BYLAWS

OF

PHILADELPHIA AREA CONSORTIUM OF

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARIES,

INC.

REV. 04122021

ARTICLE I

Name and Location

1.01 Name. The name of the corporation is Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries, Inc. (the “Corporation”).

1.02 Location. The registered office of the Corporation shall be located at the Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia PA 19107, or such other location authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors and registered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time or the activities of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

2.01 Purposes. The Corporation is incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “Act”) for the purposes of conducting exclusively charitable, literary, scientific, and educational activities within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended [or the corresponding provisions of any successor United States Internal Revenue law (the “Code”)], specifically being both organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of those institutions admitted to membership by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

The Corporation shall engage in all activities properly related to the foregoing.
The Corporation shall have all the powers provided to nonprofit corporations under the Act; provided, however, that the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Representatives, Board of Directors, Executive Committee members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its exempt purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation (a) exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine in its sole discretion. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, as such Court shall determine.

ARTICLE III

Seal

3.01 Seal. The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization and the words “Corporate Seal, Pennsylvania”. The corporate seal may be affixed and attested but the affixation or attestation of the corporate seal shall not be necessary for the due execution of any filing, any document or any other purpose by the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

4.01 Qualifications of Members. The Corporation shall have Members (hereafter “Institutions”) within the meaning of the Act. All Institutions must be organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (excluding private foundations) or governmental units or their instrumentalities described in Section 170(c)(1) of the Code. Each Institution shall own or
operate a special collections library or archive with collections accessible to the public and
demonstrate a willingness to participate in the activities of the Corporation as specified herein.

4.02 General Powers. Representatives (as defined in 4.05 below) of the Institutions shall have
the power to elect the Board of Directors as specified in Section 5.06, vote on changes to the
Bylaws as specified in Section 14.01, and vote on issues relating to the overarching structure and
mission of the Corporation.

4.03 Designation of Member Institutions. Non-member organizations that meet the
qualifications specified in Section 4.01 may be elected as Member Institutions (hereafter
Institutions) by majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting of the
Board or by unanimous written consent of the Board. Within ten (10) days of the
meeting at which a new Institution is approved or of the receipt of the written approval
that makes the agreement unanimous, the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall
deliver, in writing, to the President, Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) or Executive
Director of each organization approved for status as an Institution: (i) notice of
invitation to become an Institution, (ii) a copy of these Bylaws, and (ii) a request for
certification of the organization’s acceptance of status as an Institution. Such
Institution’s rights and responsibilities shall commence seven (7) days from delivery of
such certification to the offices of the Corporation and payment of dues for the year of
acceptance. An invitation to become an Institution shall lapse if not accepted within one
year of notice.

4.04 Termination. An Institution may resign by delivery of written notice from the President
of the Institution. Resignation shall take effect immediately upon delivery of such notification to
the Secretary of the Corporation. An Institution may be removed as such at a meeting of the
Board of Directors by vote of at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors or by unanimous
written consent of the Board of Directors.

4.05 Representatives. Each Institution shall designate an individual to act as its
representative (“Representative”). The Representative shall be any one of (i) the President,
CEO or Executive Director of the Institution, (ii) the head of the special collections library of
the Institution or (iii) such staff member as the President, CEO or Executive Director of the
Institution shall appoint. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Institution shall
exercise its voting and other rights as an Institution through its Representative. Any
Representative, unable to attend a meeting of the Institutions or otherwise represent the
Institution, may designate an Alternate Representative (the “Alternate”) for that particular
meeting by written notice to the Secretary of the Corporation at least three (3) days prior to the
date of said meeting. The President of the Institution may at any time appoint a new
Representative by providing written notice to the Secretary of the Corporation. Such
appointment shall take effect seven (7) days after delivery of such notice to the Corporation.

