

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY, INC.

CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA 73015

PREAMBLE

INVOKING THE GUIDANCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD, WE, THE PRINCESSES OF THE KIOWA TRIBE WITH THE FAITH IN PURPOSE OF OUR SUPREME BEING, WITH PRIDE IN OUR KIOWA HERITAGE AND WITH THE DETERMINATION TO REVIVE, PROMOTE AND PERPETUATE THROUGH OUR UNITED EFFORTS OUR KIOWA CULTURE, RITUALS, DANCES AND OTHER TRADITIONS, HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS;

ARTICLE I

THE NAME OF THIS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL BE NAMED THE **KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY, INCORPORATED.**

ARTICLE II

THE LOCATION OF THIS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL BE THE CITY OF CARNEGIE, IN THE COUNTY OF CADDO, IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

ARTICLE III

THE TERM OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE FOR A PERPETUAL PERIOD OF TIME.

ARTICLE IV

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:

- A. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, cultural, social and other purposes deemed necessary and concurrent with the intent and mean of the guidelines stated herein.
- B. The corporation shall promote and perpetuate tribal culture, tradition, and ritual originating within the Kiowa tribe; operating independently without sponsorship of any individual(s) or any other civic or Indian organization(s).
- C. To retain and preserve the cultural heritage of the Kiowa tribe through the promotion of an annual Kiowa occasion of; presentation of music, dance, arts, crafts, sports and other recreational activities, foods, religious ceremonies, etc., dissemination of higher education career choices and health related information.

ARTICLE V

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:

The enrolled members of the Kiowa tribe who have served in the official capacity of “**Kiowa Tribal Princess**” during the American Indian Exposition.

Each newly elected or selected Kiowa Tribal Princess, enrolled Kiowa, and in **good standing** is accepted as a new voting member upon completion of her **official year.**

Upon becoming a member of the Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority in **good standing and enrolled in the Kiowa Tribe**, she can be entitled to the privileges of acquiring a Kiowa tribal automobile registration and tag with the Tribal Princess logo and year and the Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority organization shawl.

Any Kiowa Tribal Princess who removes herself from enrollment with the Kiowa Tribe and enrolls with another tribe after **1 January 2011 will be removed from the Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority membership** by the governing body of the organization.

Any Kiowa Tribal Princess who have been convicted of any felonious act by court of law, or have displayed conduct unbecoming to a princess, such as having cohabitated with a male prior to and/or during her reign or becoming pregnant during her year (as defined by the governing body of organization); and not in the best interest of the members of this organization **shall be removed from their sorority membership as soon as possible by the Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority.**

ARTICLE VI

KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY ORGANIZATION MEETINGS:

- A. Monthly organizational meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month of the calendar year (calendar year Jan.1-Dec 31).
- B. Special meetings may be called in urgent situations any time other than the regular scheduled monthly meetings. (The President shall have full authority to call such meetings of either nature. In the absence of the President, the Vice- President shall have full authority to call such meetings).
- C. Whenever three (3) members of the Executive Committee and four (4) of the active members are convened it shall constitute a quorum and business shall be conducted.

ARTICLE VII

THERE SHALL BE FOUR (4) ELECTED EXECUTIVE POSITIONS WHICH CONSIST OF A **PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.**

The **executive committee shall act** as executive governing body directed **by policy and directives from** the organization's **GOVERNING BODY-[THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESENT AT EACH ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/ACTIVITY]; EXCEPT-under emergency situations**, where they will then **call** and an executive session and carry out the decision **of the executive committee according to majority vote.**

Any official who have been convicted of any felonious act by court of law, absent from two (2), consecutive monthly meetings, with the exception of those living outside the 50 mile radius of Carnegie, OK; without **just cause** and/or have displayed conduct unbecoming to an official (as defined by the governing body of organization); and not in the best interest of the members of this organization **shall be removed from their positions as soon as possible.**

Absenteeism without just cause means that the incumbent deliberately misses meetings. Sickness, death in the family and other emergency situations shall be deemed as justifiable reasons.

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- A. Preside over and conduct monthly meetings and special meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedures, to have full authority to review all records pertaining to business, secretarial and financial matters.
- B. Receive, acknowledge and convey all monetary, material and gifts in any other forms to the Secretary and Treasurer for recording.
- C. **NOT** enter into any business transactions, leases or obligations for and on behalf of this organization without the consent of the officials and the members.
- D. In the **event of a tie** in voting, the President shall have the privilege of casting the deciding vote.
- E. In the **event the position of President is vacated by** absenteeism, removal, resignation or death, the Vice-President shall be elevated the position of President, effective immediately.

