Georgia Division Reenactors Association, Inc.

By-Laws

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Article # 01: Name

Section 01. Name

(A) The name of the Association shall be the "GEORGIA DIVISION REENACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC." and may be referred to as the GDRA.

Article # 02: Objectives

Section 01. Objectives

(A) Promote interest in history by any honorable means and provide an educational opportunity to the general public

(B) Act as War Between the States living historians within a multi-branch reenactor umbrella association.

(C) Serve in communication purposes for promoting certain events, authenticity, & preservation efforts.

(D) Be structured as a 1860-65 military organization that can function in the field as a military branch umbrella association or whose units attend selected events serving independently., galvanizing, or consolidating with other units or organizations.

(E) To not discriminate in any manner against any person due to race, sex, religion, or national origin.

(F) Unite in common cause with all people and organizations who promote in a kindred spirit and manner our common heritage.

(G) Preserve the respect for, as well as the traditions of, the United States of America.

Article # 03: Membership

Section 01. Active Membership

(A) Active members of the GDRA shall be reenactors who portray first person impressions for living history events, battle reenactments, etc. of the War Between the States era (1860-1865).

(B) Active membership shall be composed of member reenactment units and their members therein portraying military and/or civilian impressions which shall be considered for membership by the governing Branch.

(C) Individual members applying for membership into the GDRA must first join a GDRA unit.

(D) Units and their members applying for membership into the GDRA must meet current uniform and authenticity regulations of the Branch and must be nominated by that Branch for membership.

Section 02. Associate Membership

(A) Individuals who do not actively participate as reenactors but who share a common interest in the objectives of the GDRA as stated in Article #2 (Objectives).

(B) Applications for Associate Membership shall be made in writing to the GDRA Adjutant/Secretary.

(C) The Board of Directors may accept this type membership by a majority vote.

(D) Associate Members will not be eligible to vote, but may serve on committees if so appointed.

Section 03. Honorary Membership

(A) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to create Honorary Membership for the purpose of permanently honoring retired, former, or non-members for distinguished service to the GDRA.

(B) Honorary Members shall be listed on the GDRA roster as such.

(C) Honorary Members will not be eligible to vote, but may serve on committees if so appointed.

(D) Honorary Members may receive whatever privileges the Board of Directors deems appropriate on an individual basis.

(E) Honorary rank shall only be awarded to retired or former military members upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Article # 04: Dues & Privileges

Section 01. Dues & Privileges

(A) The Board of Directors shall determine the rate of dues for all membership at the annual fourth quarter GDRA meeting.

(B) Each member shall pay such dues and assessments and shall exercise and enjoy such rights and privileges within their respective type of membership as these By-laws and amendments therein shall provide.

(C) Dues of new members who join the GDRA during the last quarter of the calendar year shall be applied to the subsequent year.

(D) GDRA member units and members have until February 28th of each year to pay or be dropped from the GDRA membership roster.

(E) Units that have not paid their dues by February 28th must pay a $10.00 filing fee or be dropped from the membership

Article # 05: Board of Directors

Section 01. Policy & Powers of the Board

(A) The Board of Directors shall determine the policies of the GDRA within the limits of this Association.

(B) The Board of Directors may adopt such policies, rules, and regulations as are required for the conduct of business.

(C) The Board of Directors shall advocate and promote the objectives of the GDRA and will conduct themselves in a professional and positive manner.

(D) The Board of Directors shall act to establish rank structure within the GDRA as well as rank required for Division-level Officers. All rank shall be determine, governed, & consistent with the policies, practices, and/or regulations of the Confederate Armies between the periods of 1860-65.

(E) The Board of Directors shall appoint the annual officers of the Battle of Resaca Reenactment Committee.

(F) No two members of immediate kin may serve on the Board of Directors at any given time. This includes husband/wife, parent/child, & brother/sister.

Section 02. Composition of the Board

(A) Executive Corporate Officers: Commanding General (President), Chief of Staff (Vice-President), & Adjutant (Secretary/Treasurer). If applicable, the Board of Directors may decide to divide the duties of the Adjutant and have the position of Treasurer added to the Executive Officers.

(B) Branch Representatives: The Branch Commander of each Branch, being Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry, & Civilian Coordinator, shall serve on the Board of Directors.

(C) The Assistant Inspector General (Provost) shall serve on the Board of Directors.