4.06 Voting Rights. Each Institution shall be entitled to one vote either (i) in person through
its designated Representative or Alternate or (ii) by proxy at regular and special meetings of the
Institutions. The acts of a majority of the Representatives present and voting at a meeting at
which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the membership unless a greater proportion is
required by the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Except as required by the
Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, voting can be by voice vote, show of hands, or written ballot, as authorized by the Board of Directors. Every proxy shall be executed in writing by either (a) the Representative or (b) by the Institution’s duly authorized attorney-in-fact (provided, however, that a written delegation of authority shall have been delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at least thirty (30) days prior to its use by the attorney-in-fact) and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation. A proxy shall be revocable at will, notwithstanding any other agreement or any provision in the proxy to the contrary. The revocation of a proxy shall not be effective until notice thereof has been received by the Secretary of the Corporation. A proxy shall not be revoked by the death or incapacity of the maker unless, before the vote is counted or the authority is exercised, written notice of such death or incapacity is received by the Secretary of the Corporation.

4.07 Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Institutions shall be held on the first Wednesday of May each year except as varied according to these Bylaws. Institutions may adjust the date of said Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the Representatives present and voting at the meeting previous to the one to be changed, or by unanimous written consent of the Representatives at least twenty-one (21) days prior to both the previously-scheduled and the revised date of the meeting. Special meetings of the Institutions may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Institutions may be held at any location within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except that meetings held more than seventy-five (75) miles distant from the Corporation’s registered office shall require the consent in writing of at least two-thirds of the Institutions.

4.08 Notice. Written notice of every meeting of the Institutions shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Article XII of these Bylaws. A notice of meeting shall be delivered at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise required by the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Except as otherwise provided by the Act or these Bylaws, when a meeting is adjourned, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.

4.09 Quorum. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the Institutions by their Representatives (or their designated Alternates) entitled to cast a majority of the votes that all Institutions are entitled to cast on the matters to be acted upon at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Representatives present at a duly organized meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Representatives to leave less than a quorum. If a meeting cannot be conducted because a quorum is not present, those present may, except as otherwise provided in the Act, adjourn the meeting to such time and place as they may determine. In the case of any meeting called for the election of individuals to the Board of Directors, if the meeting is adjourned twice, those who attend the second of such adjourned meetings, although less than a quorum, shall nevertheless constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing individuals to the Board of Directors.

4.10 Classes of Institutions and Dues. The Institutions may establish classes of membership and dues. Dues shall be payable by Institutions not later than August 15th of each calendar year.
4.11 **Notice for Institutions’ Membership, Resignation, or Appointment.** Written notice shall be given in the manner provided in Section 4.08 of these Bylaws for any invitation to membership, certification of acceptance, resignation or appointment of a Representative.

**ARTICLE V**

**Board of Directors**

5.01 **Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors (also “Board”) acts as the Corporation's governing body in matters not reserved to the Institutions by their Representatives. Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.01 of these Bylaws, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. In addition to the powers and authority expressly granted by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may exercise all powers of the Corporation and do all lawful acts and things that are not prohibited by applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may delegate to the Executive Committee, any other Standing or Ad Hoc Committee of the Board, any power or authority not expressly reserved to it by applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Members of the Board of Directors shall be called “Directors”.

5.02 **Composition.** The Board of Directors shall consist of:

A. The chairs of all standing committees of the board ("Class A"); and
B. Not more than 10 at-large Directors elected by the Institutions in accordance with Paragraph 5.06, from among the Representatives ("Class B"); and
C. Up to three Directors elected by Institutions in accordance with Paragraph 5.06, from among the staff of the Institutions ("Class C"); and
D. Up to four Directors appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, from the local, regional, or national community from whose expertise is relevant to PACSCL’s strategic goals and who wish to support PACSCL in furtherance of those goals ("Class D");

provided, however, that 1) no institution shall have more than one employee (or other person affiliated with such institution) serving as Director (no matter the Class); 2) the total number of Class C and Class D Directors, if any, shall not exceed 40% of the total number of Directors then serving; and 3) the total number of Directors shall not exceed 19; and provided further, however, that the number of class B, class C and class D Directors eligible to serve at any one time, up to the maximum amount, shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

5.03 **Number.** The maximum number of Directors shall be 19.

5.04 **Powers.** The Board shall vote on new Membership applications; prepare and vote to authorize budgets; authorize the submission of funding proposals; authorize the execution of contracts; and retain all governing authority not expressly delegated to the Membership under Article 4.

5.05 **Terms.** Except as provided in 7.05 below, each Director shall serve for a term of (3) three years. Each Directors term shall commence at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors concurrent with such Director’s election or appointment as Director; provided,
however, that the terms of Directors appointed to fill vacancies or to fill newly created seats on 
the Board, as provided in this section 5.05, shall commence immediately upon appointment. 
Vacancies arising from resignation or removal of a Director or Directors or the opening of a new 
seat on the Board shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the Board of Directors; 
provided, however, that each such director appointed to serve following a removal or resignation 
shall serve for the balance of the former Director’s term; and, provided further, however, that 
each Director appointed to fill a new seat on the Board shall serve until the next Annual 
Meeting. Each Director shall be eligible to serve two full terms plus any partial term arising 
from such Director’s appointment. A Director who has reached the term limit, described in the 
preceding sentence, shall be eligible to serve again as Director after an absence from the Board 
of at least one full year.

5.06 **Election or Appointment of Directors.** Open seats of class B and class C Directors on 
the Board shall be filled by each year.

A. Each class B or class C Director who has completed a term and is eligible to seek another 
term and who notifies the Secretary of the Corporation of such Director’s desire to seek 
another term at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, **shall be placed** 
upon the ballot for re-election separate from new candidates and shall be voted upon 
with a yes or no vote. Incumbents who receive a simple majority of votes cast shall be 
reelected. Remaining available slots in each category shall be filled from new candidates 
in the order of most votes received.

B. The Nominating & Governance Committee (“N&G”) shall nominate a slate of 
candidates to fill any other open class B and class C Director seats on the Board. The 
Committee shall seek out candidates based on ability and willingness to serve. It shall 
also seek to reflect the diversity of institution types, institution size, and collection focus, 
as well as the diversity of institution staff and patrons, in its nominations. N&G shall 
issue a call for recommendations forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General 
Meeting of the Institutions. To ensure the maximum representation of Institutions on the 
Board, only one Representative from each Institution shall be nominated or appointed for 
Board service at any one time. If an Institution has an employee or affiliated person 
already serving on the Board, no other employee or affiliated person from such 
institution shall be nominated for election as a Director. Nominations shall be delivered 
to the person holding the chair of N&G no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the 
Annual General Meeting. Nominations received after such date shall be invalid.

C. At least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, a ballot shall be 
delivered to the Representative of each Institution. Each Institution, as represented by its 
Representative, shall vote on the candidates for class B Directors as presented by N&G 
on such ballot. The Ballot shall be received by the Secretary of the Corporation at least 
fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting (late ballots shall be invalid). If 
there are more candidates on the slate than there are class B vacancies on the Board, 
candidates shall be ranked by number of votes received, with those receiving the highest 
number of votes being elected in descending order by amount of votes received until all 
vacant class B positions are filled. Should multiple candidates receive the same number 
of votes to fill a class B vacancy, a runoff election shall be held following this same
procedure until all Class B vacancies are filled; provided, however, that the runoff ballot shall be delivered to the Representative of each Institution at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and returned to the Secretary of the Corporation at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. If following the runoff further runoff election elections are required, they shall be held at the Annual General Meeting following this same procedure but with ballots being delivered and received during such meeting.

