BY-LAWS

OF

AMERICAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. OFFICES. The corporation shall continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered office and a registered agent whose business office is identical with such registered office and may have other offices within or without the state.

SECTION 2. NONPROFIT STATUS.

- (a) Nonprofit Legal Status. American Powerlifting Federation, Inc. is an Illinois non-profit corporation.
- (b) <u>Distribution upon Dissolution</u>. Upon termination or dissolution, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one or more qualifying non-profit organizations which organization or organizations have a non-profit purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. PURPOSES. This nonprofit corporation is organized substantially for the purposes of pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes exclusively within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, carry on or engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: 1) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

The primary purpose, aim, and objective of the corporation shall be as follows:

- (a) To operate and promote powerlifting for sport and recreation;
- (b) To be advocates of improving rights for powerlifters;
- (c) To provide fellowship amongst members by offering a variety of participation opportunities in scheduled meets;
- (d) To provide for and promote powerlifting to Members.

ARTICLE III

Members

- **SECTION 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERS**. The corporation shall have one class of members. The qualifications of the members shall be as follows:
 - (a) Open to all individuals;
 - (b) family members under age 18 may participate in activities when: (a) accompanied by a parent or guardian; and, (b) with a parent/guardian signed waiver for the activity on file with the club;
 - (c) No individual shall be ineligible on the basis of race, religion, gender, or creed.
 - **SECTION 2. VOTING RIGHTS.** The Members shall have no voting rights.
- **SECTION 3. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Directors by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the board may suspend or expel a member for cause, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues or engages in conduct detrimental to the image of the club or safety of its Members or general public.
- **SECTION 4. RESIGNATION.** Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.
- **SECTION 5. REINSTATEMENT.** Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board, reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.
- **SECTION 6. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.** Membership in this corporation is not transferable or assignable.
- **SECTION 7. NO MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES.** No membership certificates of the corporation shall be required.
- **SECTION 8. WAIVER.** A member shall not be in good standing if he or she fails to sign an annual waiver assuming full responsibility for any and all injury or liability and waiving club liability for any accident, injury or loss incurred at any club-sanctioned activity. All parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign a waiver for any individual under the age of eighteen (18) and any non-club participants shall sign a waiver.

ARTICLE III

INENTIONALLY OMMITTED

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of its Board of Directors. A majority of the Board of Directors may establish reasonable compensation for their services and the services of other officers, irrespective of any personal interest.

SECTION 2. NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS. The number of directors shall be three. Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of members and until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified. The number of directors may be decreased to not fewer than three or increased to any number from time to time by amendment of this section, unless the articles of incorporation provide that a change in the number of directors shall be made only by amendment of the articles of incorporation. No decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of an incumbent director.

SECTION 3. REGULAR MEETINGS. A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than these bylaws, immediately after, and at the same place as the annual meeting of members. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings of the board without other notice than such resolution.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or any two directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the board may fix any place as the place for holding any special meeting of the board called by them.

SECTION 5. NOTICE. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two days previous thereto by written notice to each director at his or her address as shown by the records of the corporation except that no special meeting of directors may remove a director unless written notice of the proposed removal is delivered to all directors at least 20 days prior to such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegram company. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors may be waived in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to the notice either before or after the time of the meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these bylaws.

SECTION 6. QUORUM. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that if less than a majority of the directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the directors are present may adjourn the meeting to another time without further notice.

- **SECTION 7. MANNER OF ACTING.** The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by statute, these bylaws, or the articles of incorporation. No director may act by proxy on any matter.
- **SECTION 8.** VACANCIES. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors or any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors unless the articles of incorporation, a statute, or these bylaws provide that a vacancy or a directorship so created shall be filled in some other manner, in which case such provision shall control. A director elected or appointed, as the case may be, to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.
- **SECTION 9. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS.** A director may resign at any time upon written notice to the Board of Directors. A director may be removed with or without cause, as specified by statute.
- **SECTION 10. INFORMAL ACTION BY DIRECTORS.** The authority of the Board of Directors may be exercised without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action taken, is signed by all of the directors entitled to vote.

SECTION 11. COMPENSATION.

- (a) <u>Directors</u>. A majority of the Board of Directors may establish reasonable compensation for their services and the services of other officers, irrespective of any personal interest. The board may adopt policies providing for reasonable reimbursement of directors for expenses incurred in conjunction with carrying out board responsibilities, such as travel expenses to attend board meetings.
- (b) <u>Professionals</u>. The Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of a majority of directors then in office, shall have authority to establish reasonable compensation of all directors for professional services provided to the corporation, notwithstanding any director's conflict of interest. Such remuneration shall be reasonable and fair to the corporation and must be reviewed and approved in accordance with the Conflict-of-Interest provisions in these Bylaws and state law.
- (c) Other Service. No such payment previously mentioned in this section shall preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation therefor.
- **SECTION 12. PRESUMPTION OF ASSENT.** A director of the corporation who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which action on any corporation matter is taken shall be conclusively presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his or her dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he or she shall file his or her written dissent to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before the adjournment thereof

or shall forward such dissent by registered or certified mail to the secretary of the corporation immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to director who voted in favor of such action.

