

SOUTHERN 1752 CLUB



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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

PURPOSE: A non-profit organization whose purpose shall be to promote the interests of its members and the interests of the companies and agents they represent, in all phases of the profession of insurance through the Independent American Agency System

ARTICLE II

MEMBER- Membership shall be individual. Any employee of an agency insurance company, general agent or other field service provider with field responsibilities working with independent insurance agencies in NC, SC VA and DC shall be considered eligible for membership.

There will be three classes of members:

1. Regular members with full privileges to include serving as club officer, member of the Executive Committee or committee chairman.
2. Life member having received a retirement from an agency insurance company, general agent or other field service provider. This status is to be conferred by vote of the membership after approval by the Executive Committee.

3. Associate member shall be any former member of the Club, not being eligible under classes 1 or 2 above, who has requested to rejoin the Club after earlier resignation from the Club.

Any questions pertaining to the status of or circumstances of any individual membership shall be decided by a majority vote at any qualified meeting.

The name of an eligible candidate shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, by the Candidate's sponsor, prior to any regularly scheduled meeting of the membership. Proper application form shall be supplied by the Secretary. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, the name of the Candidate shall be submitted at any regular qualified meeting and shall be voted upon by the membership present. Upon approval of the membership, the candidate shall receive a membership certificate, club history, and copy of the constitution and by-laws. No new member shall be indoctrinated without payment of required dues (as outlined in by-laws).

The term "Agency Insurance Company" shall be construed to include any company, regardless of corporate structure, whose business is conducted primarily through the Independent American Agency System.

Expulsion: Charges warranting possible expulsion shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, and the charges shall be given a hearing before that Committee. If in the judgment of the committee, substantiated charges warrant expulsion, written notice shall be given the entire membership, and a three-quarters majority of the membership shall be required to expel the charged member.

Changes in a member's status such as expulsion could make that person ineligible to reapply for membership shall be deemed to cancel said member's membership.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS: The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by vote of the membership present, and hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified. Officers shall reside within the geographical jurisdiction of the club

Eligibility of Officers and Executive Committee Members: To qualify for Officer, a candidate will have to have served at least one year on the Executive Committee. To qualify for the Executive Committee, a candidate will have had to served on a standing committee for at least one year and nomination to Executive Committee position will be at the direction of the nominating committee. These requirements may be waived in the case of an otherwise qualified candidate upon approval of the Executive Committee

OFFICERS DUTIES:

President: Presides over all meetings and acts as Chairman of the Executive Committee, acts as ex-officio member of all committees with the right to vote in case of a tie. In addition:

1. Appoints a past president to perform installation of new members at each meeting.
2. Appoints audit committee to audit treasury records prior to installation of new treasurer.
3. Presents appreciation plaque to outgoing President.
4. Presents presidency records, and gavel to incoming President during installation ceremony at Annual Meeting.
5. Ensures that Club secretary be directed to advise membership by mail four weeks in advance of any major change that must be voted on at that meeting
6. Appoints nominating committee for new officers and Executive Committee members in accordance with Article VII.

Vice President:

1. Presides at all meetings in the absence of the president, and is permanent chairman of the annual meetings committee.
2. Shall be responsible for the promotion of the educational scholarship activities of the entire club, and shall receive all scholarship applications from agency applicants.
3. At the direction of the Executive Committee shall be in charge of arrangements for the Annual and Midyear Meetings of the Club to include guest speaker(s), suitable facility meeting and hospitality rooms to include refreshments for each meeting and arranging for golf and other sports or activities as deemed appropriate.
4. Performs other duties that may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

Secretary: Handles all correspondence of the Club and maintains all records of membership and correspondence.

1. Calls the roll at all meetings.
2. Prepares minutes of all Club meetings and is encouraged to use electronic devices during the meetings to ensure accuracy and also ensures their mailing to the membership along with notice of next meeting at least four (4) weeks prior to date of that meeting.

3. Receives applications for new members and presents same to Executive Committee at next Executive Board meeting and gives dues checks to Treasurer for timely recording and deposit.
4. Ensures that names of all new members are added to the rolls and that they receive all meeting notices, minutes, etc.