(D) The immediate past active Commanding General shall serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 03. Non-Board Members of the General Staff

(A) All administrative appointments to the General Staff shall run concurrently with the tenure of the current Board of Directors

(B) Standing appointments: Ordinance Safety Officer, Judge Advocate General, & Division Chaplain. The Board of Directors shall appoint these positions and assign any needed rank.

(C) The Commanding General and/or Chief of Staff may appoint additional Staff members. Assignment of rank shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

(D) Assigned rank for appointed positions does not carry over into any Branch Command.

Article # 06: Duties of the Board

Section 01. Commanding General

(A) The Commanding General shall manage & oversee that the general development, growth, objectives, & progress of the GDRA is meet within the By-laws of this Association. The Commanding General shall represent the GDRA on and off the field, and will be the official spokesman of the Association.

(B) The Commanding General shall have the authority to call meetings of the Board of Directors.

(C) The Commanding General may appoint & assign rank to Field Staff on an adhoc basis. Appointments may run concurrently with the tenure of the Commanding General.

(D) The Commanding General shall work closely with the Executive Officers.

(E) The Commanding General may appoint committees necessary to report on matters of interest or concerns.

(F) The Commanding General shall have the authority to organize reenactment(s), and/or historical events officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors in order to fulfill the objectives of the GDRA.

(G) In the absence of the Chief of Staff, the Commanding General shall chair the GDRA Board of Directors meeting.

Section 02. Chief of Staff

(A) The Chief of Staff shall act as Chairman of the Board of Directors at all Association meetings. In his absence, the Commanding General shall serve as chair.

(B) In the absence of the Commanding General, the Chief of Staff shall have the authority to exercise the powers of the Commanding General if needed. The Chief of Staff shall report any and all actions to the Commanding General at the first opportune time.

(C) The Chief of Staff shall work closely with the Board of Directors.

Section 03. Adjutant/Secretary

(A) If applicable, the Adjutant/Secretary may also perform the duties of Treasurer.

(B) The Adjutant/Secretary shall keep all minutes of any and all meetings of the Board of Directors.

(C) The Adjutant/Secretary shall maintain records, minutes, correspondence, and any and all official documents of the GDRA. Documents shall be open for inspection to the members of the Association upon reasonable written request. The Adjutant/Secretary shall make the Executive Officers aware of all written requests.

(D) The Adjutant/Secretary shall assist the Commanding General or Chief of Staff in any way possible in acquiring meeting locations, correspondence, communications, etc.

(E) The Adjutant/Secretary shall forward each Board member copies of the minutes of the previous Board of Director meetings within forty-five (45) days after the meeting.

(F) The Adjutant/Secretary shall notify each Board Member thirty (30) days in advance of the location, time, & the tentative agenda of the next scheduled Board meeting.

(G) The Adjutant/Secretary shall provide Board members copies at the Board meetings with the final agenda, related correspondence, or related paperwork.

(H) The Adjutant/Secretary shall maintain & distribute complete up-to-date GDRA Membership Rosters to each Board Member & Unit Commander at the second yearly scheduled Board meeting. The roster should include name, rank, address, home telephone number, optional contact telephone numbers, Unit name, & e-mail address.

(I) The Adjutant/Secretary shall work closely with the Treasurer to ensure that Sub-Section (H) of this Article is completed.

(J) The Adjutant/Secretary shall collect and count GDRA-level election returns and notify all nominated parties of the results within five (5) days after the voting deadline. Upon other parties being nominated for the Adjutant/Secretary position, the Chief of Staff shall collect and count the votes for this position.

Section 04. Treasurer (If Applicable)

(A) The Treasurer shall maintain, administer, and record the financial records of the Association to reasonable and customary accounting standards.

(B) The Treasurer shall file a report at each scheduled Board meeting and include an itemized list of expenditures, income, and receivable funds.

(C) The Treasurer will be subject to an audit at anytime upon request by the Board of Directors.

(D) The Treasurer shall supervise an audit into any independent committee funds (Battle of Resaca Reenactment) in fourth quarter of each year and report that finding to the Board.