D. At least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, a ballot shall be delivered to the Representative of each Institution. Each Institution, as represented by its Representative, shall vote on the candidates for class C Directors as presented by N&G on such ballot. The Ballot shall be received by the Secretary of the Corporation at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting (late ballots shall be invalid). If there are more candidates on the slate than there are class C vacancies on the Board, candidates shall be ranked by number of votes received, with those receiving the highest number of votes being elected in descending order by amount of votes received until all vacant class C positions are filled. Should multiple candidates receive the same number of votes to fill a class C vacancy, a runoff election shall be held following this same procedure until all Class C vacancies are filled; provided, however, that the runoff ballot shall be delivered to the Representative of each Institution at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and returned to and received by the Secretary of the Corporation at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting (late ballots shall be invalid). If following the runoff election further runoff elections are required, they shall be held at the Annual General Meeting following this same procedure but with ballots being delivered and received during such meeting.

E. Class D Directors may be appointed by the Board at any time; provided however, that once appointed they shall be subject to the provisions regarding the commencement of terms and limitation on terms described in section 5.05.

5.07 Meetings. Unless the Board of Directors provides by resolution for a different time, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Thursday of June each year. If such day is a legal holiday under the laws of Pennsylvania, the Annual Meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day that is not a legal holiday under the laws of Pennsylvania. At the Annual Meeting, the Board shall elect the officers of the Corporation, the members of the Executive Committee, and transact any other business that should properly be brought before the meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place as may be fixed by the Board. If no place is fixed by the Board, the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the registered office of the Corporation. Meetings may also be convened by telephone or other means as set forth in Section 13.03.

5.08 Notice. Written notice of every meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given in accordance with Article XII of these Bylaws A notice of meeting shall be delivered at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise required by the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Except as otherwise provided by the Act or these Bylaws, when a meeting is adjourned, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting, other than by
ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE MEETING AT WHICH SUCH ADJOURNMENT IS TAKEN.

5.09 Quorum. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the Directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes that all Directors are entitled to cast on the matters to be acted upon at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Directors present at a duly organized meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Directors to leave less than a quorum. If a meeting cannot be conducted because a quorum is not present, those present may, except as otherwise provided in the Act, adjourn the meeting to such time and place as they may determine. In the case of any meeting called for the election of Executive Committee members, if such meeting is adjourned twice, those who attend the second of such adjourned meetings, although less than a quorum, shall nevertheless constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing Executive Committee members.

5.10 Voting. Each Director shall be entitled to one vote on any matter submitted to the Board of Directors. The acts of a majority of the Directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Directors unless a greater proportion is required by the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Except as required by the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, voting can be by voice vote, show of hands, or written ballot, as authorized by the Board of Directors.

5.11 Consent in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent or consents in writing as defined in Article XII, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors who would be entitled to vote at a meeting for such purpose and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

5.12 Removal of Directors. Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by a vote by written ballot of at least two-thirds of all Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Committee

6.01 General Powers. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general management of the business and affairs of the Corporation within the policies and procedures approved by the Board of Directors, subject to applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The Executive Committee acts as the Corporation’s governing body in matters not reserved to the Board of Directors.

6.02 Qualification. Members of the Executive Committee must be natural persons who are selected from those who have been elected or appointed as Directors pursuant to Section 5.06 of these Bylaws.

6.03 Number and Term. Except as provided in Sections 7.04 and 7.05, the Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and two at-large Directors elected by the Board from among all eligible Directors. All terms of membership on
the Executive Committee shall commence immediately at the end of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which they were elected. If the Executive Committee member is serving by virtue of being an officer of the Corporation, such person’s term shall end at the time described in section 7.04 and following the election and qualification of such person’s successor in office. The term of each at-large Director elected to serve on the Executive Committee shall end upon completion of one year’s service and the election and qualification of such person’s successor; provided, however, that the term of an at-large Director elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee shall end at such time as the term of the member being replaced would have ended.

