

# TULSA METRO SOFTBALL LEAGUE By-Laws



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# TULSA METRO SOFTBALL LEAGUE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I

### Name of the Organization

Section 1.01 Name. The name of the organization shall be Tulsa Metro Softball League, hereinafter referred to as TMSL, an independent program of Oklahomans for Equality hereinafter referred to as OKEQ.

## ARTICLE II

### Mission Statement

Section 2.01 Mission Statement. TMSL is dedicated to the promotion of quality amateur softball at all levels of play for persons of any race, creed, religion, sex, national origin, or sexual orientation, without prejudice and with special emphasis placed on the participation of members of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered community of Northeast Oklahoma.

Section 2.02 Goal. The goal of TMSL is to provide a sports outlet for individuals to meet like-minded people, improve their athletic abilities, promote good sportsmanship and organize and promote participation of its members in social, cultural, or charitable activities that may serve our community.

## ARTICLE III

### League

Section 3.01 League Affiliation. TMSL is a member in good standing of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance, hereinafter referred to as NAGAAA. As such the TMSL subscribes to NAGAAA's policies and goals for LGBT athletics, unless specifically amended under the TMSL By-laws or TMSL League Rules and Regulations.

Section 3.02 League Rules. Rules of play shall be those adopted by NAGAAA and ASA unless specifically amended under the TMSL League Rules and Regulations. The Board reserves the right to review and make modifications, decisions, rulings and interpretation of matters regarding the Rules and Regulations of TMSL.

Section 3.03 League Management. TMSL will be managed and operated independently from OKEQ, but shall be a program of OKEQ. Accounting and legal issues will be handled by OKEQ. OKEQ shall only intervene in the operations and/or management of TMSL if those elected and/or appointed to the TMSL board become unable to perform their duties or are operating and/or managing TMSL in such a manner that it could be deemed mismanaged and/or cause harm to TMSL members, OKEQ, or other interested parties.

Section 3.04 Disassociation. TMSL may choose to disassociate itself from OKEQ should it become necessary for the continued existence of TMSL or should continued partnership greatly harm or hinder TMSL from accomplishing its purpose. This may only be done by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of TMSL.

## ARTICLE IV

### Members

Section 4.01 Term. Membership will be for the duration of each season for which the member has paid dues. The date of each season shall change from time to time, but membership shall begin on the first day of that season and end at 11:59PM the day before the next season begins as set forth by the Board. Elected/Appointed board position expirations do not coincide with membership.

#### Section 4.02 Qualifications.

Membership is open to all individuals who:

1. Are eighteen (18) years of age on or before the first day of the current spring season. Upon request, proof of age shall be furnished to the Board of Directors.
2. Have paid all required annual/seasonal dues and submitted required documents to the Board.
3. Live within the TMSL defined territory.

(a) The TMSL territory shall include:

**Oklahoma:** All Counties, which are also shared with Sooner State Softball Association of Oklahoma City, OK for all divisions,

**Kansas:** Southeastern counties of: Crawford, Labette, Montgomery, Chautauqua, Elk, Wilson, Neosho, which are also shared with Heart of America Softball of Kansas City, MO for all divisions,

**Missouri:** Southwestern counties of: McDonald, Newton, Jasper, Barton, Dade, Lawrence, Barry, Greene, and Christian, which are also shared with Heart of America Softball of Kansas City, MO for all divisions, and

**Arkansas:** Northwestern & western counties of: Benton, Washington, Crawford, and Sebastian.

(b) The TMSL Board may review the continued participation in the sharing of territories annually.

Section 4.03 Membership Rights. Members in good standing may have reasonable access to all official records and information including, but not limited to, minutes from Board meetings, Coaches/Managers' Council meetings, special meetings and League membership meetings.

Members can expect equal and fair treatment in all League affairs and to have representation as set forth in Article IX, Section 9.06 of these By-laws.

Section 4.04 Voting Rights. Members in good standing with the League shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to the general membership. Honorary members are not granted voting privileges.

Section 4.05 Honorary Members. Any TMSL member may recommend a non-playing person who is deemed an exemplary friend of the League for consideration.

A majority vote of the current TMSL Board will be required to bestow honorary membership.

1. Lifetime honorary members will:
  - a. Have no voting privileges
  - b. Pay no league fees

- c. Be invited to all activities as a guest of TMSL
- 2. Lifetime honorary members may:
  - a. Suspend honorary status to become a playing member, with the understanding that honorary status will be reinstated when the member ceases to be an active player.
  - b. Have their membership rescinded in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.09 of these By-laws.