(E) The Treasurer shall collect all GDRA membership dues during the first quarter of each year and assist the Adjutant/Secretary in securing the information necessary for the membership rosters

Section 05. Branch Commanders

(A) Branch Commanders shall be members of the Board of Directors and will be in direct charge of the well being of said Branch, report on the status of the Branch, & represent the concerns of that Branch at the Board of Directors meetings

(B) Branch Commanders will have the responsibility of communicating with their Unit Commanders to ensure that all units within said Branch are functioning within the Division.

(C) Branch Commanders shall be the chief mediators within their Branch concerning any problems that may arise. If the problem cannot be corrected, they may call upon the GDRA Board of Directors for assistance.

(D) In the field, Branch Commanders shall organize that Branch, coordinate activities, and ensure that all safety precautions are in place within that Branch concerning battle reenactments, Division-level living histories, drills, encampments, etc.

(E) Branch Commanders shall ensure that they have written weapon safety guild-lines in place. The Branch Commander shall work closely with the Division Ordinance/Safety Officer and report all violations and rectifying actions to the Ordinance/Safety Officer. Up to date Safety Guild-lines will be placed on file with the Division Adjutant/Secretary.

Section 06. Assistant Inspector General

(A) The AI/G shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall report on the status and concerns of the Department of Provost, Judge Advocate General, Medical, Engineers, & Quartermaster.

(B) The AI/G shall oversee the Department Ordinance/Safety Officer and work closely with them to ensure that all safety guidelines are being adhered to at GDRA level events.

(C) The AI/G shall ensure that Board of Directors meetings are held in an orderly fashion.

(D) In the field, the AI/G shall be Chief of Provost at all GDRA events. As Provost, they have the authority to request assistance from any Unit Commander of any Branch within the GDRA

(E) The AI/G shall have the power to enforce any and all guidelines, rules and regulations of the GDRA.

Section 07. Immediate Past Active Commander

(A) The immediate Past Active Commanding General shall be a member of in good standing within one of the GDRA Branches.

(B) The Immediate Past Active Commanding General shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Article # 07: Board Appointments

Section 01. Ordnance/Safety Officer

(A) The Ordinance/Safety Officer shall be appointed and assigned rank by the Board of Directors and will not be a voting member of the Board. They shall work closely with all Branch Commanders and the AI/G to ensure that safety guidelines are adhered to. They may make any suggestions or advise the Branch Commanders to improve safety, but may not interfere with the decision(s) of said Branch.

(B) The Ordinance/Safety Officer's main mission shall be to directly oversee and coordinate all safety matters in the field to ensure the safety of ALL participants and spectators at GDRA events and report on these matters to the AI/G. Safety will be placed above all else.

(C) The Ordinance/Safety Officer reserves the right to act upon any immediate emergency type safety violation(s) and, in an emergency situation may appoint temporarily individuals without rank assignments to assist. They shall report any and all safety violations to the respective Branch Commander as soon as practical. If safety violations are not addressed, the AI/G and Ordinance/Safety Officer will report the lack of corrective actions to the Board of Directors in order to rectify the situation.

Section 02. Judge Advocate General

(A) The Judge Advocate General shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

(B) The Judge Advocate General shall serve as the legal advisor to the Board of Directors.

Section 03. Division Chaplain

(A) The Division shall serve as the guide for the spiritual well-being of the GDRA.

(B) The Division Chaplain shall officiate at any non-denominational service hosted or sponsored by the GDRA.

Article # 08: Board of Directors Meetings

Section 01. Board Meetings

(A) There shall be at least three (3) scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors annually.

(B) Meetings shall be conducted using the parliamentary procedures outlined in "Roberts Rules of Order" (revised) as a guide.

(C) Board of Directors shall be given notice of all regularly scheduled Board meetings no later than thirty (30) days in advance. The information shall include meeting date, time, location, & tentative agenda.

(D) Board Members shall notify the Adjutant/Secretary of any new business that needs to be discussed outside the realm of their Branch Report. They must notify the Adjutant/Secretary of proposed new business no later than seven (7) days prior to the Board meeting.

(E) Emergency Board meetings defined as any immediate danger to the GDRA requiring immediate action(s) may be called as soon as practical.

(F) A simple majority of the Board may call a Board of Directors meeting.

