

**Antique Automobile Club of America (AACCA)
Bluegrass Region
By-Laws**

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ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1:

This chapter shall be known as the Antique Automobile Club of America, Bluegrass Region.

SECTION 2:

For the purpose of this document, AACA refers to the Antique Automobile Club of America.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 1:

To promote the hobby of antique automobile collection and preservation to the mutual enjoyment of its members.

SECTION 2:

We stand for group and family participation and recognize it as the ultimate enjoyment of classic and antique vehicles.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1:

Prerequisites are as follows:

- A. A desire to promote the hobby of antique automobile collecting.
- B. Be a member in good standing of the AACA.
- C. Ownership of an antique automobile(s), although desirable, is not mandatory for membership.

SECTION 2:

Procedure for membership:

- A. Any individual who desires to become a member of the Bluegrass Region chapter shall be furnished a membership application. This shall be completed by the applicant and returned to the secretary-treasurer, accompanied by a check or suitable exchange covering Bluegrass Region dues and national dues or an AACA membership number if already a member.
- B. New member application will be recommended/reviewed by two Bluegrass Region chapter members in good standing.
- C. Upon issuance of the AACA Bluegrass Region membership card, the new member will be given a listing of club members and directed to the Bluegrass Region website, which contains the chapter's by-laws and schedule of the current year's planned activities.
- D. Applications made during the last four months of a calendar year may, at the applicant's option, request that national dues be held in abeyance until the expiration of that year.

SECTION 3:

Individuals related to the membership applicant, living in the applicant's household, shall be considered as family members and are eligible for membership and are encouraged to participate in all activities of this organization except those relating to business matters.

SECTION 4:

Any member who has not paid the Bluegrass Region and/or AACA dues by March 1 will be removed from the membership roll.

SECTION 5:

Delinquent members or those who have dropped out and wish to be reinstated must reapply for membership.

SECTION 6:

Membership in the AACA Bluegrass Region may be terminated by unanimous vote of the Executive Board after giving the member in question full opportunity to hear and respond to the reason(s).

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

The elected officers of the AACA Bluegrass Region shall be: president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and six directors. These elected officials shall be members of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2:

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two years.

SECTION 3:

Newly elected officers and directors shall assume their duties on January 1 following their election.

SECTION 4:

All elected members of the Executive Board shall have voting privileges.

SECTION 5:

The outgoing president shall be a member of the Executive Board for two years or until a new president becomes the outgoing president.

SECTION 6:

The Executive Board shall have the power to proceed in any manner that may, in its judgment, best serve the interest of the AACA Bluegrass Region. The decisions of the board shall be binding until presented to the membership at a regular or special meeting for approval/disapproval.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

Any member in good standing shall be eligible to run for office. Members desiring to be an officer or director shall notify the president and/or member of the nominating committee no later than November 15.

SECTION 2:

Election of officers shall be every two years in the month of December. Officers will hold office for two years beginning on January 1 following the election. It is recommended that outgoing officers and newly elected officers meet jointly before or at the January meeting to assure an orderly transition for the coming year.

SECTION 3:

To establish continuity for the Executive Board, three directors shall be elected in even numbered years and three directors shall be elected in odd numbered years.

SECTION 4:

The current year Executive Board will determine the method to be used for election of officers.

- A. The president shall select a nominating committee to seek out candidates for the coming election year by October 1.
- B. The committee will contact all members in good standing to determine a desire to be nominated and their acceptance of the nomination.
- C. The chairman of the nominating committee shall call for nominations from the floor prior to the election.

SECTION 5:

After all nominations for particular offices have been accepted, voting shall be by secret ballot. There shall be no absentee voting.

SECTION 6:

Newly elected officers and board members shall assume their duties January 1 following their election.

ARTICLE VI – RESPONSIBILITY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1:

President:

- A. Serves as chairman of the Executive Board, provides leadership to assure that the overall goals and objectives of the AACA Bluegrass Region are met.
- B. Shall designate other positions, as he/she deems necessary. These appointments shall not require approval of the membership, but shall be ratified by the Executive Board. Persons appointed to these positions may participate at board meetings but will not have voting rights on issues discussed. The appointments include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Newsletter editor
 - 2. Activity chairperson
 - 3. Hospitality committee
- C. Assure that all members are given a 30-day notice in the AACA Bluegrass Region newsletter for the following:
 - 1. Business meetings
 - 2. Election of officers
- D. Assure that a listing of all club members is distributed to all members.

SECTION 2:

Vice President: Shall assist the president and assume the responsibility and duties of the president during his/her absence or should be president be unable to do so.

SECTION 3:

Secretary-Treasurer:

- A. Shall maintain records of all club business including minutes of all business meetings, activity schedules, membership and expenditures.
- B. All expenditures must be made by the secretary-treasurer after approval by the Executive Board.
- C. Shall report on the financial state of the AACA Bluegrass Region to the membership at least twice during each calendar year. Said report may be oral or written, a written report shall be entered in the club records and be available for inspection.
- D. Shall be the custodian of all monies and shall maintain the AACA Bluegrass Region current accounts.
- E. Shall at all times maintain an up-to-date listing of all members and their addresses.
- F. Will insure that new members are added to the distribution list of the AACA Bluegrass Region's publications by providing address information to the newsletter editor.
- G. Will provide names of all new members to the president and hospitality committee.