Section 4:06 Certificate of Membership. The name and address of each member and date of issuance shall be maintained on an annual membership list. This list will be retained for legal purposes in accordance with State and Federal laws and shall not be considered available for public information.

Section 4.07 Transfer of Membership. Membership in the League is not transferable nor is it assignable. Should a membership be terminated, the annual dues are nonrefundable.

Section 4.08 Member Funds. Members are encouraged to support and participate in League activities.

1. Funds raised from League dues, team fees and any additional designated League Fund-raising events (i.e. raffles, etc.) will allow for day-to-day operations of the League and other business matters including, but not limited to, awards banquet and any additional events as determined by the Board.
2. Funds raised from annual League fundraisers, (i.e. Uniform Night, TMSL Softball Homecoming, and other events) will be used for, but not limited to, , assisting qualifying teams to attend the NAGAAA hosted Gay Softball World Series, hereinafter referred to as GSWS, or tournaments so designated and determined within the boundaries of the board. TMSL may also use funds to host a softball tournament and obtain uniforms for use during the Fall season.
3. TMSL may provide financial assistance to individual teams to aid in their travel to, and competition in, the Gay Softball World Series. In order to qualify for this assistance, representatives of individual teams must attend and participate in all TMSL Gay Softball World Series fund raising events. The total amount awarded will not exceed the total amount raised at these events. The requirements to receive financial aid shall be reviewed annually by the Board and amended as needed after a majority vote of the attending Board members. Notice of these fundraising events will be provided to the coaches of each TMSL member team via email at least 2 weeks prior to the fundraising event.

Article V:  
League Rules and Regulations.

Section 5.01 Membership/Team Dues. The Board shall set individual membership dues and team fees (if any team fees are deemed necessary) prior to the beginning of each season. Participation in League play will be restricted to those members in good standing with TMSL and have paid seasonal dues.

Section 5.02 Termination of Membership. The Board may, by a three-fourth (3/4<sup>th</sup>) vote of the current Board, rescind a player's membership at any time for conduct in violation

of the By-laws, the League rules, or for improper or prejudicial conduct not in the best interest of the League.

#### Section 5.03 Sportsmanship.

1. Sportsmanship is defined as conduct that exhibits fairness and respect for your team- mates and opponents, whether you are winning or losing. It is conduct that benefits the league as well as each member.
2. Un-sportsmanlike conduct shall not be tolerated at any time during play or on TMSL grounds.
3. Any time a player, coach or manager, outside the normal accepted play, strikes another player, coach or manager, said player, coach or manager shall be ejected from the game and grounds immediately.
4. Any individual who engages in conduct that is grounds for ejection immediately before, during or after play is subject to a disciplinary hearing before the Board.
  - a. The Board may decide that:
    - 1) no further action is necessary; or,
    - 2) the individual(s) may not participate in further play pending the deliberation of, and final determination by, the Board.
5. Any individual who is ejected from a game for un-sportsmanlike conduct shall immediately leave the field and not return to any TMSL playing site and/or sponsored event until a final decision is issued by the Board.
  - a. Any individual who is ejected from a game for un-sportsmanlike conduct who does not leave the site or returns to any playing site and/or sponsored event will be suspended for the remainder of the season as well as the next season.

5.04 Acts of Violence. While it is understood that softball can sometimes be a contact sport, this contact is not the same as violence. TMSL will not tolerate violence before, during, or after play on TMSL grounds. Should it be reported to the Board that a needless act of violence occurred on TMSL grounds, all players involved may be subject to penalties up to and including permanent expulsion from the league. The board may also refuse to renew a membership, by a three-fourth (3/4<sup>th</sup>) vote of the current board, should a member's past conduct prove to be disruptive, harassing, and/or not in the best interest of the league.

### ARTICLE VI Governance

Section 6.01 Rules of Conduct. General membership meetings of the League and of the Board shall be conducted under the current By-Laws. Should a procedure, rule, or issue not be covered by the By-Laws, then it shall be governed by the current revision of Roberts' Rules of Order, as interpreted by the Board.

