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ARKANSAS JUNIOR CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Revised 2004

Article I. Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association. The letters "AJCA" can be officially used to designate the organization, its association, or the members.

Article II. Purpose:

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the welfare of the cattle industry, to further the education and cooperation of the young people interested in cattle, to explore possible beef related career opportunities and to aid in the attainment of mutual goals set by the AJCA members interested in all phases of the industry. AJCA members will demonstrate sportsmanship in all activities, take pride in the organization, strive for modesty in winning and generosity in defeat.

Article III. Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of the AJCA will be held in conjunction with the Arkansas Jr. Cattlemen's Association Annual Leadership Conference.

Article IV. Membership:

Any person interested in and/or engaged in the cattle industry in Arkansas is eligible for membership in this Association. Membership in the association is a privilege and members abusing their privileges can have their membership revoked after due process by decision of the Executive Board.

Membership in this organization shall consist of three kinds: (1) Active, (2) Associate, and (3) Honorary.

1. Active:

Any youth under the age of 20 that pays yearly membership dues is entitled to become an active member of AJCA.

2. Associate:

Open to those who are interested in the cattle industry and/or AJCA shall be accepted as associate members. Associate members will not be eligible to hold office and shall have no voting power or voice in matters of policy of the organization. Associate memberships shall be open to former AJCA members who have exceeded the age of 20, parents of AJCA members and others interested in supporting the AJCA. Associate memberships shall cost \$25 per year. Associate members will also be featured on the AJCA webpage at www.ajcattle.com.

3. Honorary:

Farmers, school superintendents, cattle producers, advisors, teachers, County Extension Agents, businessmen and others who have rendered outstanding service may be selected by the AJCA Executive Board to receive honorary membership in the Association.

Article V. Dues:

Annual membership dues will be set by the AJCA Executive Board. Dues shall be mailed to the Arkansas Jr. Cattlemen's Association adult treasurer. Yearly dues must be paid before members may receive sanctioned show points. Dues should be paid by January 1 of each calendar year.

Article VI. Executive Board:

The AJCA Executive Board will consist of the AJCA Officers, the Area Adult Advisors, the Adult Officers and the State Director.

Article VII. Officers:

All officers shall be elected from the active membership during the annual meeting by secret ballot by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting. Members must be present to vote. All elected officers shall be members in good standing and shall be residents of Arkansas. The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, youth treasurer, nine area vice presidents, nine area adult advisors, an adult treasurer and an adult parliamentarian.

The president, president-elect, secretary and youth treasurer will hold office for a term of one year. At such time the vice president moves in to the presidency position.

President:

The office of president carries many responsibilities. The president is elected by the members to lead the Association. He/she will preside over all meetings of the general membership and the Executive Board.

President-Elect:

The president-elect shall serve as vice president for one term and upon the completion of that term move into the presidency position. In the absence of the president, the vice-president will conduct the business of the Association. The president-elect must be at least a sophomore level in high school at the time of the election. He or she must be prepared to speak before groups to represent the AJCA.

Secretary:

The secretary will keep accurate notes/minutes of all meetings of the AJCA. Minutes should be dispersed in a timely manner to all members of the Executive Board following each meeting. The secretary shall maintain the records of the Association.

Youth Treasurer:

The youth treasurer will work with the adult treasurer in maintaining an accurate membership list (names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers) and keeping accurate records of the Association's financial affairs. The youth and adult treasurers will work together to submit a budget of proposed spending for the upcoming year and a report of actual expenditures to the AJCA Executive Board at the annual meeting.

Area Vice Presidents:

The nine area vice presidents shall serve as representatives of the members of their respective areas. They shall advise the executive board as to the feelings and wishes of the members from their area of the state on proposals and stimulate interest in the AJCA in each of their areas, as well as recruiting AJCA members from their respective areas. There shall be no term limits to the office of Area Vice President. The area vice presidents shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual meeting by members of their area during the area caucus session. In the event that an area is unrepresented at the annual meeting, members from that area will have two weeks to notify the association president of their interest in being appointed to represent their area. Following this two week period should an area still be unrepresented, interested members from other areas may make a written letter of application to the association president to inform the president of his or her interest in representing that area. The association president and the chairman of the Adult Advisory Board will appoint/select members to serve the unrepresented areas. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled by appointment of the president and the chairman of the Adult Advisory Board to complete the unexpired term. If an area vice president misses two consecutive meetings, he or she will be subject to dismissal from the officer team. The nine area vice presidents will be elected for a term of two years. The nine area vice presidents will be elected on a staggered system to provide consistency to the association leadership. Odd numbered areas will elect area vice presidents on odd numbered years. Even numbered areas will elect area vice presidents on even numbered years. The break down of the nine areas is by counties as follows:

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| Area I. | Benton, Boone, Newton, Carroll, Washington, Madison |
| Area II. | Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Pope, Yell, Sebastain |
| Area III. | Howard, Montgomery, Pike, Polk, Scott, Sevier |
| Area IV. | Columbia, Hempstead, Nevada, Union, Miller, Little River, Lafayette |
| Area V. | Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Lincoln, Ouchita, Calhoun, Dallas |
| Area VI. | Clark, Garland, Grant, Hot Springs, Jefferson, Saline |
| Area VII. | Van Buren, White, Lonoke, Pulaski, Perry, Conway, Faulkner |
| Area VIII. | Baxter, Cleburne, Independence, Jackson, Searcy, Sharp, Fulton Izard, Stone, Marion |
| Area IX. | Arkansas, Prairie, Clay, Craighead, Mississippi, Cross, Crittenden, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis, Woodruff, Greene, Poinsett, Randolph, Lawrence |

Area Adult Advisors:

There shall be nine Area Adult Advisors. The Area Adult Advisors shall be elected by the membership during the annual meeting. The Area Adult Advisors shall be elected for a term of two years. The nine Area Adult Advisors will be elected on a staggered system to provide consistency to the association leadership. Odd numbered areas will elect Area Adult Advisors on odd numbered years. Even numbered areas will elect Area Adult Advisors on even numbered years. The Area Adult Advisors will be elected from the same nine areas as the area vice presidents. Adults in these positions will serve as voting members of the Executive Board and will study, advise and make recommendations on matters of the AJCA. If a board member misses two consecutive meetings, he or she will be subject to dismissal from the board. At

which time the president and the chairman of the adult advisory board would appoint someone to fill the unexpired term. There shall be no term limits for members of the Adult Advisory Board.

Adult Treasurer:

The adult treasurer will work with the youth treasurer in maintaining an accurate membership list (names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers) and keeping accurate records of the Association's financial affairs. The youth and adult treasurers will work together to submit a budget of proposed spending for the upcoming year and a report of actual expenditures to the AJCA Executive Board at the annual meeting. The adult treasurer will hold office for a period of three years.

Adult Parliamentarian:

The adult parliamentarian will work with the board to ensure that proper parliamentary procedure is followed at all meetings. The adult parliamentarian will be elected to a term of three years.

Article VIII. Adult Advisory Board Chairman:

The Chairman of the Adult Advisory Board will be elected by the Executive Board during its first meeting following the annual meeting.

Article IX. State Director:

The State Director is elected by the Executive Board at the first meeting following the annual meeting. The State Director is a member of the Executive Board and all other committees. It is the State Director's duty to advise the AJCA officers, Area Adult Advisors and other committees on matters of policy and assist the AJCA with the conduction of meetings, activities and programs. The State Director or his or her designee will also keep the official records of membership, sanctioned show points, and financial records. The State Director or his or her designee shall manage the day-to-day operations of the Association. The State Director shall serve a term of three years to be annually reviewed by the Executive Board at the first board meeting following the annual meeting. The Executive Board may approve the State Director to continue to fulfill the three year term or may vote by a majority vote to replace the director for the remaining portion of the term based upon performance or ethical issues. If a majority of the Executive Board chooses to replace the State Director, a new State Director shall be voted into office for the remainder of the term by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Board. There shall be no term limits for the State Director.

Article X. Meetings:

The AJCA Executive Board shall hold at least four meetings during the following events: AJCA Leadership Conference (December), Annual Board Meeting (January), Arkansas State Fair Spring Livestock Show (April/May) and the Arkansas State Fair (October).

Article XI. Amendments:

Articles of the Bylaws of this Association may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting given the membership has been notified of such changes at least thirty days prior to the vote.

Article XII Sanctioned Show Rules

Article XIII. Point Structure

Article XIV. Special Awards:

Jason Bertschy Memorial Overall High Point Exhibitor. At the annual awards program this award shall be presented to the AJCA member having the highest number of points from all categories combined.