

WEST COUNTY CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS

BYLAWS

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

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A MISSOURI ORGANIZATION FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

DEFINITION BY MISSOURI STATE LAW AS OF MAY 2026:

167.012. Home school defined — regular instruction, requirements — daily log. — 1. For purposes of state law regarding this section and sections 161.670, 162.996, 167.013, 167.031, 167.042, 167.061, 167.600, 167.619, 167.790, 210.167, 210.211, 211.031, and 452.375, a **"home school"** is a school, whether incorporated or unincorporated, that:

(1) Has as its primary purpose the provision of private or religious-based instruction;

(2) Enrolls children between the ages of seven years and the compulsory attendance age for the school district in which the home school is located, of which no more than four are unrelated by affinity or consanguinity in the third degree;

(3) Does not charge or receive consideration in the form of tuition, fees, or other remuneration in a genuine and fair exchange for provision of instruction;

(4) Does not enroll children who participate in the program established in sections 135.712 to 135.719 and sections 166.700 to 166.720; and

(5) Is not an FPE school.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section, as evidence that a child is receiving regular instruction, the child's parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of the child shall:

(1) Maintain the following records:

(a) a. A plan book, diary, or other written record indicating subjects taught and activities engaged in;

b. A portfolio of samples of the child's academic work; and

c. A record of evaluations of the child's academic progress; or

(b) Other written or credible evidence equivalent to subparagraphs a. to c. of paragraph (a) of this subdivision; and

(2) Offer at least one thousand hours of instruction, at least six hundred hours of which shall be in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, or academic courses that are related to such subject areas and consonant with the child's age and ability. At least four hundred of the six hundred hours shall occur at the regular home school location.

3. The requirements of subsection 2 of this section shall not apply to any pupil sixteen years of age or older.

4. The production of a daily log by a parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of a child showing that a home school has a course of instruction that satisfies the requirements of this section and section 167.031 or, in the case of a pupil sixteen years of age or older who attended a metropolitan school district the previous year, a written statement that the pupil is attending home school in compliance with section 167.031 shall be a defense to any prosecution under section 167.031 and to any charge or action for educational neglect brought under chapter 210. Home school education enforcement and records pursuant to this section, and sections 210.167 and 211.031, shall be subject to review only by the local prosecuting attorney.

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ARTICLE I: OFFICES

West County Christian Home Educators, known as WCCHE, may have offices as the Board of Directors determine or the business of WCCHE requires.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

WCCHE is incorporated in the State of Missouri and is organized and shall be operated for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Furthermore:

Contributions to 501(c)(7) organizations are not tax-deductible.
501(c)(7)s operate for the exclusive benefit of their members.
501(c)(7)s must generate almost all revenue from membership fees and dues; they are limited in receiving outside, non-member income (generally only 15% to 35% of gross receipts).
501(c)(7)s have no absolute lobbying restrictions (if related to their purpose) and can engage in political activity, provided it is not their primary purpose.
501(c)(7) clubs *may* limit membership to individuals of a particular religion if the specific purpose is to further the teaching or practice of that religion.

IN PARTICULUR:
WCCHE will have further purposes that include:

(A) Supporting, encouraging, equipping families in the performance of their God-given responsibilities to train and educate their children in the instruction of Lord Jesus Christ. And, as it is stated in the following: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 6:4, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Psalm 78:4, Proverbs 22:6, Proverbs 1:7-9

(B) Uniting the members for the following:

a. Edifying families through wholesome fellowship opportunities and encouragement
b. Fostering communication between homeschool groups and providing enriching educational and social activities that will strengthen the community of homeschooling families
c. Providing information regarding legal and social issues affecting homeschooling families
d. Encouraging and equipping families inquiring about homeschooling so they make the best choice for their families and have great opportunities to become successful in homeschooling

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1

WCCHE is comprised solely of volunteer families that seek to exhibit Christian unity, service, and the love of Christ to its Membership for the purpose of bringing glory to God the Father.

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WCCHE is an explicitly Christian organization and is governed by Christian principles and core beliefs including but not limited to John 3:16 and stating that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. WCCHE will consider applications for Membership from anyone who homeschools in Missouri or closely surrounding areas. In order to maintain harmony within the group, all prospective Members, as part of the Membership approval process, agree to follow WCCHE's policies and to respect its Christian principles and Christian beliefs that are foundational to the operation of WCCHE. These principles and beliefs are partially described in the Statement of Faith.

Those who engage in or promote behaviors and practices that run counter to the clear and core teaching of the Christian Bible will not be permitted to be Members or Associates. The Members that consider themselves Christians are asked to set an example of what it means to be a Christ Follower in all their interactions within the group.

