

# ARIZONA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

Realizing the importance of the livestock industry to both the Arizona economy and to Arizona citizens, and recognizing that there are vast numbers of Arizona young people who are interested and/or involved in livestock production, care, breeding and feeding, and further recognizing the importance of cooperation and harmony among the various segments of the livestock chain from producer to consumer, the following constitution and by-laws are adopted for the governing of this association.

### ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the ARIZONA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION, hereafter referred to as the AJLA or the Association.

### ARTICLE – Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the welfare of the livestock industry, to further the education and cooperation of young people interested in livestock, and to aid in the attainment of mutual goals set by AJLA members interested in all phases of this business and all possible career opportunities.

### ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1. Active members include young people interested in the livestock industry and the production, care, breeding and feeding of livestock. Dues of \$10.00 are payable annually at the summer meeting with a maximum of \$20.00 per family. AJLA membership is available until age 21.

Section 2. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one (1) vote in any regular or special meeting of the Association.

Section 3. Members shall vote in person. No voting by proxy shall be allowed, nor shall any member vote in more than one capacity or represent more than one member. All votes shall be by voice, except for the election

of officers, which shall be by secret ballot, or if ordered by a majority vote of all the members present.

#### ARTICLE IV – Annual Meetings

Section 1. Members: There shall be a minimum of one (1) annual meeting of the members of the Association for the conduct of any and all business.

Section 2. Executive Board: The Executive Board (all officers) shall meet at any time upon the call of the President, or any three (3) board members may call a meeting. The Board may determine any regular meeting schedule.

#### ARTICLE V – Officers

Section 1. The members present shall elect the officers of AJLA at the annual summer meeting. Officers shall not succeed themselves in the same office, unless no one else accepts a nomination. The officers of AJLA shall include a President/Sergeant of Arms, a Vice-President/Activities Chair, and a Secretary/Treasurer. All officers shall be active members at the time of their election, and shall have attended *at least one* AJLA summer meeting prior to their election. They shall perform the duties outlined by the constitution and by-laws, and such other duties that the Association may direct.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association. The Sergeant of Arms will follow Robert's Rules of Order during the meeting, implementing them when needed.

Section 3. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, members shall choose a temporary chairman to preside during the meeting. The Activities Chairman will be in charge of setting up and implementing activities for the members for the following year.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of each meeting of the general membership and special meetings. The Secretary along with the other officers shall prepare the information to be included in the AJLA newsletter. This information shall be submitted to the Advisor for approval. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect any money due to

the Association through dues or through special fund-raising projects. The financial statement shall be given at every regular meeting to the general membership.

#### ARTICLE VI – Affiliation

The Association shall be affiliated with and sponsored by the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association with offices at 1401 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #4, Phoenix, AZ 85008. The official address of the Association shall be the same as the ACGA address.

#### ARTICLE VII – Amendments

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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AMENDED: July 31, 2002

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