Section 02. Order of Business

(A) Call to Order

(B) Roll Call

(C) Commanding General Report

(D) Chief of Staff Report

(E) Adjutant/Secretary Report

(F) Treasurer Report

(G) Branch Commanders Report

(H) Additional Reports Required

(I) Unfinished Business

(J) New Business

(K) Adjournment

Article # 09: Voting of the Board of Directors

Section 01. Board Voting

(A) Board Members shall attend all scheduled Board of Directors meetings in person or by a representative within that Branch with their proxy vote.

(B) Each Board Member shall have only one vote on any and all matters of GDRA business.

(C) Voting members of the Board are the Commanding General, Chief of Staff, Adjutant/Secretary, Treasurer, all Branch Commanders, Assistant Inspector General, & the immediate past active Commanding General.

(D) A valid proxy must be filed with, as well as received by the Adjutant/Secretary by direct verbal, written, or e-mail prior to the start of the Board meeting.

(E) Executive Board & Division-wide elected members may select and appoint a proxy from the general membership, if applicable.

(F) The Adjutant/Secretary will identify any proxy-voting representative(s) during the Agenda Roll Call.

(G) Failure of a Board Member to be present to vote during a scheduled Board Meeting either in person or by proxy may lead to disciplinary action at outlined in Article 13, Section 5, Sub-section C.

Section 02. Quorum

(A) A simple majority of the total voting Board of Directors will constitute a quorum.

Article # 10: Board Nominations

Section 01. Eligibility

(A) To be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, the individual must be a member in good standing for at least one (1) year prior to nomination.

Section 02. Tenure of Office

(A) Tenure of Office shall run for a three (3) year period.

(B) Board Members elected in the fourth quarter of the election year shall take office on January 1st of the following year.

Section 03. Nominating Committee

(A) The Nominating Committee shall consist of any and all Unit Commanders and the current members of the Board of Directors.

(B) During the fourth quarter meeting of the third year of all Board Members' tenures, the Nominating Committee shall be automatically activated.

(C) Any and all proposed nominees must have consented to serve prior to nomination.

(D) Nominations for the Board of Director positions shall be made by a motion during the fourth quarter Board Meeting. The Executive Committee positions are: Commanding General, Chief of Staff, Adjutant/Secretary, & Treasurer. Branch Commander positions are: Infantry Commander, Artillery Commander, Cavalry Commander, & Civilian Coordinator. Staff position are: Assistant Inspector General.

Article # 11: Voting Procedures at the Tri-Annual Meeting

Section 01. Eligibility to Vote

(A) All GDRA members and member units must be in good standing and current in their dues in order to vote.

(B) All eligible GDRA members shall be entitled to have one vote. Unit Commanders shall poll their unit members and report the unit vote to the Adjutant/Secretary.

(C) The Board of Directors shall at the fourth quarter tri-annual election year set voting deadlines for all GDRA Division Branches & Staff level election returns.

Section 02. GDRA Executive Officers, Board, & Staff

(A) The Adjutant/Secretary will send a ballot form to each Unit Commander with the election return deadline. The Unit Commander shall contact the GDRA members in good standing within their unit and report their voting wishes back to the Adjutant/Secretary prior to the deadline in order for the unit votes to be valid.

(B) The Adjutant/Secretary shall notify all nominated parties of the final results within five (5) days after the election deadline and prior to the results being published.

(C) The Adjutant/Secretary shall keep all ballots on file for a period of thirty (30) days for inspection by written request by any nominee or Board Member.

Section 03. Branch Commanders

(A) Elections for Branch Commanders for the Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry, & Civilian Coordinator will be held in conjunction with the other Division-level elections.

(B) The individual members within each respective Branch shall conduct voting.

(C) Each Branch will be responsible as to the manner of handling voting procedures within their respective Branch, but they will not conflict with the GDRA voting guidelines.

(D) The GDRA Adjutant/Secretary shall be notified of the Branch election results of each individual Branch elections no later than the GDRA deadlines in order for all GDRA level results to be published.

Article # 12: G.D.R.A. Field Responsibilities

Section 01. Chain of Command

(A) High Command: Commanding General, Chief of Staff, Branch Commanders, AI/G, & Staff Officers.

(B) Field Commanders:: Company & Unit Line Officers.

(C) Appointed Staff Officers: Ordinance/Safety Officer, Aid-de-camps, NCO's, Couriers, etc.

Section 02. Field Duties

(A) Commanding General: Shall oversee all field operations at all Association sanctioned, sponsored, or hosted events. He shall be recognized as the senior ranking Officer. He has the authority to appoint personnel and assign rank or fill any absences on his Staff.