Members are expected to uphold the following attitudes with Godly wisdom and behavior will, but not limited to:

- Members will show grace, love, and respect to all people.
- Members will seek to enact the fruits of the spirit as stated in Galatians 5:22-23.
- Members will abide by the wise practice of grace, love, and respect.
- Members who do not abide by the wise practice of grace, love, and respect will have their membership revoked at the discretion of the WCCHE Board of Directors and following procedures listed in the bylaws.
- Anyone who brings disharmony to the group will not be accepted into Membership determined by the WCCHE Board of Directors.

WCCHE Board of Directors will make the final determination if there is any question regarding the status of a Member of his or her application. The Board will seek wise council outside of WCCHE if necessary.

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WCCHE does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, or country of origin.

There shall be one class of Members (as that term is defined in Section 355.066 of the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act).

MEMBER MEANS:

1. A family is eligible to become a Member of WCCHE if an adult, eighteen (18) years or older, member of such family engages in homeschooling instruction of at least one pre-High School graduate of the same family.
2. A natural person is eligible to become a Member of WCCHE if he or she engages in, or his or her family member engages in, homeschooling.
3. No more than one natural person in a given family may be a voting Member.
4. An eligible person or family becomes a Member upon approval of a completed application form and receipt of payment for the annual Membership dues to WCCHE. The Board of Directors will establish the criteria and process for Member approval and disapproval. The Membership of each Member expires on May 31st each year or such date to be determined by the Board.
5. A Member may renew Membership for the subsequent year by payment of Membership dues and updating their Membership profile on the WCCHE website or other form of current communication for such subsequent year.
6. Membership will not be pro-rated.

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ASSOCIATE MEANS:

Non-voting "Associates" can be either institutional or natural persons. All Associates must have some interest in or have association with homeschooling and agree to abide by all WCCHE rules, application guidelines, Statement of Faith, and benefit WCCHE. A natural person or institution becomes an Associate upon approval of a completed application form and paying the applicable annual dues for natural person or institutional Associates. In addition, persons that are part of a family that is a Member shall be Associates. For the avoidance of doubt, the Associates described in this paragraph III.4 are not voting Members (as that term is defined in Section 355.066 of the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act).

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TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Members and Associates can be terminated from Membership by a majority vote of the Board. In case of Membership termination or suspension, written notice and the reasons for termination or suspension, shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to such event. The Member shall be granted an opportunity to be heard orally or in writing, not less than five (5) days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension, or termination by a person or persons authorized to decide whether the proposed termination or suspension should take place. Written notice must be sent to Board in writing, including electronically, through personal or corporate email, or other appropriate form of communication. If the reason for termination is egregious or illegal, Member will be put on hold from attending any WCCHE events.

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Each Member that *is* a family shall appoint one natural person that is at least (18) eighteen years of age, who shall act as its authorized representative in all meetings of the Members. Each Member shall notify WCCHE of said family member designation.

The WCCHE website will keep the official list of Members. The appointed Board member of WCCHE will ensure an electronic list of authorized

representatives and members is maintained. The vote of each Member that is a family shall be exercised by its authorized representative or an alternate authorized representative as stated in good faith by each chosen representative Member of family. The authorized representative of each family is allowed to vote.

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Members may not transfer their memberships.
Membership dues are established by the Board.
Membership dues are non-refundable unless extreme circumstances occur and a majority vote is held by Board.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS' MEETINGS

1

All meetings of the Members shall be held at such place as may be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

2

WCCHE shall notify its Members of upcoming meetings, via email, forum announcements, or other appropriate current form of communication.
It is to be sent to the most current Members list. All members are expected to have a current email address in order to receive ongoing information or other current appropriate form of communication.

The place, date, and time of each annual, regular and special meeting can be shared with the Members and is open to members. Notice of an annual or regular meeting shall include a description of any matters. This which must be approved by the Board Members concerning authorization, approval, or ratification of a conflict of: interest transaction; indemnifications of persons; the adoption of amendments to WCCHE's Articles of Incorporation; the adoption of amendments to WCCHE's Bylaws; a plan of merger; disposition of all or substantially all of WCCHE's property; or dissolution of WCCHE.

Notice of a special meeting shall include a description of the matter or matters for which the meeting is called. Notice of any meeting shall be deemed waived if a Member attends such meeting and does not object at the beginning of such meeting to holding such meeting or transacting business at such meeting.

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Unless one-third (1/3) or more of the voting power is present, the only matters that may be voted upon at an annual or regular meeting of the Members are those matters that are described in the meeting notice.