#### Section 6.02 Meetings.

1. League Membership Meetings. The League membership will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year on dates and locations as designated by the Board. TMSL meetings will be held within the boundaries of the League as set forth in Section 4.02

of these By-laws. The order of business may include, but not be limited to:

- a. Minutes from the last annual meeting and from any special meeting(s) of the members held subsequent thereto
- b. Board of Officers Reports
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Election Results
- e. Old Business
- f. New Business
- g. Announcements
- h. Awards
- i. Adjourn

2. Special League Membership Meetings. Special called meetings of the general League membership may, by petition to the Secretary, be called by:

- a. The Commissioner
- b. A majority vote of the Board of Directors
- c. Not less than one-fourth (1/4th) of the total membership in good standing.

3. Board Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be open to the general membership and held monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Board.

4. Special Board Meetings may be called by the:

- a. Commissioner, with two (2) days notice to each Board member in person, by phone, telegram, electronically via e-mail or text message with a response from that board member.
- b. Secretary, upon the written request of any three Board members with similar notice.

#### Section 6.03 Notice.

Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of the membership shall be:

1. Delivered personally by mail, telegram or electronically via e-mail with response to the Coach/Manager of each team at their last known address, not less than ten (10,) nor more than thirty (30), days prior to the date of such meeting.
2. Each Coach/Manager will assume full responsibility for contacting players on their current roster of said meeting.
3. Secretary of the League will give like notice to all known non-playing/non-roster League members in good standing.
4. In the event of extenuating emergency circumstances, this provision may be waived.
5. In the case of a Special Meeting, the purpose(s) for the meeting shall be stated in the notice.

#### Section 6.04 Cancellation.

Any meetings may be cancelled by a majority vote, in the same manner by which they were created in Sections 6.02, and 6.03 with like notice. Board members will be given 48-hour prior notice and all other membership concerned will be given 24-hour prior notice. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the Commissioner may waive this notice.

#### Section 6.05 Quorum.

The members in good standing present at any duly called meeting of the League membership constitutes a quorum for said meeting. A majority of current Board members at any called meeting being present constitutes a quorum.

## ARTICLE VII

### Board of Officers

Section 7.00 Elections of Board Members. Elections shall be held in 2011. Until such time, the current officers shall finish their current term set forth below and elections shall be held for each position when the year of vote for each position has arrived. Also, until such time, officers, coordinators, and committees shall be appointed by the Commissioner and voted on by the board.

#### Section 7.01 General Powers.

The Board will manage the affairs and funds of the League and shall act on all questions relating in any manner whatsoever to the function of the League and shall make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of League business.

The Board shall make final rulings regarding, but not limited to, changes, conduct, ethics, grievances, financial matters, ratings or League Rules and Regulations unless these by-laws have specifically given such authority to the general membership and in the event the general membership is not able to reach a decision.

#### Section 7.02 Designated Officers.

The Board shall consist of eight (8) members elected by and from the League membership as hereinafter provided and shall include four (4) Executive Officers as well as designated Coordinators and a Parliamentarian as named in these By-laws.

1. The Executive Officers consisting of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall:
  - a. Serve as the contractual obligatory on all legal matters.
  - b. Serve as authorized signatures on League checking account(s) and on any funds managed by the League. OKEQ will issue checks/monies for TMSL pertaining to league affairs and debts upon the request of the TMSL Executive Officers until such time as TMSL may dissolve their association with OKEQ as provided in these by-laws.
  - c. From time-to-time, meet separately and beyond the regular scheduled Board meetings to discuss personnel, operational, and/or legal actions as may be deemed necessary.
2. The Coordinators shall be designated as:
  - a. Activities Coordinator
  - b. Competition Coordinator
  - c. Public Relations/Sponsorship Coordinator
  - d. Recruitment Coordinator
3. One Board member shall be appointed parliamentarian, who shall advise the Board as to proper parliamentary procedure and shall maintain order at all meetings.
4. Each position, with the exception of the Commissioner, shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board.

#### Section 7.03 Eligibility.

Candidates for the Board of Directors of TMSL must:

1. Be current TMSL League members in good standing as set forth in Article IV, Section 4.01 of these By-laws.
2. Have been members in good standing during the most recently completed spring and fall seasons, unless there are no candidates who meet these requirements.

#### Section 7.04 Nominations.

Candidates for the Board of Directors of TMSL may:

1. Submit their name for consideration.
2. Be nominated by other League members in good standing. However, a candidate may refuse to accept said nomination.
3. Be written in on the ballot at the time of election.

Candidates will be made public upon verification of nominee's membership status by the League Secretary.

