



BYLAWS  
OF  
**McAllen Citizens League**

**Approved by the Membership on May 25, 1995, Amended by the  
Membership on February 25, 2009, and Amended by the Membership  
on December 8, 2011**

RESOLVED, that the Articles II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X be, and are hereby, amended by adding thereto, the following new provisions reading as follows:

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the McAllen Citizens League.

Article II

Purpose

The McAllen Citizens League is formed to engage in educational and informative undertakings; more particularly, to inform the citizenry of McAllen, Texas, by sponsoring lectures on current affairs, including open forum discussions of civic matters, history, and other current topics as applied to the problems of the day. This organization shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan. No candidate for public office shall be endorsed by it. Fundraising and financial contributions are outside the purpose of the McAllen Citizens League.

Article III

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from June 1 through May 31.

## Article IV

### Membership and Dues

1. MEMBERSHIP. Membership is open to all. A member in good standing is defined as a duly registered individual who has paid the annual or life dues. The funds collected for life memberships must be kept in reserve and can be used only for a specific concept approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
2. DUES. Annual dues shall be \$10.00 per person per fiscal year or \$150.00 per person for life membership. Businesses owned and/or managed by members in good standing may pay \$100.00 per year and may be recognized as business sponsor members on the programs and on the meetings schedule or events calendar on the website. The treasurer may charge an additional fee to the member if he or she paid annual dues using a credit card or any other electronic bank fund transfer. Only Individual Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote. Each individual member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting.
3. MEMBERSHIP LIST. A complete list of members in good standing shall be prepared by the Secretary and made available for inspection of members at all meeting.

## Article V

### Membership Meetings

1. TYPES OF MEETINGS. There shall be three types of membership meetings:
  - A. *Program Meetings*. They shall be open to the public and scheduled at regular intervals by the Board of Directors. This schedule may be altered to suit immediate circumstances.
  - B. *Business Meetings* of members in good standing. They may be called by the President, or if absent, by a Vice President or by any three Directors. Business meetings must also be called by the Board of Directors, without delay, upon the request in writing of at least 10% of the members in good standing.
  - C. *Annual Meeting*. An Annual meeting of members in good standing shall be conducted on some date in May of each year, as decided by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors and for such other business as is deemed appropriate.
2. DUE NOTICE. All meetings must be called with due notice to members in good standing. Due notice is defined as five days written notice of the time and place of the meeting.
3. QUORUM. Ten percent of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

## Article VI

### Officers and Directors

1. OFFICERS. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall serve for a one-year term or until their successors are elected and take office. Officers may be re-elected for succeeding terms.
2. DIRECTORS. There shall be four Directors, two elected at each annual meeting for a two-year term or until their successors are elected and take office. Directors are eligible for election as an Officer at any time.
3. DUTIES. Duties of the Officers and Directors shall include but shall not necessarily be limited to the following:
  - A. *The President* shall have executive responsibility for the operation of the League. The President shall call meetings of the Board and of the membership and shall preside over them. The President may temporarily delegate duties and authority; may allocate responsibilities such as program meeting and publicity to other Officers or Directors or to members; may appoint committees with the approval of the Board of Directors; and shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
  - B. *The Vice Presidents* shall assist the President and assume presidential responsibilities in the absence of the President. One shall have charge of the programs, and the other shall have charge of membership drives.
  - C. *The Secretary* shall maintain minutes of all board meetings, all business meetings, and the annual meeting; shall maintain a list of members in good standing; and shall prepare and send out meeting notices.
  - D. *The Treasurer* shall receive and bank all incoming funds; shall make payments for properly authorized expenditures; shall maintain all necessary records of incoming and outgoing funds; shall keep the Secretary informed of members' dues payments; and shall make periodic reports to the membership of the treasury status.
  - E. *The Directors* shall participate in all Board meetings and perform such additional responsibilities as assigned by the President.
  - F. *Records.* All records, books, and accounts of the League shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and / or Treasurer and shall be available for inspection by members in good standing at any reasonable time.
4. COMPENSATION. No compensation shall be paid to any Officer or Director of this League.

## Article VII

### Board of Directors

1. DUTIES. A Board of Directors, composed of the elected Officers and Directors, any members deemed necessary by the Board, and the immediate Past President as an ex-officio member, shall have general authority to administer the affairs of the League between meetings and to create such standing and special committees as needed. The Board shall report its actions to the membership.
2. MEETINGS. Meetings of the Board may be called by any officer or by any two directors. A quorum for all meetings shall be three (3) of the authorized number of officers or directors. The meeting may use teleconference technology, which may include methods such as conference telephone calls, videoconferencing, real-time "text chat" systems, and other Internet communication mechanisms. Attendance of a director or officer at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director or officer attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. 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 the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.
3. VACANCIES. A vacancy in the Board may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term at any officially called Board meeting by a majority of those voting. Any Board member who has missed three consecutive Board meetings without valid excuses may be dropped from the Board by a majority of those voting at any officially- called Board meeting.

## Article VIII

### Election of Officers and Directors

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. A nominating committee, appointed by the President, shall place in nomination at the March meeting, with the consent of the nominees, at least one member in good standing for each Office and for two Directors.
2. NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. At the April meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.
2. ELECTIONS. With a quorum present, the elections shall be by a plurality of those voting. It shall be by secret ballot. No proxy ballots are permitted. Ballots shall be counted by a committee of three, appointed by the President. Unopposed candidates may be elected by acclamation.

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority

In the absence of a specific rule of procedure in these By-Laws, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern.


Article X

Amendment of By-laws

These By-Laws may be amended at any business meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that all members in good standing have been given seven days written notice of intention to change the by-laws and the nature of the change.

I certify that that the Articles II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X be, and is hereby, amended by the Membership on December 8, 2011, by the following vote:

Yeas 15, Nays 0, and 0 present, but not voting.



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Carlos Garza, Secretary