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Special meetings of the Members, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors, or five percent (5%) of the Members provided one or more written demands are signed, dated, and sent by mail or electronically to a corporate officer and describes the purpose or purposes for which the special meeting is to be held.

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The business transacted at any special meeting of Members shall be confined to the purposes stated in the notice.

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Members at the closure of business on the business day preceding the day on which notice is given, or if notice *is* waived, at the close of business on the business day preceding the day on which the meeting is held are entitled to notice of the meeting. Members on the date of the meeting who are otherwise eligible to vote are entitled to vote at the meeting.

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Members are entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any other lawful action if they are Members at the close of business on the day on which the Board adopts the resolution relating thereto.

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WCCHE shall have an alphabetical list of the names of all its Members and their authorized representatives, as applicable, who are entitled to vote at meetings.

This list will be prepared from the official Membership list on the WCCHE website or other electronic documents no more than three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting. Each appointed family member has one vote. Document or communication shall show the address and number of votes each Member is entitled to vote. Upon written demand, no sooner than two (2) business days after notice is given of the meeting for which the list is prepared and continuing through the meeting time, a list of Members shall be available for inspection by any Member, a Member's agent, or a Member's attorney at WCCHE's principle office or at an alternative place

(in the city in where the meeting will be held) that the Board of Directors designates and is identified in the meeting notice. Additionally, a hard copy list of Members shall be available at the meeting and any Member, a Member's agent, or a Member's attorney is entitled to inspect the list at any time during the meeting or any adjournment.

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Ten percent (10%) of the Members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Members for the transaction of business, except as otherwise provided by applicable law. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the Members, the Members present shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time for successive periods of not more than ninety (90) days, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally scheduled.

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When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of a majority of the Members present shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which, by express provision of applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such questions.

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Action, which may be taken at any annual, regular, or special meeting of Members, may be taken without a meeting if WCCHE delivers a written, and/or web/email-based, and/or current form of communication ballot, “Ballot” to every Member entitled to vote on the matter. The Ballot shall set forth each proposed action and shall provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.

Approval by Ballot shall be valid only when the number of votes cast by Ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required to be present at a meeting authorizing the action, and the number of approvals at least equals the

number of votes that would be required to approve the matter at a meeting at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ballot. All solicitations for votes by Ballot shall indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements, state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each matter other than election of Directors, and specify the time by which the Ballot must be received by WCCHE in order to be counted.

ARTICLE V: DIRECTORS

1

The affairs of WCCHE shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors to constitute the Board of Directors shall be determined by the Board of Directors, provided, however, that there shall always be at least three (3) Directors.

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Any director considered or wishing to be considered for Board Member must:

A. Be at least 21 years of age
B. Be presently homeschooling at least one child between the ages of four and eighteen that has not graduated from homeschooling or any other private, public, or other type of school.
C. Affirm through signature their agreement with WCCHE Board and Leadership Statement of Faith
D. Have an official endorsement of the current Board of Directors and this will be recorded in the minutes of a Board Meeting
E. Have been a member of WCCHE at least six months directly prior to consideration

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Directors shall be elected from among the current Members and serve (2) years or until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified. No person may serve more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms without at least a one (1) year gap prior to serving as a Director again.

A Director may be removed, with or without cause, by:

A. The Members, at a meeting called for the purpose of removing the Director and the meeting notice must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is removal of the Director.
B. The Board of Directors call a special meeting for removal of a Director and state the purpose of the meeting is removal. It is to be voted as majority rules on removal.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Regular meetings (including an annual meeting) of the Directors shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the decision of the Directors, and no notice of such meeting shall be necessary to the Directors in order to legally constitute a regular meeting, provided a quorum shall be present.

2

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Directors on two (2) days' notice. Notice will be given as at least two forms of communication albeit text, phone call, email, forum post, mail, or any other appropriate form of communication to each Director.

3

A Director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice of the meeting unless the Director upon arriving at the meeting or prior to the vote on a matter not noticed in conformity with applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, objects to lack of notice and does not vote for or assent to the objected to action. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in any notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

4

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of all the Directors in office shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the action is one upon which, by express provision of applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of Directors, the Directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting, from time to time,

without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

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Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of electronic, phone, video, or similar communications whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

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Action required or permitted by applicable law to be taken at a Board of Directors' meeting may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board of Directors. The action shall be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by each Director, and included in the minutes filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Such action shall be effective when the last Director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

1

The Board of Directors, by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate an Executive Committee, which shall consist of at least two (2) Directors of WCCHE. The Executive Committee shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have such other authority as designated by the Board of Directors, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