6.04 Method of Election. Officers shall be elected in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article VII, below. At-large members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, or if a vacancy arises, at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

6.05 Meetings. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may determine. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any location within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except that meetings held more than seventy-five (75) miles distant from the registered office of the Corporation in the City of Philadelphia shall require the consent in writing of at least two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee. Meetings may also be convened by telephone or other means as set forth in Section 13.03.

6.06 Notice. Written notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given in accordance with Article XII of these Bylaws. A notice of meeting shall be delivered at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise required by the Act, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. Except as otherwise provided by the Act or these Bylaws, when a meeting is adjourned, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.

6.07 Quorum. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may at its sole discretion invite other committee chairs or advisors to attend its meetings. Such discretionary attendees shall have no vote.

6.08 Voting. Each member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to one vote. If a majority of members of the Executive Committee are present at a meeting, the acts approved by a vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting shall be the acts of the Executive Committee unless otherwise required by applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

6.09 Consent in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting, if a consent or consents in writing as defined in Article XII, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all members of the Executive Committee and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.
6.10 **Resignation of Members of the Executive Committee.** A member of the Executive Committee may resign at any time. The resignation shall be in writing delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation, and immediately following such notification the Secretary shall deliver notification to the Chair. A vacancy created by the resigning member of the Executive Committee shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

6.11 **Removal of Members of the Executive Committee.** Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed by a vote by written ballot of at least two-thirds of all Directors.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Officers**

7.01 **Officers.** The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

7.02 **Election.** Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

7.03 **Qualifications.** Directors who are chairs of standing committees serve on the Board *ex officio* and are not eligible to hold an Officer position simultaneously; provided, however, that like all Directors they are voting members of the Board. All Directors who have been duly elected to the Board shall be immediately eligible to serve as an Officer except the Chair, who shall have been a member of the Board (in any capacity) for at least one (1) year, or shall have served on the Board within the past two (2) years.

7.04 **Terms.** The offices of Vice Chair and Secretary shall be for one year, renewable up to six (6) times so long as the terms described in section 5.05 are not exceeded. The offices of Chair and Treasurer shall be for three years plus any partial term that may arise through a vacancy, renewable up to two [2] times.

7.05 **Extension of Terms.** Should a three-year term of the Chair or Treasurer exceed such person’s term as Director, such Officer will remain in office until the expiration of such Officer’s term notwithstanding that such Officer is no longer a Director. Until the expiration of such Officer’s term, new at-large Board members shall not be elected to the Executive Committee. Upon the completion of a Chair or Treasurer's extended term, new Directors will be elected, to join the same class to which the departing officers originally belonged. Any partial term arising from such an election shall not count against the Director's term limits.

7.06 **Chair.** The Chair shall formulate the agenda and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall be a voting member *ex officio* of every Committee of the Board. The Chair shall be responsible for the management of the Corporation including the general supervision of all operations and personnel of the Corporation, including strategic planning and fund-raising, subject in all cases to the policies and directions of
the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall have the power to countersign all checks and vouchers on behalf of the Corporation, in which capacity the Chair shall share this duty with the Vice Chair and the Treasurer and shall have the authority to execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the Corporation, except when required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except when the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Corporation.

7.07 Vice Chair. In the inability of the Chair to participate in any meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee, the Vice Chair shall preside at such meeting and shall possess all the powers of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall also act on behalf of the Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair. The Chair shall provide written notification to the Secretary of any expected absence. Incapacity of the Chair shall be certified by two-thirds of those present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

7.08 Secretary. The Secretary shall cause the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee to be kept and shall cause the custody of the records and the seal of the Corporation to be maintained. The Secretary shall have such other duties and responsibilities as are customarily associated with such office or are assigned by the Executive Committee. The Secretary may delegate any duties created under this Section to the Assistant Secretary if such office has been created by the Board of Directors.