(B) Chief of Staff: Shall serve as the Executive Officer and be present at Officers Meetings at GDRA events. He shall assume the duties of the ranking GDRA Officer in the absence of the Commanding General.

(C) Branch Commander: Shall oversee all activities of their Branch at events. In the absence of the Commanding General and/or the Chief of Staff, they shall assume the duties of the ranking GDRA Officer. They may appoint Staff as needed to conduct the campaign.

(D) The Provost: Shall oversee security, Department of Ordinance/Safety, Medical, and call upon the Judge Advocate as needed.

(E) The Ordinance/Safety Officer: Shall directly oversee & coordinate all matters of safety on the field. They shall report directly to the Provost on any & all safety violations. In the absence of the Provost, they will report directly to the Chief of Staff.

(F) Field Commanders: Company & Unit Commanders shall command their respective troops in the field unless they cannot field within reason the number of troops required in their Branch Regulations. In this case, the Unit shall consolidate with another to reach the required level of strength. In cases of consolidated Units, the ranking Officers or NCO's involved shall work out an agreement as to Unit Command. In the event of the failure to complete this task, the Branch Commander may appoint Company/Unit Officers and NCO's.

(G) Staff Officers: Shall be appointed by the High Command as needed.

Section 03. Military Code of Conduct

(A) Safety issues shall take precedence over any & all matters. All safety violations should be addressed immediately & reported to the Ordinance/Safety Officer. Any order that is hazardous to personal safety is prohibited. Adherence to all Division, Branch, & Unit safety guidelines is mandatory.

(B) Participation at all official Weapons Safety Inspection formations is mandatory. Weapon failure at Safety Inspections shall preclude participation in any manner requiring said weapon unless said weapon is properly repaired & passes an additional inspection.

(C) Military etiquette shall always be observed. When under arms, the strictest compliance with military bearing shall be observed.

(D) All orders given by ranking Officers & NCO's should be promptly obeyed. Officers & NCO's shall treat all troops with respect. If a disagreement arises with an order, go on record in protest, but make certain the order is carried out in the manner that is consistent with the period.

(E) Galvanizing will be strongly supported at times within the GDRA in order to ensure proper troop ratios at certain events. Galvanizing issues shall be left on the Branch & Unit levels.

(F) All GDRA participants shall attempt to look authentic to the period. Authenticity standards shall be the responsibility of each Branch, Units, & NCO's to enforce &assist others in these standards through example & encouragement.

(G) No modern anachronisms shall be visible on person or in camp while participating at an event. Officers, NCO's, & Provost shall enforce this requirement.

(H) Each unit shall turn out for officially scheduled formations & drill.

(I) Each Unit shall provide men for guard/fatigue duty as assigned.

(J) Ladies shall be treated as such at all times.

(K) All membership shall participant under the By-laws, Rules & Regulations, & Guidelines of the GDRA as well as their respective Branch & Unit.

(L) While participating at an event, no member shall knowingly violate any modern law(s).

Article # 13: Disciplinary Actions

Section 01. Individual Violations

(A) Minor individual disregards of safety, insubordination, or etc. disciplinary actions should be handled by corrective actions on the Unit level.

Section 02. Flagrant Violation - Division Level

(A) General: The Georgia Division (GDRA) is the result of many years of careful planning, hard work, and compliance with numerous federal & state legal provisions. The Organization's status as a public charity recognized under section 501-(C)- (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as the Organization's credibility and ability to work with a wide variety of organizations and government agencies all depend on the maintenance of a minimum standard of behavior by the members, staff, & officers. Therefore, in order to protect & preserve the Corporate integrity of the GDRA, and to protect the members and officers of the organization, the GDRA retains the right to suspend, remove, or expel any member whose behavior threatens the reputation and integrity of the organization, threatens the life or reputation of any other member or such member's family, or which might serve to cast public acrimony on the organization. The sanction shall be considered extreme and strictly subject to the procedures as hereafter set out.

(B) Standard of Behavior: Actions which may subject a member to suspension, removal, or expulsion are any actions carried out knowingly or negligently which: (1) may pose a present, clear danger to life, safety, or property of another. (2) may constitute a criminal act under the applicable jurisdiction. (3) the public slander or libel of any other person or organization when such communications take place at an event or gathering by the GDRA, or in any publicly disseminated media, or (4) any action or communication which has the effect of damaging the reputation of the GDRA or its officers acting in their official capacities.

