

**FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION  
CHAPTER BYLAWS  
OHIO NOMADS, INC. CHAPTER**

**ARTICLE I – CHAPTER NAME**

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the Ohio Nomads, Inc. Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Chapter and FMCA.

**ARTICLE II – OBJECT**

1. **PURPOSE:** This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.
2. **AREA / SCOPE:** This Chapter shall be authorized to function in the Great Lakes Area of FMCA with a mutual interest in and/or location of the State of Ohio and surrounding area.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must own at least one-third (1/3) of an FMCA approved coach, be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.

Membership in this Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality, or disability.

2. The term “Family Unit” is defined as a person; his or her spouse, or partner; dependents of each, regardless of age; non-dependent grandchildren and great-grandchildren aged 18 and under.
3. The term “Membership”, is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a **Qualifying Motor Coach** who share a membership number.
4. The term “Member”, is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership. The voting rights of each member are defined in the description of each category.

## 5. DUES AND FEES:

- A. ANNUAL DUES: Annual payment of Chapter and National dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for membership in the Chapter shall be an amount as the membership shall establish. (See Standing Rule #2)
- B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues from Chapter members become due and payable October 1 each year.
- C. INITIAL APPLICATION: Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter and National dues (unless already an FMCA member). If an initial application is accepted after October 1, the Chapter dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.
- D. INITIATION FEE: See Standing Rule #1
- E. ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than 2 months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after 3 months membership is canceled. (See Standing Rule #3)

## ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the standing rules.
- 2. TERMS OF OFFICE: The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a two (2) year term of office with a maximum of one (1) term\*, or until their successors are elected.
- 3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:
  - A. An individual FMCA member may hold office(s) in only one (1) chapter.
  - B. Individual FMCA members may hold no more than two (2) offices in the same chapter.
  - C. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
  - D. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members, or Life Members who have advanced from one of these classes have the right to hold office in this Chapter.

E. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by law.

4. EXECUTIVE BOARD:

A. The officers of the chapter shall constitute the Executive Board.

**B.** The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the chapter, and none of its acts shall be in conflict with the chapter or FMCA. A majority of the Executive Committee shall be present at the duly called Executive Committee meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Proper minutes of all Executive Committee meetings shall be taken and published, in full or in summary, to the general membership.

### **ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES**

1. APPOINTMENT: Committee members and Chairperson (except Nominating Committee) shall be appointed by the President.
2. DUTIES: All committees shall function within the policies of the Chapter and (except Nominating Committee) under the direction of the President. Financial reports, vouchers, and monies due the Chapter shall be submitted on a timely basis.
3. QUORUM: A Committee quorum shall be a majority.

### **ARTICLE VI – CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION**

1. AUTHORITY: This Chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving its existence and authority from the consent of its membership assembled in meeting or, in certain instances, by mail vote on stated propositions.
2. ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR: The fiscal and membership year of the Chapter shall commence on October 1 and end on September 30.
3. CHAPTER MEETINGS:
  - A. Types: The term “meeting” shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings, and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Chapter.

- B. BUSINESS MEETINGS: The Chapter must hold at least two (2) business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least fourteen (14) days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.
- C. ANNUAL ELECTION: One of the business meetings must be an Annual Meeting at which the voting general membership is to elect Chapter officers, including a President, Vice President, A Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Director, and an Alternate National Director.
- D. QUORUM: A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is twenty-five percent (25%) of the Chapter family unit membership or fifteen (15) family unit members, whichever is less.
- E. VOTING: Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of members in good standing and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.

The Chapter has established that voting will be one (1) vote for each adult member.

Balloting by mail may be undertaken when a proposed matter is voted to be of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.

- F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS: The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern this Chapter's proceedings to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA, and the Bylaws of this Chapter.
4. MAINTAINING AFFILIATION: This Chapter must maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) family unit members.

The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a membership list, a list of Chapter officers, and assurance that two (2) business meetings were held.

5. ANNUAL AUDIT: An annual audit of the Chapter's financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

6. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: This Chapter accepts and agrees that the Chapter Bylaws shall conform to any mandatory requirements stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA. Such mandatory requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA are hereby incorporated in the Chapter Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS**

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:
  - A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly (in July) by the Chapter membership
  - B. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elected office.
2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:
  - A. To select one of its members as Nominating Committee Chairman.
  - B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and an Alternate National Director for the new year to be presented for voting by the Chapter membership.
  - C. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.
  - D. To make certain that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable National and Chapter bylaws.
  - E. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies that occur in elected Chapter offices.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

1. MANDATORY AMENDMENTS: National Bylaw Amendments applicable to Chapter operations shall be automatically adopted by the Chapter and are not subject to a vote by the Chapter membership.

2. AMENDING PROCEDURE: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least thirty (30) days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend.

Any member of the Chapter may propose amendments to the Bylaws.

Approved amendments to these Bylaws become effective immediately upon their adoption, or at such time as specified in the amendment.

3. DISTRIBUTION: Copies of changes, additions, amendments, or revisions to these Bylaws shall be forwarded to the National Office and to the National Area Vice President.

## **ARTICLE IX – LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of this Chapter of FMCA, by majority vote of the Chapter, all of the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be contributed to the purpose(s) for which the Chapter is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.

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