7.09 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Corporation and shall cause an accurate accounting system of such funds to be maintained. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Corporation according to the annual budget (and any supplemental budget) as approved by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee may at its sole discretion establish an amount above which no purchase, contract or other encumbrance shall be made by the Treasurer without the prior approval of the Board of Directors or the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall further cause the presentation of financial reports in such manner and form as the Board of Directors may determine, provided that an independently prepared financial report will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Representatives. The Treasurer shall have such other duties and responsibilities as are customarily associated with such office or are assigned by the Board of Directors. A majority of the Board can retain an independent auditor and call for an audit at any time.

7.10 Removal. Any officer may be removed by a vote by written ballot of at least two-thirds of all Directors.

7.11 Vacancy. Any vacancy in any office shall be filled temporarily by an existing Director elected by majority vote of the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. Each person so elected shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term.
ARTICLE VIII

Committees of the Board of Directors

8.01 Standing Committees. The Nominating and Governance Committee and the Finance Committee shall be Standing Committees. The Board of Directors may establish such other Committees of the Board of Directors as it deems necessary or desirable (“Ad Hoc Committees”). The Chair of a Standing Committee shall be a voting member of the Board of the Directors as set forth in section 5.01.

8.02 Nominating and Governance Committee. The Nominating and Governance Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for all vacancies on the Board of Directors, to be submitted to the Representatives at the Annual Meeting of the Representatives in accordance with Section 5.06 of these Bylaws. It shall also conduct periodic reviews of the Bylaws, and shall consider issues relating to membership and classes of members.

8.03 Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall, with the assistance of the Treasurer and any employees of or contractors for the Corporation, prepare the annual budget of the Corporation for submission to the Executive Committee for its review in time for submission to the full Board of Directors for approval at the November meeting of the Board. The Executive Committee may serve as the Finance Committee.

8.04 Miscellaneous Duties. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee may delegate such authority to any Committee, whether Standing or Ad Hoc, appropriate to the terms of reference of the committee, provided that such delegation is not prohibited by applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

8.05 Membership of Standing Committees. The Chair of the Board shall nominate the chair of each Standing Committee, for approval by the Board of Directors. The Board Chair shall have the power to make an interim appointment to the chair of any Committee, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors at its next meeting. All Standing Committees shall be composed of such persons as are designated by the Committee Chair and approved by the Board of Directors, provided that the Chair and at least one-third of the members of each Standing Committee shall be Representatives.

8.06 Membership of Ad-Hoc Committees. The Chair of the Board shall nominate the chair of each Ad Hoc Committee for approval by the Board of Directors. The Committee Chair shall present a list of proposed committee members, including a co-chair if desired, to the Board of Directors for confirmation. The Chair of the Board shall have the power to make an interim appointment of a Committee Chair, and the Ad Hoc Committee Chair shall have the power to make an interim appointment of a member or members of their Committee, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors at its next meeting. All Ad Hoc Committees shall be comprised of such persons as are designated by the Committee Chair and approved by the Board of Directors and need not be members of the Board or Representatives.
8.07 **Term.**

A. Each member of a Standing Committee shall serve for the following term: Except with respect to an interim appointment, described above, each committee member’s term shall commence upon completion of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such person’s appointment is confirmed and shall continue until the expiration of the second Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors thereafter unless either such committee member is earlier removed or has earlier resigned or such Committee is earlier dissolved by amendment to these by-laws. Committee members serving by interim appointment that are not confirmed by the Board of Directors shall cease to serve following the meeting of the Board that failed to confirm such interim appointment.

B. Each member of an Ad Hoc Committee shall serve for the following term: Except with respect to an interim appointment, described above, each committee member’s term shall commence upon completion of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such person’s appointment is confirmed and shall continue until the expiration of the first Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors thereafter unless either such committee member is earlier removed or has earlier resigned or such Committee is earlier dissolved by the Board of Directors. Committee members serving by interim appointment that are not confirmed by the Board of Directors shall cease to serve following the meeting of the Board that failed to confirm such interim appointment.

