

## IOWA JCI SENATE BYLAWS

### ARTICLE ONE – NAME AND OFFICE

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Iowa JCI Senate, Inc.

SECTION 2. The principal office of the organization is vested with the President of the Iowa JCI Senate.

SECTION 3. The organization shall be organized as a non-profit corporation under Iowa Code chapter 504A(1983).

### ARTICLE TWO – ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. The organization shall not be affiliated with any United States Junior Chamber (Jaycees) chapter or organization.

SECTION 2. The organization shall be affiliated with the United States Junior Chamber International Senate, Inc. (US JCI Senate)

SECTION 3. The organization will endeavor to assist all state, national, and international JCI Senate groups.

SECTION 4. The Bylaws of the Iowa JCI Senate shall not conflict with the organizational documents of the US JCI Senate.

### ARTICLE THREE – PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The principal purposes of this organization shall be:

A. To encourage local Jaycees chapters to nominate deserving past and present Jaycees and affiliate groups (JayceeEttés, Jaycee Women) for membership in the JCI Senate.

B. To assist the Iowa Jaycees President as requested by reviewing all Senatorship applications for correctness and completeness.

C. To promote fellowship among Senators.

D. To enable Senators to benefit from exchange of ideas with one another.

E. To meet as individual Senators, to provide a means for retaining friendships and expanding the organization.

F. To maintain contact with the Jaycees movement by periodically inviting state, national and international Jaycees to address the Iowa JCI Senate.

G. To foster better understanding and goodwill through international relations.

SECTION 2. This organization shall be non-partisan, non-sectarian, and not-for-profit in its purpose and activities. This organization shall wholly abstain from any political affiliations or endorsement of any candidate for public office.

SECTION 3. This organization shall maintain a role of non-interference in the affairs and activities of the Jaycee organization at any level of its structure and will try to assist Jaycee groups as requested.

SECTION 4. We believe:

That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;

That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;

That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of laws rather than of men;

That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;

And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

## ARTICLE FOUR - MEMBERSHIP

- SECTION 1. All JCI Senators registered with the world secretariat of Junior Chamber International who received their Senatorships in or reside in the State of Iowa are eligible for membership. Other JCI Senators who express interest in becoming an Iowa JCI Senator and who pay their dues are also eligible to become a member.
- SECTION 2. "Members in good standing" are members who have joined the Iowa JCI Senate and whose dues are paid current.
- SECTION 3. Members in good standing shall have the right to vote, hold office, and participate in all activities of Iowa JCI Senate.
- SECTION 4. Members may pay dues annually or become Iowa lifetime members, in which case their memberships will always be in good standing.
- SECTION 5. Expulsion of any member of the Iowa JCI Senate shall occur only if the member's status as a JCI Senator has been revoked.
- SECTION 6. Benefits to dues Paid Members, receiving the communications from Iowa JCI Senate, Region VI JCI Senate, and US JCI Senate.

## ARTICLE FIVE - DUES

- SECTION 1. The annual dues for regular members shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00), which shall include the cost of the US JCI official publication. Renewal annual dues are due on March 1, June 1, September 1, or December 1 of each year on the date prior to the calendar quarter in which the member joined.
- SECTION 2. Initiation fee and First year dues for Iowa membership shall be fifty dollars.
- SECTION 3. Life Membership:
- A. Life membership is available to any Senator eligible for regular membership. Life membership fee shall be a one-time payment of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), of which two hundred dollars (\$250.00) shall be deposited to the life account and fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be deposited to the general fund. Payment in installments will be allowed not to exceed one year from date of first payment. Members who wish to pay Lifetime dues during their First Year, and the Senate has received the Initial \$50 Member Fee, can use \$25 toward their Lifetime Membership.
  - B. The life account funds shall be held in federally insured accounts, certificates of deposit or invested as recommended by Trustees and approved by membership. The Trustees shall balance and report on the status of the funds at each membership meeting. Funds received by the treasurer of the Iowa Senate for the life account shall be paid to the Trustees no less often than each membership meeting upon completion of the lifetime fee.
  - C. US JCI Senate dues. Iowa life members' dues shall be paid to the US JCI Senate annually, which shall include the cost of the US JCI Senate official publication throughout the term of their life, unless directed by their Guardian.
  - D. Life Account. The Iowa JCI Senate life account is a permanent asset. Earned interest on life account funds can be transferred to the general fund quarterly as needed to pay National dues.
  - E. Trustees. The life account shall be controlled by the life members only. They shall elect five Life Account Trustees to control the life account.
  - F. Removal of Trustees. Two thirds of the Trustees should notify the life members that they recommend removal of a non-performing Trustee or of the death of a Trustee by notification to the Secretary and mailing or

electronically sending their recommendation to each life member's last known address. The recommendation shall be voted upon at the next membership meeting. Removal requires the vote of two-thirds of life membership present.

- G. Replacement of Trustee. If a Trustee resigns or is removed, a replacement Trustee shall be elected by the life members at the next meeting at which the vacancy occurs or is announced. Replacement requires the vote of two-thirds of life members present.

## ARTICLE SIX – GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. The officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board. The Officers shall be elected as provided in Article Nine and shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until they resign or are removed.

SECTION 2. The government of the organization shall be vested in a Board which shall include the Elected Officers as set forth in Section 1.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of each member of the Board to attend all Board and membership meeting. Any member who is absent from two Board and/or membership meetings (unless excused by the President or the Board) may be removed from office by the Board.