SECTION 4:

Executive Board Members:

- A. Officers and directors shall be known as the Executive Board. Officers shall hold office for two years beginning January 1.
- B. The outgoing president shall be a member of the Executive Board for a two-year period or until a new president becomes the outgoing president.
- C. Shall actively participate in the direction and guidance of the AACA Bluegrass Region and its activities and shall keep themselves informed of all club functions.
- D. Shall actively solicit suggestions from the membership relating to club activities.
- E. Coordinate with the activity chairman to develop activities for the coming year.

ARTICLE VII – CLUB FINANCES

SECTION 1:

The secretary-treasurer shall maintain records of all club business and expenditures.

SECTION 2:

The current president or secretary-treasurer shall be the only authorized officers to sign checks on the AACA Bluegrass Region bank accounts. Any one of these two signatures shall be required on all checks drawn on club account funds.

SECTION 3:

The president and secretary-treasurer upon approval of the Executive Board may authorize expenditures for the following without approval of a membership vote.

- A. Expenditures required to secure accommodations and support for the annual antique car show if held.
- B. Expenditures of deposits required for reservations for club planned overnight activities.
- C. Expenditures for planned daily activities, such as coffee/donuts and cook-outs.
- D. Expenditures for flowers for sickness and flowers/memorials for deaths.

- E. There shall be no gifts or donations (except Article X, Section 3) made for any purpose without approval of a majority vote of the Executive Board. The president shall be responsible to notify all members by mail that such expenditure is pending.
- F. Any expenditures amounting to 30 percent of the club's banking accounts and that are not replaceable into the club account will require a majority vote of a quorum (of 30 percent) of the membership. The president shall be responsible to notify all members by mail or email that such expenditure is pending.

SECTION 4:

Additional expenditures of club finances may be authorized by the president or secretary-treasurer and approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

SECTION 1:

AACA Bluegrass Region dues shall be established by a vote of the membership.

SECTION 2:

The amount of dues shall be recommended by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Any change in the amount of the dues shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of members present at the next meeting. The president shall be responsible to notify all members by mail or email stating the purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 3:

Annual dues, both national and AACA Bluegrass Region, shall be accepted by the local secretary-treasurer simultaneously for the following year starting November 1.

SECTION 4:

Joint membership shall be encouraged for all married couples in the AACA Bluegrass Region. Individual memberships shall be available as needed.

SECTION 5:

All delinquent memberships as of March 1 will be dropped from the membership list and distribution of club newsletter.

ARTICLE IX – BUSINESS MEETINGS

SECTION 1:

A business meeting will be held at least twice yearly. One meeting shall be the December dinner meeting and one may be the annual summer picnic.

SECTION 2:

Members shall be advised by the AACA Bluegrass Region newsletter and/or email (for those agreeing) of all business meetings, at least 30 days prior to the event. In the case of business meetings, notice shall be by the president in the newsletter and/or by email. Notice of rallies and tours shall be published in the newsletter.

SECTION 3:

A quorum at any meeting of this chapter shall consist of no less than 30 percent of the membership as listed on the club's membership roster at the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE X – FLOWERS

SECTION 1:

The club will send flowers in the event of serious illness of club members only.

SECTION 2:

The club will send flowers or memorial in the event of the death of club members, their children and mother and father.

SECTION 3:

Based on information provided to the president or secretary-treasurer, following a death, a donation of equal value of the flowers may be made to a charity recommended by family members.

SECTION 4:

All members should be aware that flowers can only be sent when the president or secretary-treasurer is notified of the illness or death.

ARTICLE XI – ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SECTION 1:

A tentative activity schedule shall be formulated and distributed to the membership no later than March 1 for the year covered by that schedule.

SECTION 2:

A business meeting will be held at least twice yearly. One meeting shall be the December dinner meeting and one may be the annual summer picnic.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND REPEAL

SECTION 1:

Before these by-laws shall become effective, they must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2:

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

ARTICLE XIII – CLUB REGULATIONS

SECTION 1:

Any official report to the AACA National Officers or Board of Directors must have the approval of the Bluegrass Region Executive Board.

SECTION 2:

The club shall not hold any activity in conflict with a national event of the AACA.

SECTION 3:

Announcements of the AACA Bluegrass Region activities must be sent to the AACA national vice president in charge of activities of the AACA.

SECTION 4:

The names and addresses of all AACA Bluegrass Region officers and members must be sent to the AACA national vice president in charge of chapters and to the AACA national secretary-treasurer each year. The general membership roster shall be sent by June 30.

SECTION 5:

The AACA is a non-profit organization. The membership thereof shall not be entitled to any individual or interest, participation, right an/or property right in and to the assets of the AACA Bluegrass Region chapter, but such assets shall be the indivisible property of the club thereof: no dividends, pecuniary profits, stock dividends or payments of like manner shall ever be declared or paid to the members of this chapter thereof.

ARTICLE XIV – CHAPTERS

SECTION 1:

Upon compliance with the requirements of the AACA National Board of Directors, one or more chapters may be formed as circumstances dictate within the geographic area of the Bluegrass Region.

SECTION 2:

The members of every chapter shall be in good standing. Each chapter shall be under the jurisdiction of the Bluegrass Region director unless special exception is authorized by the National Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV – NEWSLETTER

SECTION 1:

Each member shall be provided the club newsletter as issued. Members may elect to receive the newsletter by email to reduce club costs. Those members who desire to receive the newsletter by mail shall continue to receive it by mail.