

UPSTATE TURF ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name – Purposes

SECTION I. The name of this organization shall be the UPSTATE TURF ASSOCIATION.

SECTION II. The purpose of the Association shall be as follows:

- A. To promote the art and science of the turf grass management and operations through the interchange of ideas, techniques, and methods by all member of the Association.
- B. To encourage cooperation with other Associations and organizations whose interest complement those of this Association; and
- C. To promote justice, benevolence, and education to and for its members.

ARTICLE II

Membership

SECTION I. Membership classes shall be as follows:

Regular Members. To qualify as a Regular Member, the applicant must submit proof of active involvement in the field of turf grass operations. Regular Members shall have all the privileges of the Association.

Life Members. Any voting Member of the Association may submit to the Executive Committee, in writing, the name(s) of any current member(s) of the Association who have made significant contributions to the Association for consideration of Life Membership in the Association. Life Members shall have all the privileges of the Association except that they shall be excused from payment of all dues and assessments levied by the Association.

ARTICLE III

Dues – Non-Payment of Dues

- SECTION I. Annual dues shall be a sum fixed at any annual meeting of the Association as approved by a majority vote of all voting members present. Such dues shall be payable annually. The Association shall operate on a January 1st through December 31st fiscal year.
- SECTION II. Annual dues shall be paid at or before the first regular meeting of the Association of each calendar year.
- SECTION III. Where necessary for the continued solvency of the Association, in the opinion of a majority of voting members present at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Association, there may be levied an assessment in addition to annual dues, to be paid by all Members except Life Members. However, such an assessment shall not be levied more than once in any fiscal year and shall not exceed annual dues fixed for that year.
- SECTION IV. All Members whose dues remain in arrears following the second regular meeting of the calendar year or assessment remains in arrears for 30 days following the date of notification shall be dropped from the membership roll without further notification.

ARTICLE IV

Officers – Board Members

- SECTION I. There shall be elected by a majority vote of voting members present at each annual meeting of the Association the following officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. No person shall be elected to any of these offices unless he is a Member in good standing of the Association. The President and Vice-President may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in their respective offices, but may be re-elected to the same office after a full term of office has expired. The Secretary/Treasurer may continue in office until such time as another person is elected to that office. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors until another President is retired.
- SECTION II. There shall likewise be constituted a Board of Directors composed of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and six (6) Directors. Directors shall be elected for a two year term, but they may be re-elected by the membership.
- SECTION III. The officers of the Association together with the Board of Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee.

SECTION IV. Vacancies in any office or directorship shall be filled only by voting members in good standing in the Association. Appointments made under the terms of this Section shall be for the duration of the unexpired term of the office vacated.

SECTION V. The duties and powers of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- A. The Executive Committee shall have general charge and management of the affairs of the Association.
- B. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee each year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) voting members in good standing in the Association. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of nominees for the elective offices under consideration.
- C. Vacancies occurring in elective offices of the Association shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

SECTION I. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the first meeting of each calendar year; the location, time, and place to be designated by the Executive Committee.

SECTION II. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held bimonthly. The location, time, and place shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

SECTION III. There shall be a registration fee for all regularly scheduled meetings of the Association. The amount shall be set by the Executive Committee prior to each meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

SECTION I. These Bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting, provided that each proposed amendment is submitted in writing and mailed to each Member at their last known address.

SECTION II. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all voting members present shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment.