

Bluegrass Region AACA

By-Laws

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ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1: This BGR shall be known as the Blue Grass BGR of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Inc.

~~**SECTION 2:** Boundaries of the BGR shall be Kentucky~~ There are no boundry line drawn

SECTION 2: For the purpose of this document, AACA refers to The Antique Automobile Club of America and BGR-AACA refers to the Blue Grass BGR of the AACA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 1: Promote the hobby of antique automobiles 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 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 this BGR shall be furnished a membership application. This shall be completed by the applicant and returned to the Secretary- Treasurer, accompanied with a check or suitable exchange covering BGR dues and national dues or AACA membership number if already a member.

B. New member application will be recommended / reviewed by two BGR members in good standing.

C. Upon issuance of the Blue Grass AACA membership card, the new member will be given a listing of club members and directed to the BGR website which contains the BGR 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: Individual's related to the membership applicant, living in the applicants 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 his BGR-AACA and/or AACA dues by March 1 will be dropped from the membership roll.

SECTION 5: Delinquent member or those who have dropped out and wish to be reinstated must reapply for membership.

SECTION 6: Membership in the BGR-AACA may be terminated by unanimous vote of the 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 BGR shall become: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Six (6) Directors. These elected officials shall be members of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2: The term of office for all officers and directors shall be 2 years.

SECTION 3: Newly elected officers and Directors shall assume their duties 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 their judgment, best serve the interest of the BGR. 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 15 November.

SECTION 2: Election of officers shall be every two (2) years in the month of December. Officers will hold office for two years beginning on January 1 following the election. It is recommended 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, 3 directors shall be elected in even numbered years and 3 directors shall be elected in odd numbered years.

SECTION 4: The current year Board of Directors 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 1 October.

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

SECTION 5: 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, provide leadership to assure that the overall goals and objectives of the BGR are met.

B. Shall designate other positions, as he deems necessary. These appointments shall not require approval of the membership, but shall be ratified by the Board of Directors. Persons appointed to these positions may participate at Board meeting but will not have voting rights on issues discussed. These appointments include but not limited to the following:

1. Editor for the BGR newsletter
2. Activity chairman
3. Hospitality committee

C. Assure that all members are given a 30-day notice by placing a notice in the BGR 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.

E. Assure that all new members receive a copy of the BGR-AACA BY Laws, a listing of members and that they are identified and included in the distribution of the BGR-AACA Local newsletter.

SECTION 2. VICE PRESIDENT

A: Shall assist the President and assume the responsibility and duties of the President during his absence or should the 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 BGR-AACA 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 available for inspection.

- D. Shall be the custodian of all monies and shall maintain the BGRs current accounts in the BGR's name.
- 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 BGR-AACA publication 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 BGR-AACA and its activities and shall keep themselves informed of all BGR functions.
- D. Shall actively solicit suggestions from the membership relating to the activities of the BGR-AACA.
- E. Coordinate with the Activity Chairman to develop the 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 officer's to sign checks on the BGR-AACA bank accounts. Anyone of these two signatures shall be required on all checks drawn on club accounts 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 or 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 – death.
- 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 Board of Directors. 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 clubs banking accounts and which 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 and or e-mail 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: BGR 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 e-mail stating the purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 3: Annual dues, both national and Blue Grass BGR 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 BGR-AACA. Individual memberships shall be available as needed.

SECTION 5: All delinquent memberships as of 1 March, 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 maybe the annual summer picnic.

SECTION 2: Members shall be advised by the BGR-AACA newsletter and/or e-mail (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 e-mail. Notice of rally's and tours shall be published in the BGR-AACA 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 BGR'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 in the event of 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 the schedule.

SECTION 2: A business meeting will be held at least twice yearly. One meeting shall be the December dinner meeting and one maybe 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 the BGR Executive Board.

Section 2: These By-Laws maybe amended by a majority vote of the BGR Executive Board.

SECTION 3: Orders of business, ROBERT'S RULES of ORDER shall govern all meetings.

ARTICLE XIII – BGR REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: Any official report to the National Officers or the Board of Directors of the AACA must have the approval of BGR Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: BGR shall not hold any activity in conflict with a national event of the AACA.

SECTION 3: Announcements of BGR activities must be sent to the national Vice-President in charge of activities of the AACA.

SECTION 4: The names and addresses of all BGR officers and members must be sent to the national Vice President in charge of BGRs and to the national Secretary-Treasurer of AACA each year. Names of newly elected officers shall be made to the AACA by March 1 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 and/or property right in and to the assets of the BGR or 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 BGR thereof.

ARTICLE XIV - CHAPTERS

SECTION 1: Upon compliance with the requirements of the National Board of Directors, one or more chapters may be formed as circumstances dictate within the geographic area of a BGR.

SECTION 2: The members of every chapter shall be in good standing. Each chapter shall be under the jurisdiction of the BGR director, unless special exception is authorized by the National Board of Directors.

Article XV

Section 1: Each member shall be provided the BGR newsletter as issued. Members may elect to receive the BGR newsletter via e-mail to reduce BGR costs. Those members who desire to receive the newsletter by mail shall continue to receive it by mail.