SECTION 2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL:

- A. **In the absence of the President**, preside over and conduct monthly meetings and special meetings in accordance with parliamentary procedures; assume the President' duties; have full authority to review all records pertaining to business, secretarial and financial matters, to receive, acknowledge and convert all monetary, material and gifts of any other forms to the Secretary and Treasurer for recording.
- B. **NOT** enter into any business transactions, leases or obligations, for and on behalf of this organization without the consent of the officials and the members.
- C. In the **event the position of the Vice-President is vacated by** absenteeism, removal, resignation or death, an election shall be held at the next monthly meeting to fill this position.

SECTION 3. THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- A. Maintain a current membership roster, a copy of the organization's Constitution & By-Laws, all records and other papers pertaining to business transactions; keep minutes of all monthly and special meetings in a book provided for this purpose.
- B. Prepare minutes in a proper form for reading and give a copy of those minutes to all Executive Officers. (Upon written request, members may obtain a copy of minutes, as deemed necessary by Exec. Officers).
- C. Be responsible for monitoring, mailing and receiving all organization's correspondence.
- D. Issuing written invitations of organization's events, as necessary; mailing all meeting notices to members and newspapers.
- E. **NOT** enter into any business transactions, leases or obligations for and on behalf of this organization without the consent of the officials and the members.
- F. In the **event the position of the Secretary is vacated by** absenteeism, removal, resignation or death, an election shall be held at the next monthly meeting to fill this position.

SECTION 4. THE TREASURER SHALL:

- A. Be responsible for receiving and recording all monetary, material and gifts in any other forms from the Secretary for deposit and safekeeping.

- B. Deposit all monetary contributions in a solvent bank where it is convenient for this organization and review by all authorized persons.
- C. Have available an itemized account, information regarding assets, expenditures, income and pledges for review at all times.
- D. Receive bank statements; issue a statement showing expenses, deposits and balance of the bank account at each monthly meeting. **All Withdrawals** shall be made by check(s) co-signed by the President or any one (1) of the two persons on the account.
- E. **Not** enter into any business transactions, leases or obligations for and on behalf of this organization without the consent of the officials and the members.
- F. In the **event the position of Treasurer is by** absenteeism, removal, resignation or death, an election shall be held at the next monthly meeting to fill this position.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF EXECUTIVE AND OTHER POSITIONS OF OFFICE:

An **election** shall be held every **two (2) years** for the **executive** positions of **President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer** during the month of **August on the day of the Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority Princess reception during the American Indian Exposition**. The term of office will be for two (2) years, unless incumbent has resigned, been removed from office because of excessive absenteeism without just cause, felonious acts or by death. In this event, a special election will be held.

SECTION 1. ELECTION PROCEDURES:

- A. The election shall be conducted by Native American customs and traditions, by secret ballot; whichever is decided by the governing body of this organization present at the election.
- B. No one may vote for the elected officer who is not a member of this organization (membership records will decide any contested voting rights).
- C. A member shall have **only one (1) vote**.
- D. There will be no proxy votes at election.
- E. A majority is one (1) more the ½ of the voting members; the nominee who receives the most votes shall be elected.

SECTION 2. POSITIONS TERM OF OFFICE:

- A. The newly elected official shall take office one (1) month or thirty (30) days after the completion of the annual election.
- B. Those elected under special/emergency situations at special elections will immediately take office.
- C. *******SPECIAL TERMS----**First election for the Executive officials to proceed as follows:

President and secretary elected for two (2) years.

Vice-President and Treasurer elected for one (1) year.

After the first election; terms of office shall be: **ALL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS' TERMS OF OFFICE WILL BE FOR A DURATION OF TWO (2) YEARS. THE ELECTION OF THESE POSITIONS WILL BE STAGGERED.**

ARTICLE IX

OTHER COMMITTEES:

The elected officials reserve the right to create any types of committees and establish guidelines for such committees.

Committee members may be appointed or elected by the elected officials.

Committee coordinators/chairperson shall be appointed by the elected officials and shall be responsible for the committee's functioning.

Committees may be terminated at any time during the monthly or special meeting, by a majority vote by the executive officers and members present.

The right of the elected officials to create committees will be under the directives and policies of the governing body of this organization; and may be revoked at any time during monthly and special meeting (as deemed necessary by the same governing body).

ARTICLE X

OTHER PURPOSES:

- A. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) 2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law)."

"Upon the dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future tax code), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, a said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose."

ARTICLE XI

THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE **AMENDED BY TWO-THIRDS (/23) OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT**
AT ANY **MONTHLY** MEETING.