8.08 **Notice.** Notice shall be given in the manner provided in Article XII of these Bylaws to each member of a Committee at least five (5) days prior to the date of a meeting unless a longer period of notice is required by applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

8.09 **Quorum.** A majority of the members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and the acts of a majority of the Committee members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of such Committee, in each case, unless a greater proportion is required by applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

8.10 **Removal.** Any member of a Committee may be removed at any time by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

8.11 **Minutes, Procedures and Reports of Committees.** The Chair of each Committee shall designate a Secretary, who need not be a member of such Committee. Each Committee shall establish procedural rules consistent with applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws and the policies and directions of the Board of Directors; shall keep minutes of each of its meetings; and shall issue such reports as the Board of Directors or the Chair of the Board may request.
ARTICLE IX

Limitation of Liability

9.01 Limitation of Liability of Directors and Executive Committee members. A Representative or member of the Executive Committee shall not be personally liable, as such, for monetary damages for any action taken or any failure to take any action as a Director unless:

The Representative or Executive Committee member has breached or failed to perform the duties of that person’s office under Subchapter B of Chapter 57 of the Act; and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.

This Section shall not apply to (1) the responsibility or liability of a Representative or Executive Committee member pursuant to any criminal statute, or (2) the liability of a Representative or Executive Committee member for the payment of taxes pursuant to federal, state, or local law.

ARTICLE X

Standard of Care

10.01 Standard of care: justifiable reliance. A Representative or Executive Committee member shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the Corporation and shall perform their duties as a Representative or Executive Committee member, including duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which the Representative or Executive Committee member may serve, in good faith, in a manner the Representative or Executive Committee member reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Corporation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing their duties, a Representative or Executive Committee member shall be entitled to rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports or statements, including, without limitation, financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by any of the following:

(a) One or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the Representative or Executive Committee member reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;

(b) Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters which the Representative or Executive Committee member reasonably believes to be within the professional or expert competence of such person; or

(c) A committee of the Board upon which the Representative or Executive Committee member does not serve, duly designated in accordance with law, as to matters within its designated authority, which committee the Representative or Executive Committee member reasonably believes to merit confidence.
A Representative or Executive Committee member shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if the Representative or Executive Committee member has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause that person’s reliance to be unwarranted.

10.02 **Consideration of Factors.** In discharging the duties of their respective positions, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, other committees of the Board and individual Representatives and Executive Committee members may, in considering the best interests of the Corporation, consider the effects of any action upon employees, suppliers and customers of the Corporation and upon communities in which offices or other establishments of the Corporation are located, and all other pertinent factors.

10.03 **Presumption.** Absent breach of fiduciary duty, lack of good faith or self-dealing, actions taken by the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, committee of the Board, individual Representatives, or individual Executive Committee members, or any failure to take any action, shall be presumed to be in the best interests of the Corporation.

10.04 **Notation of Dissent.** A Representative or member of the Executive Committee who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, of the Executive Committee, or of a committee of the Board of Directors, at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless that person’s dissent is entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless the Representative or Executive Committee member files a written dissent to the action with the Secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or transmits the dissent in writing to the Secretary immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. The right to dissent shall not apply to a Representative or Executive Committee member who voted in favor of the action. Nothing in this Section shall bar a Representative or Executive Committee member from asserting that minutes of the meeting incorrectly omitted that person’s dissent if, promptly upon receipt of a copy of such minutes, the Representative or Executive Committee member notifies the Secretary, in writing, of the asserted omission or inaccuracy.

**ARTICLE XI**

**Indemnification**

11.01 **Third Party Actions.** The Corporation shall indemnify any Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer of the Corporation who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer of the Corporation, or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director or officer of another domestic or foreign corporation for profit or not-for-profit, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with the action or proceeding if that person acted in good faith and in a manner that person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe that the person’s conduct was unlawful. The termination of any
action or proceedings by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which that person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person’s conduct was unlawful.