(C) Suspension or Termination: The Commander of the GDRA may suspend or terminate the membership of any individual for good reason shown. The Commander will communicate this action in writing with a copy sent to such member, the Branch Commander, Unit Commander, & Judge Advocate General. The suspension or termination of such member shall then automatically be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the GDRA as the first item of New Business. The suspended or terminated member shall be allowed to address the Board of Directors for one half hour, during which time he may also have others speak on their behalf. At the conclusion of the half hour, the Board of Directors shall vote to sustain or overrule the action taken by the Commander.

Section 03. Unit Violations

(A) Flagrant disregard of safety or insubordination, etc. that is not addressed by corrective actions on a Unit level shall be referred to that Unit's respective Branch Commander to address by corrective action(s).

(B) The Branch Commander shall report any disciplinary actions involving Units to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Section 04. Intervention

(A) Under Article # 6, Section 5, Subsection (C), the Board of Directors may intervene, if needed or asked by the respective Branch Commander in regards to disciplinary actions.

Section 05. Board Members

(A) The Board of Directors shall decide disciplinary actions concerning any Board member.

(B) A Board member may be dismissed from the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

(C) Reasons for dismissal may include, but are not limited to: failure to perform duties or other actions that directly affect the GDRA in a serious adverse manner.

(D) If for any reason a Board member fails to complete their term of tenure, the remaining members of the Board may temporarily appoint a member from the respective Branch to fill the vacated position until a special election can be held by that respective Branch.

Article # 14: Sanctioned G.D.R.A. Events

Section 01. Events

(A) The GDRA will not sponsor or host in part or in whole over five (5) events per year.

(B) The GDRA will not host an event unless other sponsor(s) have submitted written proof of their commitment to enforce all GDRA as well as Branch field safety regulations or guidelines.

(C) Under Article # 6, Section 01, Sub-section (F), the Board of Directors may sanction events. Furthermore, they may have the authority to organize in conjunction with the various Branches/Units, reenactments, & living histories that fulfill the GDRA objectives.

(D) No reenactment or event shall represent or advertise that it is sanctioned, sponsored, or hosted by the GDRA unless it has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Article # 15: Administrative

Section 01. Branch & Unit BY-Laws, Regulations, and/or Guild-lines

(A) No Branch, Unit, or group By-Laws, Regulations, or Guidelines shall conflict with the GDRA By-Laws, Regulations, or Guidelines.

(B) All Branch, Unit, or Group By-Laws, Regulations, and Guidelines shall be on file with the GDRA Adjutant/Secretary.

Section 02. Transfers

(A) Members may transfer for one Branch or Unit to another upon written approval of the present Unit Commander to the Commanding Officer of the proposed Unit of transfer.

(B) The transferee must be accepted into the new Unit.

(C) Both past Commander & present Commanding Officer must notify the GDRA Adjutant/Secretary of said transfer.

(D) Members may be an Active Member of one unit and be an Associate Member of another Branch or Unit within the GDRA. They shall only be shown on the GDRA Roster with the Active Member Unit.

Section 03. Official Records

(A) All Official records, items of property, correspondence, & documents used at the GDRA Board-level are the property of the Association.

(B) All records shall be open for inspection to the membership of the GDRA upon reasonable written request.

Section 04. Amendments to the By-Laws

(A) Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws shall be considered and submitted in the fourth quarter of even year Board meetings.

(B) Proposed Amendments must be made in writing listing the Article, Section, and/or Subsection and must be detailed and correctly worded and approved by the Board of Directors at the fourth quarter meeting.

(C) Emergency circumstances not specifically covered within these By-laws may be brought before the Board of Directors at any meeting and decided upon by a simple majority vote of the Board. This shall only be used in emergency situations.

Section 05. Dissolution

(A) The Association may be dissolved by the membership at a special called meeting for that propose. Such dissolution to be effective ninety (90) days after such vote was taken and passed and providing all outstanding obligations of the Association have been paid.

(B) In the event of dissolution of the GDRA, its surplus funds and other assets shall be donated to whatever non-profit or historical organization that the Board of Directors deems appropriate.