#### Section 7.05 Elections.

Votes will be cast via secret ballot of all TMSL members in good standing in attendance at a time and location as directed and advertised by the Board. The Election Committee shall oversee the election process.

The seven (7) Candidates who receive a majority of the vote shall be determined the winners.

The position of Commissioner shall be determined by individual vote for that specific position. The candidate with the majority of votes is determined to be the winner. In the event no candidate obtains a majority of the votes cast, a run-off election will be held at a date so named by the Board between the two (2) candidates who obtained the largest number of votes.

#### Section 7.06 Terms.

The term of each office shall end one week after the annual Gay Softball World Series and newly elected members shall take their seats/begin their terms at that time. Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) consecutive years on an alternating basis, herein provided, until the appropriate date as previously prescribed and until successors are qualified and elected, unless such Officer shall sooner resign or be removed. Elections will be held in:

1. Odd years for odd numbered seats and Commissioner.
2. Even years for even numbered seats.

#### Section 7.07 Compensation.

The Board shall serve without compensation. Following the completion of their elected terms of office, all past officers who fulfilled the tenure of their office will be exempt from paying annual League fees for the following seasons equal to their term in office.

#### Section 7.08 Vacancy.

An office may be vacated for any one of the following reasons:

1. Resignation. Any member of the Board may resign at any time.
2. Removal. Any Board member may be removed from office by a three fourth (3/4) vote of the current Board:

- a. Who fails to notify a member of the Executive Board before any regularly scheduled meeting of their intended absence. Exceptions may be made for emergency and unforeseeable circumstances.



- b. Who have two (2) absences that have been deemed as un-excused.
  - c. For reasons of conduct deemed not to be in the best interest of the League or for failure, refusal or inability to perform the duties of the office.
3. Replacement. In the event an office is vacated before the conclusion of their term, the Board, by  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote, shall appoint a qualified member to serve in the vacant seat until the expiration of that term. At such time, that seat shall be available for election.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Officers

The Officers of the League shall be as previously designated in Article VII, Section 7.02 of these By-laws.

#### Section 8.01 Commissioner.

The Commissioner shall serve as a voting member of the Board.

The general duties of the Commissioner include, but are not limited to:

1. Presiding at all formal meetings of the Board or the general membership,
2. Submitting final ruling on interpretation and intent of TMSL By-laws and the League Rules and Regulations, if necessary, after following TMSL grievance process as set forth in Article IX, Section 9.06.03 of these By-laws,
3. Overseeing all day-to-day functions of the League,
4. Serving as Chair of the Ethics Committee(if formed), voting only in case of a tie.
5. Appointing, with Board approval, the Chair and committee members of the Ratings, Election, and Pride Committees. The Commissioner will serve as a non-voting Board liaison to the committees. In the event no recommended appointee is approved or is willing to assume the responsibility of Chair, the Commissioner may serve as Chair of the committees and would only vote in the event of a tie.
6. Serving as Chair for the Coaches/Managers' Council or appointing a Chair, with Board approval, if deemed appropriate
7. Serving as the official NAGAAA representative for TMSL and providing all documents necessary to maintain membership in good standing with that organization.
8. Overseeing all aspects of any tournaments / tournament committees authorized by the Board including, but not limited to, the TMSL hosted tournament.

#### Section 8.02 Assistant Commissioner.

The general duties of the Assistant Commissioner include, but are not limited to:

1. Performing all duties and exercising all powers of the Commissioner during the Commissioner's absence or in the event the Commissioner should become unable to perform his duties.
2. Becoming the acting Commissioner should the Commissioner resign or be removed from office.
3. Securing playing fields, working with the Competition Coordinator in setting the League playing schedule and coordinating the scheduling of umpires and scorekeepers for League and tournament play.
4. Overseeing the planning and operation of annual Spring Clinics.
5. Obtaining and coordinating awards for league teams as designated by the Board.
6. Assisting the Commissioner with their duties when needed.
7. Coordinating non-member league play for events, such as the Turnpike Challenge, if needed.

