

By-Laws of Christian Home Educators of Siloam Springs

Article I Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the corporation shall be to further the interests of home education of children by their parents by all lawful means, including, but not limited to support of and assistance to members of the corporation who are educating their own children at home, dissemination of legislative and other information affecting the rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children, participation in and sponsorship of conventions and educational seminars for teaching parents, organization of field trips and extracurricular activities for members of the corporation.

Article II Statement of Faith

Section I. Preface

Our statement of faith includes only those truths upon which all true Christians agree. It concerns the Person and Work of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) as revealed in Scripture. It is the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 2, Eph. 4:5) which distinguishes believers from nonbelievers. There are many other precious truths taught in the Bible over which Godly men have differed in understanding. Therefore, this is not a statement of all that is important to believe, but of all that is essential to believe for Christian fellowship and unity. (Romans 15:7)

Section 2. Statement

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, and infallible word of God, and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe that there is one living and true God; an infinite, intelligent Spirit, perfect in all His attributes, one in essence but eternally subsistent in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the fall of man; although originally created in the image of God, through the disobedience of Adam, man fell into a sinful and spiritually impotent state, totally unable to justify himself before God.
4. We believe that Jesus Christ is the express image of the invisible God, which is to say He is God; that He became man, yet without sin, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary; that He died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for sin; that He arose from the dead in the body in which He was crucified; that He ascended into heaven in that body glorified, where He is now, our interceding High Priest; and that He will return again personally, visibly, and gloriously.
5. We believe that salvation is wholly of God, by grace; that God in love gave His only son to die on the cross for sin, thus procuring the redemption of those who come to Him; that this salvation is not merited in any way by man; that God commands men everywhere to repent of sin and believe in Christ; and that this salvation is eternal in its duration and results in good works.

Article III Powers

The corporation shall have all of the statutory powers enumerated for non-profit corporations under the laws of the state of incorporation.

Article IV

Section 1. Governing Authority

The Governing body of the corporation shall be known as its members, and it shall have plenary powers to do all things necessary and proper to operate and control the Corporation.

An elected governing board consisting of association members shall represent the corporation. Association members shall delegate matters of policy, procedure, and necessary administration to the board.

Section 2. Composition and Qualifications

The members shall be a self-perpetuating body. Members shall be home schooling parents and shall be members in good standing of the corporation, agreeing with the Statement of Faith.

The governing board shall consist of the following members: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Elementary Activities Coordinator, Middle School Activities Coordinator, High School Activities Coordinator, Athletics Coordinator and Resource Coordinator. All positions shall be filled by any association member in good standing.

Section 3. Term of Service

The governing board member shall be elected for the following terms, with elections for incoming board members to be held at the end of each academic year. For two year terms starting in even-numbered years – Chairman, Treasurer, Middle School Activities Coordinator, and Athletic Coordinator. For two year terms starting on odd-numbered years – Secretary, Elementary Activities Director, High School Activities Coordinator, and Resource Coordinator. Board members may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in a particular position.

Section 4. Manner of Elections

Nominations for the election of board members shall be made at the end of each academic year. Election of a nominee for a board position shall be by majority vote of the members who choose to participate. Elections may be held at corporation meetings, electronically (via email or online voting), or by other means approved by the governing board. In all elections, one vote shall be allotted per family.

Section 5. Vacancies

Vacancies in any board position caused by the death or resignation of a member shall be filled by election of a qualified person to serve the un-expired term of the member who has died or resigned.

Section 6. Delegation of Authority

The governing board by majority vote may delegate to one or more of the association's members or to any of its agents or employees, or to any of its committees such powers and duties as it may deem appropriate and proper. In the absence of such delegation, either generally or specifically, the governing board shall act on behalf of the association. Any member shall have the right to attend board meetings or present agenda items.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. Quorum

There shall be no quorum requirement for any corporation meetings whether regular or special. The quorum for governing board meetings shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the members.

Section 2. Regular Meetings

Regular corporation meetings shall be held at the times and places established by the governing board and shall be held at least annually. Business conducted at these meetings shall be considered passed by a simple majority of the members present. A 30-day advance notice and agenda shall be provided to all members.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be held upon three days notice to members. The board may call such meetings on its own initiative but shall be obligated to call such meetings when requested to do so by at least two other members.

Section 4. Proxy Procedure

If amendments to the corporation bylaws are deemed necessary by the board, a proxy voting procedure may be utilized. The board shall set the procedure, call for the proxies with sufficient notice, tabulate the results, and then report to the membership and the state of incorporation.

Article VI Committees

Committees may be established from time to time as appointed by the board and shall report on matters assigned at the time of appointment or action.

Article VII The Board and Members

The corporation shall indemnify any and all of its members and including board members, or former members and board members or any person who may have served at its request or by its election as a member or officer of the corporation, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense or settlement of any action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them, are made parties, or a party, by reason of being or having been members or officers of the corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such member or officer or former board member or officer or person shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for willful misconduct in the performance of duty and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement predicted on the existence of such liability.

The indemnification provided hereby shall not be deemed exclusive of any other right to which anyone seeking indemnification hereunder may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on the behalf of any member, officer, agent, employee or former member or officer or other person against any liability asserted against them and incurred by him to the extent that the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this article and the law of the state of incorporation.

Article VIII Members

Section I. Membership

Membership in the corporation shall be available to home schooling parents. All members must apply for membership by signing By-Laws and paying the membership fee. Membership fee shall be determined by majority vote of membership.

Section 2. Right and Privileges

Members of the corporation shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges of membership in the corporation as established by the laws of the state of incorporation. Members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the corporation and to represent the interests of the corporation.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities

By the submitting an application for membership in the corporation, members agree to abide by all policies and standards. At the school year kick-off meeting in August/September, all members who will have students participating in any activities will sign an acknowledgment of receipt of the activity standards. Members shall refrain from engaging in any activity which may bring reproach on the corporation or home education.

Section 4. Termination of Membership

Membership in the corporation may be terminated by members anytime by providing notice. Membership of any member may be involuntarily terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby.

Article IX Adoption and Amendment of By-Laws

With the exception of Articles IX and X which are irrevocable and not subject to amendment, these By-Laws shall be adopted and thereafter amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present.

Article X Dissolution

In the event that the corporation should be dissolved for any reason then, in that event, all assets of the corporation, if any, shall be transferred to another eleemosynary corporation which is exempt for state income tax. The provision of the By-Laws is irrevocable and is not subject to amendment except necessary to designate the name of any transfer qualifying under the income tax laws of the state on incorporation.