2

The Board of Directors, by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate one or more other Board committees, each of which shall consist of at least two (2) Directors. Such committees shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors as designated by the Board of Directors, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

3

At all meetings of committees, a majority of the members of the committee shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the members of the committee present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the committee, unless the action is one upon which, by express provision of applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or a resolution of the Board of Directors, a different vote is required. In which case, such express provision shall govern and control. Provisions in these Bylaws pertaining to meetings of the Board of Directors shall also apply to a committee or committees of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII: NOTICES

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Whenever, under the provisions of applicable law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any Director or Member, such notice may be given orally or in writing. Notice may be communicated in person, forum, text, phone, or any other current form of communication.

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Whenever any notice is required to be given, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, and filed with the minutes or corporate records, shall be deemed equivalent thereto.

ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS

1

The officers of WCCHE shall consist of Leader(s), Assistant Leader(s), Secretary(ies), Treasurer*(s*) and such other officers as may be elected by the Board of Directors.

2

The officers of WCCHE shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall hold their offices for a term of one (1) year. Officers may be reelected to successive terms. Any officers may be removed at any time by the Board of Directors. An officer may resign at any time by delivering notice to WCCHE. A resignation is effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a future effective date. If the office of any officers becomes vacant for any reason, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: LEADERS AND ASSISTANT LEADERS

1

The Leader(*s*) shall be the chief executive officer of WCCHE and shall preside at all meetings of the Members and Directors at which he and/or she is present (and may also be called the chairman of the board). The Leader(s) shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors prescribe and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.

2

The Leader(s) shall execute bonds, mortgages, and other contracts, except where permitted by applicable law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of WCCHE.

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The Assistant Leader(s), if any, in the order of their seniority shall, in the absence or disability of the Leader(s), perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Leader(*s*) and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE XI: THE SECRETARY

The Secretary(ies) shall keep or cause to be kept a record of all meetings of the Members and Directors and shall record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings. The record is to be kept for all Board and Members to be viewed at request. He or she shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Members and special meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President, under whose supervision he or she shall be, or by the Board of Directors. He or she shall be responsible for authenticating the records of WCCHE by signature and ensuring that backup records are kept.

ARTICLE XII: TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER

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The Treasurer(s) shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities, shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to WCCHE, shall deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of WCCHE in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

2

The Treasurer(s) shall disburse the funds of WCCHE as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors, or whenever they may require it, an account of all his or her transactions as Treasurer(s) and of the financial condition of WCCHE.

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If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer(s) shall give WCCHE a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to WCCHE, in case of his or her death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his or her possession or under his or her control belonging to WCCHE.

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The Assistant Treasurer(s), if any, in the order of their seniority shall, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer(*s*), perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Treasurer(s) and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

ARTICLE XIII: OTHER LEADERSHIP

1

The WCCHE Board may designate certain Members to Leadership positions for the purpose of managing various WCCHE activities. A Member may resign from such Leadership role at any time by delivering notice to WCCHE or may be removed from such Leadership role by the Board of Directors. Examples of such activities are Graduation Coordinator and Yearbook Coordinator.

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These Leadership positions are not Officer positions. Any member asked to hold a Leadership role must affirm his or her agreement with the WCCHE Board Statement of Faith.

ARTICLE XIV: CHECKS

All checks or demands for money and notes of WCCHE shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate in writing.

ARTICLE XV: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin June 1st of each year.

ARTICLE XVI: SEAL

WCCHE shall not have a seal.

ARTICLE XVII: ALTERATION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

An amendment to these Bylaws shall be effective only if approved by:

A. The Members at two-thirds (2/3) OR Members present at a well-populated meeting of the year, vote by a majority of the total votes.
B. The Board of Directors by two-thirds (2/3) vote cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE XVIII: RECORDS

1

WCCHE shall keep as permanent records minutes of all meetings of its Members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the Members or Directors without a meeting, and a record of all actions taken by committees of the Board of Directors.

2

WCCHE shall maintain appropriate accounting records and a record of its Members. A copy of the following records shall be kept by WCCHE: the Articles of Incorporation, all amendments to them currently in effect, these Bylaws, and all amendments to them currently in effect, resolutions adopted by the Members or Board of Directors relating to the characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations and obligations of Members, the minutes of all meetings of Members and records of all actions approved by the Members for the past three (3) years, all written communications including financial statements to all Members furnished to them for the past three (3) years, a list of the names and business or home addresses of the current Directors and officers, the most recent annual report delivered to the Secretary of State, and appropriate financial statements of all income and expenses.