5. Maintains sufficient supply of all club documents including membership and scholarship application forms, blank membership certificates, and club history and performs other duties that may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

Treasurer:

1. Handles all financial affairs of the Club, makes timely and regular bank deposits, and keeps both Club checking and savings accounts balanced and in good order.
2. Sends out dues notices not later than December 1.
3. Receives and records dues payment from members and performs other duties that may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members, including the immediate past President. This Executive Committee shall also include the Executive Officers and six members who shall be elected by vote of the membership present for a term of two years. No executive committee member may succeed himself unless he is an executive officer at the time of his succession.

In the event any elected office is vacated either by incapacity, resignation or death, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint an interim officer to fill the unexpired term. The selection is to come from eligible past Presidents.

Incapacity means inability to perform duties of Club officer, or board or Committee member.

ARTICLE V

BY-LAWS:

This organization shall make such by-laws as may be necessary for additional conduct of its affairs.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS:

This constitution may be amended at any meeting provided that any change is supported by a three-quarters vote of the members present, and further, that four(4) weeks previous notice that such change is contemplated. and specifying in such notice the full text of the change has been mailed or transmitted electronically to the address of every member.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS:

At each Midyear Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of four members but not more than two from any one state. The President is an ex-officio member of this committee with the right to vote only in event of a tie. It shall be the duty of said Nominating Committee to present to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting, a list of its nominations for each office and to the annual meeting, a list of its nominations for each office and executive committee members; and the Secretary shall notify all members of such nominations at the time the notices of said annual meeting are mailed.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION:

The Southern 1752 Club may be dissolved by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership enjoying the privilege of franchise. Motion to dissolve shall be by three-fourths majority vote of members at any annual meeting. A mail ballot of the entire membership enjoying franchise privilege shall then be conducted by the secretary and the results shall be tallied by the Executive Committee at the next annual meeting.

In the event of dissolution, all outstanding indebtedness of the club shall be retired and any remaining funds shall be paid out as scholarships to candidates selected by the Club officers.

BY-LAWS

MEETINGS:

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the spring of the year, according to the convenience of the majority of the membership, in each year unless otherwise ordered, and the election of officers and members at large of the Executive Committee shall take place at such time. The hour and place of such meeting shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

Special meetings may be called by the President, or by the Executive Committee; and shall be called upon the written request of three (3) or more members.

QUORUM:

Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum. **This numeric requirement may be waived on a per meeting basis by order of the Executive Committee.**

CHAIRMAN:

The President or Vice-President shall preside at all meetings. In their absence the next ranking officer shall preside. In their absence the presiding chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee members present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall have general charge of the affairs of the association, direct its expenditures, and be vested with the power to fill vacancies for the unexpired term which may occur in its membership.

In the event the President's office is vacated either by resignation or death, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint an interim President to fill the unexpired term. The selection is to come from eligible past presidents.

DUES AND EXPENSES:

Every member shall pay dues in amount to be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of the membership at any qualified meeting (quorum present). Notice of dues shall be sent out by December 1, and second notice will be mailed on January 1 to those not yet paid. Any member whose dues are not paid by February 1 shall be dropped from the membership roll. Reinstatement of members dropped for nonpayment of dues will be made only through the usual process of becoming a new member and dues paid to date.

Full annual dues are payable when a new or reinstated member joins the Club. New members joining after the Midyear meeting and paying full dues at that time will not be billed again on December 1.

Expenses necessary for the operation of the Club in excess of the sum provided by annual dues shall be met by assessments upon the membership. The amount of any assessment shall be determined in the same manner as provided to establish the amount of annual dues.

OFFICERS MEETINGS:

Current officers shall meet either in person or by suitable electronic device during the month of February to discuss membership renewals, scholarship applicants and other matters that will come before the Annual Meeting. At this meeting they will ensure that the notice for the Annual Meeting, minutes of the previous meeting and any changes requiring advance notice to the membership be mailed in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution. A similar meeting may be held during the month of August.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

AMENDMENTS:

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting by a three fourths vote of the members present and voting at such meetings, provided advance notice of intent to change with notice of text of amendment has been given to the members four weeks prior to the meeting.

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