may be withdrawn for due cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members in session at an Association meeting upon recommendation of the Board, after the member in question has had a formal hearing before the Executive Committee. Due cause shall include the use of membership in the Association to work for purposes inconsistent with the purposes of the Association as set forth in Article II.

Article VI. Committees
Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the elected officers of the Association plus the Immediate Past President of the Association. Other committees may be approved by the Board as required, with members appointed by the President.

Section 2. All committee reports and recommendations shall be forwarded to the Board for consideration. If Association ratification is required, recommendations shall, after Board consideration, be submitted to the membership thirty days prior to the general or special meeting at which they will be presented for adoption.

Article VII. Association Meetings
Section 1. The Association shall hold a general business meeting annually with date and place, and including if electronic, to be determined by the Board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Board upon twenty (20) days notice by mail, or email if allowed by law, said notice given upon deposit with the United States Postal Service. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting that is not specified in the call of the meeting.

Section 3. A quorum for any meeting of the Association shall be ten percent (10%) of the certified voting membership roster. The quorum for Board meetings shall be a majority of the voting Board Members.

Section 4. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and governing documents, and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

Article VIII. Amendments
Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present and eligible to vote at any meeting of the Association, or by a majority of the membership, provided that each proposed amendment has been submitted to the membership thirty (30) days before said meeting.

Section 2. Bylaws of the Association may be amended by the vote of a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote at any meeting of the Association, provided that each proposed amendment has been submitted to the membership thirty (30) days before said meeting.
**Article IX. Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the Oklahoma Museums Association, either by operation of the law or action of the Board of Directors, after payment of all creditors, its assets shall be distributed to a non-profit corporation in the State of Oklahoma that shall have as its purpose goals similar to those of the Oklahoma Museums Association and which shall have been qualified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Revenue Code.

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