SECTION 4. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled through appointment by the President and approved by the Board. Appointed members shall serve until the next annual meeting or until they resign or are removed.

SECTION 5. The Board shall:

- A. Prepare and present a budget.
- B. Hold Board meetings prior to each scheduled membership meeting.
- C. A newsletter will be sent electronically to each paid member before each meeting, or mailed, if requested to last known address.
- D. The President shall appoint PM's for their list of programs.

SECTION 6. Funds of this organization shall be disbursed only by checks bearing the signatures of the Treasurer, the President, or one other Senator in good standing.

SECTION 7. Robert's Rules of Order (current edition) shall govern the proceedings of meetings.

## ARTICLE SEVEN - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall convene and preside at all membership and Board meetings and shall represent the organization at all official functions. If the President is not present, the President shall designate a substitute to preside or represent the organization. Presidential correspondence shall be copied for the Secretary. The President shall direct the process of maintaining documents and reports to maintain the organization's corporate status and affiliations.

SECTION 2. The Secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings and functions of the organization. The Secretary shall notify the membership of all meetings in the Iowa JCI Senate newsletters. The Secretary shall execute and maintain copies of all authorized correspondence. The Secretary shall keep a book containing copies of the current articles of incorporation, bylaws, and policy and make it available to the President and the Board at all membership and Board meetings.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall collect and manage the funds of the organization. The Treasurer shall at each membership meeting and Board meeting, or more often as directed by the President of Board, account for the funds received and spent on budget line

reports showing the amount of funds allocated for the year and used to date. The Treasurer shall maintain records of the organization's fiscal affairs and cause such records to be balanced and closed at the end of the fiscal year and transferred to the successor. The Treasurer shall also disburse funds upon the order of the Board or as authorized by the membership. The Treasurer shall receive and record dues payments and shall pay appropriate dues to the US JCI Senate. The records of all assets and expenditures of the organization shall be available for reasonable inspection by the members. The Treasurer shall maintain the funds of the organization in federally insured accounts, certificates of deposit, or invested as recommended by the Board and approved by the membership.

SECTION 4. The Vice-President shall assist the President in membership recruitment ,co-ordinate assistance to the Jaycees, and other duties as requested by the President.

## ARTICLE EIGHT – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the organization shall be during the summer picnic meeting which should be held the 2nd or 3rd weekend in July. Notice of annual, regular membership, and Board meetings shall be electronically sent or mailed to each paid member at the member's last known address at least thirty days prior to the meeting. This may be through the newsletter.

SECTION 2. There shall be regular membership meetings. There shall also be a Board meeting on that day or the day before each membership meeting.

SECTION 3. Special meeting of the Board may be called by the President or any two members of the Board upon ten days' notice electronically sent or mailed to each member of the Board, at the member's last known address, specifying time, date, and place of meeting.

SECTION 4. All meetings of the membership and the Board shall be open to all members in good standing.

## ARTICLE NINE - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Elections for Officers shall be held at the winter meeting. Officers, and Program Managers selected by the incoming president shall take office at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2. A nominating committee comprised of not less than two nor more than four members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board. No member of the nominating committee shall be eligible for nomination for any office by the action of the nominating committee, but members of the committee may be nominated from the floor. Members asking to be nominated shall be included in the nominating committee report if they notify the committee.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall place in the Iowa JCI Senate Newsletter when the election meeting will be held.

SECTION 4. Nominations for any office will be accepted from the floor. Any defeated candidate is automatically eligible for all subsequent offices.

SECTION 5. Only members whose dues are currently paid may vote at the election meeting.

SECTION 6. Voting will be by individual secret ballot when office is contested or as determined by majority of members present. Proxies shall not be recognized. Votes shall be tallied by the nominating committee.

SECTION 7. Officers and Program Managers shall be installed at the annual meeting.

SECTION 8. The immediate past President of the Iowa JCI Senate shall be the Chairman of the Board.

SECTION 9. Qualifications for election of Officers:

- A. For President and Vice-President: must be a member in good standing, have served at least one year as an Officer or Program Manager and be more than 40 years of age.
- B. For any other elected office: must be a member in good standing for at least one year.
- C. A Senator shall not be an Officer of the organization while serving as an elected or appointed officer or director of the Iowa Jaycees dba Iowa Junior Chamber of Commerce or JCI IOWA The term of any Officer or Director shall immediately end if the member becomes an elected or appointed officer or director of the Iowa Jaycees.

#### ARTICLE TEN - POLICY

SECTION 1. In addition to bylaws, the organization shall be governed by written policy as may be adopted by the Board and members. No policy is to conflict with the bylaws. Policy may be adopted, amended or repealed at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Board and a majority vote of members in good standing present at any membership meeting.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any regular or special membership meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendments and the date and place of the meeting at which they will be voted upon has been electronically sent or mailed to the last known address of each paid member at least thirty days prior to the date of said meeting.

SECTION 2. The President may appoint a revision committee as needed to develop and present proposed amendments to the bylaws or policy.

SECTION 3. The printed version of the bylaws or policy may be corrected for misspellings or typographical errors by majority vote of the Board without presentation to the membership.

#### ARTICLE TWELVE - EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 1. These bylaws shall take effect on May 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. These bylaws were amended on January 16, 2016.

SECTION 3. These bylaws were amended on July 22, 2017.

SECTIONS 3-10. These Bylaws were amended/approved August 23, 2025

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