

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
GREATER OZARK CHAPTER
YMCA ALUMNI**

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission statement of the Greater Ozark Chapter of YMCA Alumni is to enable members to promote a nurturing world-wide Christian fellowship that provides educational, social, service, and charitable opportunities.

**ARTICLE I
NAME and SERVICE AREA**

The name of this organization shall be The Greater Ozark Chapter of YMCA Alumni. The Greater Ozark Chapter area of service includes Missouri, Kansas from Wichita eastward, and North Central Arkansas. Membership in the chapter is not limited to persons from these areas.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE and AFFILIATION**

The purpose of the Greater Ozark Chapter of YMCA Alumni is to provide opportunities for YMCA Alumni members to experience educational, social, service, spiritual, fellowship, and charitable opportunities, and provide opportunities to maintain meaningful relationships with local YMCAs and the National YMCA.

Affiliation: The Chapter is affiliated with YMCA Alumni, incorporated by the State of Illinois as a non-profit organization exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now in effect or as may be hereafter amended.

**ARTICLE III
OFFICERS**

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Member Contact Person. They shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve a term of three years in accordance with the calendar of YMCA Alumni or until their successors are elected. In the event an officer shall be unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the Executive Committee, Article VI, shall have the power and authority to elect a replacement until the next annual meeting.

Duties of the officers are as follows:

The President shall:

- a. Be an Elected officer
- b. Watch faithfully over the interest and affairs of the Chapter
- c. Preside over all meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee
- d. Represent the Chapter on the General Council of AYR or appoint a designate
- e. Appoint such committees, chairpersons, and special committees as are needed to carry out the objectives of the Chapter.

The Vice President shall:

- a. Be an Elected Officer
- b. Preside at meetings in the absence of the President
- c. Assist the President as mutually agreed
- d. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee
- e. Be accountable for planning and organizing the annual chapter meeting

The Secretary shall:

- a. Be an Elected Officer
- b. Keep the minutes of the Chapter and Executive Committee meetings
- c. Preserve the essential historical and annual records of the Chapter
- d. Maintain a record of membership
- e. Conduct correspondence of the Chapter
- f. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Be an Elected Officer
- b. Maintain a record of membership and dues for the Chapter
- c. Receive, protect, and disburse all monies of the Chapter when authorized
- d. Submit a financial report at each Chapter and Executive meeting
- e. Act as registrar of the annual meeting
- f. Submit a membership and financial report to YMCA Alumni office at the end of the year
- g. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee

The Newsletter Editor shall:

- a. Be an elected officer
- b. Publish a chapter newsletter at least twice a year
- c. Serve as a member of the Executive Committee
- d. Promote activities and report on activities of the chapter
- e. Send out special news as required.

The Member Contact Person shall:

- a. Be an Elected Officer
- b. Maintain contact with chapter members calling or sending birthday, anniversary, and special occasion greetings on behalf of the chapter.
- c. Inform chapter members of health concerns and special recognition chapter members may have received.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Greater Ozark Chapter of YMCA Alumni are individuals who support the mission and purpose as evidenced by the payment of annual dues. Members must be former or current YMCA employees, spouses or surviving spouses, partners or significant others or surviving partners or significant others of former YMCA employees.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Meetings shall consist of the annual meeting held every Spring, or as designated by the Executive Committee. All meetings shall be held at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee. Members shall be notified of meetings at least thirty days in advance. Local groups of Y Alumni members are encouraged to have fellowship gatherings in addition to the annual chapter meetings to promote & encourage future membership in YMCA ALUMNI.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Committees shall consist of the following:

- a. An Executive Committee which includes the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, Newsletter Editor, and Member Contact Person. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the business of the chapter, the program of each meeting, and such other duties as the chapter shall direct.
- b. A Nominating Committee composed of past presidents shall present a slate of officers to be elected at the annual meeting every three years. It shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President.
- c. Other committees may be appointed by the President, or the Executive Committee as needed.

ARTICLE VII ANNUAL DUES

Annual YMCA Alumni membership dues for the forthcoming period, January 1 – December 31, are payable to the national YMCA Alumni organization by December 31, of each year. Annual membership dues include affiliation with both national YMCA Alumni and the Greater Ozark alumni chapter. The amount of the annual membership dues is determined by adding together the national dues amount established by the YMCA Alumni board, and the chapter dues portion set by the Greater Ozark chapter. Upon receipt of membership dues, the national YMCA Alumni treasurer will forward the chapter portion of the dues to the Greater Ozark chapter treasurer. The Greater Ozark chapter portion of the dues may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote by active members present at an annual chapter meeting. Notification of dues renewal shall be sent to all eligible members for the coming year by the national YMCA Alumni office. Membership dues are waived for the first year in joining YMCA Alumni.

ARTICLE VIII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Greater Ozark Chapter YMCA Alumni shall be January 1, to December 31, to coincide with the National YMCA Alumni fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX FUNDS

All funds shall be deposited in an account entitled, "Greater Ozark Chapter **YMCA Alumni.**" All expenditures shall be made by check from that account and may be signed by either the President, Vice-President, or Treasurer.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This constitution and by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting by the majority vote, provided at least thirty days' notice of the proposed amendments has been mailed or emailed to all members at their last known address.

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(Amended April 23, 2009) – changed term of officers to 3 years

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Amended April 14 2011 – Article II (affiliation)

Amended April 11 2012 – Article VII Membership dues and fiscal year

Amended April 22, 2022