11.02 Derivative Actions. The Corporation shall indemnify any Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer of the Corporation who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that they are or were is or was a Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director or officer of another domestic or foreign corporation for profit or not-for-profit, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by those in connection with the defense or settlement of the action if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation. Indemnification shall not be made under this Section in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the registered office of the Corporation is located or the court in which such action was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Common Pleas or other court shall deem proper.

11.03 Procedure for Effecting Indemnification. Unless ordered by a court, any indemnification under Sections 11.01 or 11.02 of these Bylaws shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer is proper in the circumstance because they has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in those Sections. The determination shall be made:

(a) By the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Representatives who were not parties to such action or proceedings; or

(b) If such a quorum is not obtainable or if obtainable and a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Representatives so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

11.04 Advancing Expenses. The Corporation shall pay expenses (including attorneys’ fees) incurred in defending any action or proceeding referred to in Section 11.01 of these Bylaws in advance of the final disposition of the action or proceeding upon receipt of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined that they is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article or otherwise.

11.05 Supplementary Coverage. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by or granted pursuant to this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other
rights to which a person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under the Act, or any bylaw, agreement, vote of the disinterested Representatives, or otherwise, both as to action in their official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding that office. However, no indemnification may be made by the Corporation under this Article or otherwise to or on behalf of any person to the extent that:

(a) The act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness; or

(b) The Board determines that under the circumstances indemnification would constitute an excess benefit transaction under Section 4958 of the Code.

11.05 Power to Purchase Insurance. The Corporation may, by action of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Representative, Executive Committee member, or officer of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director or officer of another domestic or foreign corporation for profit or not-for-profit, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of their status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against that liability under the Act.

11.06 Creation of a Fund to Secure or Insure Indemnification. The Corporation may create a fund of any nature, which may, but need not be, under the control of a trustee, or otherwise secure or insure in any matter its indemnification obligations whether arising under or pursuant to this Article or otherwise.

ARTICLE XII

Manner of Giving Written Notice; Waivers of Notice

12.01 Manner of Giving Written Notice. Any notice required to be given to any person under the provisions of statute, the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws shall be given to the person either personally or by sending a copy thereof:

(a) By first class or express mail, postage prepaid, or courier service, charges prepaid, to their postal address appearing on the books of the Corporation or, in the case of notice to Directors, supplied by each Director to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. A notice pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail or with a courier service for delivery to that person.

(b) By facsimile transmission, e-mail or other electronic communication to the person's facsimile number or address for e-mail or other electronic communications supplied by him or her to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. Notice pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when sent.
12.02 **Waiver of Notice.** Any written notice required to be given to any person under the provisions of statute, the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws may be waived in a writing signed by the person entitled to such notice whether before or after the time stated therein. Except as otherwise required by statute, and except in the case of a special meeting, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, a meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice. In the case of a special meeting of members, the waiver of notice shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted. Attendance of a person, whether in person or by proxy, at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**Miscellaneous Provisions**

13.01 **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Corporation shall end on the 31st day of December each year.

13.02 **Auditors.** The Chair of the Board of Directors shall submit for approval by the Board of Directors no later than the December meeting of the Board of Directors the name of an independent firm that has agreed to audit the Treasurer’s annual financial report and the records on which it is based. An auditor shall not be the Treasurer, an employee of the Corporation or other firm or individual who has been directly involved in disbursing funds of the Corporation or maintaining the Corporation’s financial records. The auditors shall submit their report together with the Treasurer’s report at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. The Corporation may pay the auditors compensation in accordance with standard professional rates prevailing at the time of their services.

13.03 **Telephonic Board and Committee Meetings.** Any Representative or member of a Committee, including the Executive Committee, may participate in any meeting of the Board of Directors or such Committee, as the case may be, by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment through which all persons participating in such meeting can hear all other persons so participating. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**Adoption and Amendments**

14.01 **Amendments.** These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by vote of two-thirds of all Representatives present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the Representatives.
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