#### Section 8.03 Secretary.

The general duties of the Secretary include, but are not limited to:

1. Maintaining minutes of all meetings of the Board and the League membership
2. Maintaining current updated TMSL By-laws and League Rules and Regulations
3. Maintaining a current list of League members, their contact information and membership status.
4. Serving as non-voting Board liaison to the Election Committee. Serving as, or appointing with Board approval, an Election Chair and furnishing all necessary documents for voting /elections.
5. Maintaining records of membership participation at league games to substantiate eligibility to play in the End of Season tournament and the GSWS.
6. Maintaining records of team/membership participation in designated fundraising events to substantiate eligibility to receive any funds distributed by the League to those teams that have been allotted berths to participate in the GSWS
7. Serving as non-voting Board liaison to the History Committee and assisting maintaining information needed to record the ongoing history of the league, the Memorial plaque and the website.
8. Serving as Board liaison to the Hall of Fame Committee and verifying information needed to process applications submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee to consider for induction.

#### Section 8.04 Treasurer.

The general duties of the Treasurer include, but are not limited to:

1. Accounting monthly for all dues and money collected and disbursed by the League
2. Coordinate with OKEQ Treasurer to maintain the day-to-day financial operations of the League;), making deposits with OKEQ treasurer, disbursing funds to pay contractual obligations and expenses of the League and having charge over all general financial affairs of the League.
3. Collecting and rectifying all money that is paid to the League including, but not limited to, team and individual membership fees
4. Assuring the League has submitted all documentation and fees necessary to maintain League affiliations and memberships, League insurance policies as well as any federal and state required tax filings.
5. Developing an annual budget to present for approval to the Board and League Membership.
6. Obtaining cash from the OKEQ Treasurer to pay umpires on each game day.
7. Oversee the actions/activities of Section 11.03-Reimbursement.

#### Section 8.05 Activities Coordinator.

The general duties of the Activities Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Organizing and overseeing all League fundraising events, including, but not limited to, Uniform Night, TMSL Softball Homecoming, and the End of Season party for each Spring season and any other league fundraisers. Including, but not limited to, obtaining event venues, judges, Master of Ceremonies, advertising, awards and participants as well as developing and distributing guidelines for each event. Final approval must be given by the executive board.
2. Serving as Board liaison and serving, or appointing with Board approval, as Chair for all Ad Hoc Standing Committees formed regarding additional League activities scheduled including, but not limited to, social, fundraiser, or charity events.
3. Setting the Extra Innings schedule and assigning dates to each team.

4. Distributing to TMSL members individual team advertisements for said team's Extra Innings or other fundraising events.

#### Section 8.06 Competition Coordinator.

The general duties of the Competition Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Obtaining playing equipment and field supplies including, but not limited to, boxes, game balls, banners, line-up cards, chalk, paint, scorebooks, first aid supplies, etc. and assuring supplies are available at the fields for all scheduled play.
2. Obtaining game scores at the end of play, determining team standings and providing them to the designated parties by their respective deadlines
3. Organizing and scheduling player clinics working with all parties involved including but not limited to, the Recruitment Coordinator, Ratings Chair and all facilitators for the clinics.
4. Being responsible for obtaining a current set of By-laws, TMSL Rules & Regulations, blank required league forms including, but not limited to, rosters and accompanying documents and insurance claims and ensuring they are at the fields during all scheduled play.
5. Serving on the Tournament Committee.
6. Serving as Chair for the Fall Ball Committee and overseeing and organizing Fall Ball competition including but not limited to, recruiting and registering players, obtaining fields, umpires and scorekeepers, and jerseys, as deemed necessary.

#### Section 8.07 Public Relations Coordinator.

The general duties of the Public Relations Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Collecting information for publishing the League's newsletter, web site, advertising, etc., as necessary
2. Maintaining and updating web site information.
3. Overseeing and working with web master, as needed.

#### Section 8.08 Recruitment Coordinator.

The general duties of the Recruitment Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Overseeing and organizing player recruitment events and clinics to assist in the placement of new players and players with no team affiliation.
2. Assisting in recruiting players for TMSL at all levels of play.
3. Participating as a member of Standing Committee for, but not limited to, the tournament committee as well as assisting the Asst. Commissioner in coordinating any competition with non-member teams, leagues or organizations interested in tournament or competitive play, such as the Turnpike Challenge.
4. Serving as chair of the Gay Pride Parade Committee, ensuring entry and overseeing TMSL participation.

#### Section 8.09 Sponsorship Coordinator.

The general duties of the Sponsorship Coordinator shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Developing a sponsorship package for presentation to potential League sponsors
2. Contacting potential sponsors and soliciting funding for League expenses or sponsorship of designated activities.
3. Developing and maintaining relations with existing sponsors and fulfilling commitments to sponsors granted by their chosen sponsorship level including, but not limited to, Extra Innings, banners or advertising.

#### Section 8.10 Parliamentarian.

The general duties of the Parliamentarian shall include but not be limited to:

1. Serving at all formal meetings and making all final rulings on procedure, as necessary,
2. Maintain order at all formal meetings,
3. Advise the Board as to the proper procedural method to be used in disputes,
4. Serve as arbitrator in any dispute between the membership and the Board.

#### Section 8.11 Exclusive Powers.

The Board shall have the following exclusive powers:

1. Serving as the Ethics Committee and enforcing penalties for violation of League Rules.
2. Jurisdiction over the Articles of Incorporation and any changes pertaining thereof.
3. Prescribing additional responsibilities for any member of the Board other than those set forth in these By-laws.
4. Setting membership dues and team fees at its discretion.

### ARTICLE IX Committees

Section 9.01 Committees. Committees with a minimum of three (3) members each may be created by resolution of the Board and adopted by a majority vote of the Board. Unless otherwise provided in such resolution, members of the committees created will be members in good standing of the League. The Commissioner, with Board approval, will decide the maximum number necessary for each committee.

Section 9.02 Standing Committees. The Board may designate Standing Committees that are presided over as set forth in these By-laws. The committees will meet throughout the fiscal year and will serve as annual committees. These Committees shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Tournament Committee
2. Ratings Committee
3. Elections Committee
4. Hall of Fame Committee – to be separately maintained by adopted Committee guidelines as overseen by the TMSL Board
5. History / Memorial Committee
6. Fall Ball Committee
7. Gay Pride Committee
8. Ad Hoc Committees as may be deemed necessary and so named by the Board

Section 9.03 Ad Hoc Committees. The Board may create Ad Hoc Committees to address tasks and/or issues at hand. Ad Hoc Committees will be dissolved once their purpose is achieved. However, an Ad Hoc Committee may be recreated should a similar issue arise.

#### Section 9.04 Committee Membership.

The terms of membership on a committee shall be for one (1) year, coinciding with the spring season of the League, unless such committee shall sooner be terminated,

member shall resign from their duties, or the member is removed from the committee by the Board.

#### Section 9.05 Committee Chairman.

The Chair of each committee shall be selected by the Commissioner.

#### Section 9.06 Committee Vacancy.

Any vacancy in the membership may be filled as provided in Section 9.01 of these By-laws. The terms of vacancies on a committee are as follows:

1. Committee members may resign from their duties at any time.
2. Any committee member who shall absent themselves from two (2) consecutive meetings of the committee, unless previously excused by the Chair, may be deemed to have resigned as a member of the committee.
3. Committee members may be removed by a majority vote of the total Board membership for not fulfilling their responsibilities.

#### Section 9.07 Committee Governance.

Committees may adopt governing rules consistent with the TMSL By-laws and Rules as adopted by the Board. Following any committee meeting, written minutes/reports shall be provided to the Secretary to be placed on the agenda and presented for action at the following monthly Board meeting.

### ARTICLE X

#### Coaches/Managers Council

##### Section 10.01 Coaches/Managers' Council.

The Coaches/Managers' Council, hereinafter referred to as Council, shall:

1. Consist of the coach/manager, or a designated representative, from each team deemed as an active team in good standing of the League.
2. Be allotted one (1) vote per team on each issue brought forth for vote.

##### Section 10.02 Council Meetings.

Meetings of the Council shall be held from time to time in conjunction with meetings of the Board.

1. The Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner may call meetings with at least three (3) days prior notice given to each member of the Board and Council.
2. The Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner or any three (3) members of the Board, may call a Special Meeting of the Council upon two (2) days notice to each member of the Council and the Board as set forth in Article VI, Section 6.04a of these By-laws.
3. Special Meetings may be held with, or without, the Board members present.

##### Section 10.03 Compensation. Council members shall serve without compensation.

Section 10.04 Quorum. A majority of the Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Council meeting. If less than a majority of the members is present at said meeting, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 10.05 Council Governance. The act of a majority of the Council members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the act of the Council.

Section 10.06 Council Responsibilities. The Council's responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Serving as the voice to represent their teams' opinions regarding items pertinent to the League.
2. Suggesting a proposal to the Board for an Open Roster All Star team roster in the event it is decided to send only one team to the Gay Softball World Series.
3. Performing any other duties that the Board may from time to time assign to the Council and making appropriate recommendations to the Board for approval
4. All Council recommendations require a majority vote of the Board to determine the action to be taken.

## ARTICLE XI

### Finances

Section 11.01 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of TMSL shall begin on January 1 and conclude on December 31 of each calendar year

Section 11.02 Disbursement of Funds. After seed money in an amount to be no less than \$2,000, is set aside, the annual accrued funds of TMSL shall be used for, but not limited to:

1. Funding the day-to-day operations of the League
2. Funding annual expenses as set forth in the approved current year's budget
3. Funding travel and hotel expenses for designated dates of NAGAAA functions and/or meetings for the Commissioner and one additional Board member, to be named by the Board, to represent the League. The Commissioner will serve as the voting member of NAGAAA. The additional attendee(s) would serve as proxy in the absence of the Commissioner as well as attending NAGAAA Committee meetings to represent the league's wishes as directed by the Board of Directors. Funding for hotel and travel only will be reimbursed. These same guidelines will apply for any replacement for elected representative.
4. Written bids and Request for Purchase (RFP) for expenditures in the amount of \$250 and above must be presented to the Board for approval prior to any purchase or commitment to do so.

Section 11.03 Reimbursement. Budgeted items necessary for performing League business will be reimbursed upon the submission of:

1. Completed reimbursement request
2. Original store receipt of purchase including total price plus tax
3. List of item(s) purchased
4. Purpose of purchase

Section 11.04 Penalties/Fines/Citations. Fines incurred by any TMSL member who has violated, or allegedly violated federal, state or local law will not be paid by TMSL under any circumstance. Payment of penalties, fines or citations is the sole responsibility of the individual. TMSL does not advocate or condone violations of any existing law, nor does it encourage any of its members to violate such law.

## ARTICLE XII

### Records and Confidentiality

Section 12.01 Records and Confidentiality. TMSL will maintain minutes of all proceedings as may be necessary for properly conducting League business and affairs. Any information of a personal nature regarding League members will be kept confidential, unless otherwise required by law.

## ARTICLE XIII Amendments

Section 13.01 Amendments. The TMSL By-laws may be amended, modified or repealed at any regular or Special League meeting called in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.02 and 6.03 of these By-laws. Acceptance of such amendment(s) shall require a majority vote of the membership in good standing present at said meeting.

## ARTICLE XIV Publication

Section 14.01 Publications. A copy of the, TMSL By-laws and the League Rules and Regulations shall be maintained and accessible on the league website. Should it not be accessible on the league website, they shall be published annually before the first scheduled game of each spring season. A copy of each document shall be provided to Board members and each representative to the Coaches/Managers' Council. Publication of these documents may be distributed by electronic means when acceptable in lieu of paper copies. Copies shall be made available to any League member for a minimal fee upon submitting a written request to the League Secretary with seven (7) days prior notice.

## ARTICLE XV Ratification

Section 15.01 Initial Ratification. These By-laws will become effective upon a majority vote of the TMSL Board.

## ARTICLE XVI Dissolution

Section 16.01 Dissolution. Upon adoption of a resolution to dissolve TMSL, the assets of TMSL shall be distributed as follows:

1. The Executive Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that TMSL be dissolved and directing that the question of dissolution be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the general membership of TMSL, which may be either an annual or Special called meeting with notice as designated in Article VI, Section 6.04 of these By-laws. A resolution to dissolve TMSL shall be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes cast by members in good standing present at the meeting.
3. Assets of TMSL shall be disbursed to satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of TMSL or adequate provision shall be made therefore.
3. Assets held by TMSL on a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements.
4. Assets received and held by TMSL subject to limitations, permitting their use only

for charitable, benevolent, educational, or similar purposes, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities similar to those of TMSL under a plan of distribution adopted by TMSL.

Any remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with a plan of distribution adopted by TMSL.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### Nondiscrimination Policy

TMSL follows the nondiscrimination policy of OKEQ and does not limit the number of heterosexuals on any team's roster.

In accordance with the rules of NAGAAA, each team that is sent to the Gay Softball World Series is only allowed to include two heterosexuals on their team roster.

These By-Laws are hereby adopted on this 2nd day of March, 2011.

By:

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Daniel Meier, Commissioner

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Brad Sullivan, Seat #2, Asst. Commissioner

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Charlie Roberts, Seat #3, Recruitment Coordinator

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Bumper Prather, Seat #4, Treasurer

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Tracy Rothermel, Seat #5, Parliamentarian