ARTICLE V

Officers

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, one or more vice presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a treasurer, a secretary, and such other officers as may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors. Officers whose authority and duties are not prescribed in these bylaws, shall have the authority and perform the duties prescribed, from time to time, by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his or her death or until he or she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Election of an officer shall not of itself create contract rights.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract right, if any, of the person so removed.

SECTION 4. PRESIDENT. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation. Subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors, he or she shall be in charge of the business and affairs of the corporation; he or she shall see that the resolutions and directives of the Board of Directors are carried into effect except in those instances in which that responsibility is assigned to some other person by the Board of Directors; and, in general, he or she shall discharge all duties incident to the office of president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. Except in those instances in which the authority to execute is expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the corporation or a different mode of execution is expressly prescribed by the Board of Directors or these bylaws, he or she may execute for the corporation any contracts, deeds, mortgages, bonds, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and he or she may accomplish such execution either under or without the seal of the corporation and either individually or with the secretary, any assistant secretary, or any other officer thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, according to the requirements of the form of the instrument. He or she may vote all securities which the corporation is entitled to vote except as and to the extent such authority shall be vested in a different officer or agent of the corporation by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. VICE-PRESIDENT. The vice-president (or in the event there be more than one vice-president, each of the vice-presidents) shall assist the president in the discharge of his or her duties as the president may direct and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the president or the Board of Directors. In the absence of the president or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the vice-president (or in the event there be more than one vice-president, the vice-presidents, in the order designated by the Board of Directors, or by the president if the Board of Directors has not made such a designation, or in the absence of any designation, then in the order of their tenure) shall perform the duties of the president and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the president. Except in those instances in which the authority to execute is expressly delegated to another officer or agent of the corporation or a different mode of execution is expressly prescribed by the Board of Directors or these bylaws, the vice-president (or any of them if there is more than one) may execute for the corporation any contracts, deeds, mortgages, bonds or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, and he or she may accomplish such execution either under or without the seal of the corporation and either individually or with the secretary, any assistant secretary, or any other officer thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, according to the requirements of the form of the instrument.

SECTION 6. TREASURER. The treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the corporation. He or she shall (a) have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the corporation; (b) have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the corporation, and be responsible therefor, and for the receipt and disbursement thereof; and (c) perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the president or by the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 7. SECRETARY. The secretary shall (a) record the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; (c) be a custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation; (d) keep a register of the post office address of each member which shall be furnished to the secretary by such member; and (e) perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the president or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. NON-DIRECTOR OFFICERS. The Board of Directors may designate additional officer positions of the corporation and may appoint and assign duties to other non-director officers of the corporation, including an executive director, assistant treasurer, assistant secretary or others who shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, the treasurer or the secretary, respectively, or by the president or the Board of Directors. If required by the Board of Directors, the assistant treasurer(s) shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 9. SALARIES. The salaries of the officers shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director of the corporation, subject to the limitations provided in Article IV.

ARTICLE VI

Committee, Commissions and Advisory Boards

- **SECTION 1. COMMITTEES.** The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office may designate one or more committees, each of which will consist of two or more directors and/or members and such other persons as the Board of Directors designates.
- **SECTION 2. COMMISSIONS OR ADVISORY BODIES.** Commissions or advisory bodies not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the corporation may be designated or created by the Board of Directors and shall consist of such person as the Board of Directors designates. A commission or advisory body may or may not have directors as members, as the Board of Directors determines. The commission or advisory body may not act on behalf of the corporation or bind it to any actions but may make recommendations to the Board of Directors or to the officers of the corporation.
- **SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE.** Each member of a committee, advisory board or commission shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members of the corporation and until his or her successor is appointed, unless the committee, advisory board or commission shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, advisory board or commission by the Board of Directors, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.
- **SECTION 4. CHAIRMAN.** One member of each committee, advisory board or commission shall be appointed chairman.
- **SECTION 5. VACANCIES.** Vacancies in the membership of any committee, advisory board or commission may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.
- **SECTION 6. QUORUM.** Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, advisory board or commission, a majority of the whole committee, advisory board or commission shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee, advisory board or commission.
- **SECTION 7. RULES.** Each committee, advisory board or commission may adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. INFORMAL ACTION. The authority of a committee may be exercised without meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action taken, is signed by all the members entitled to vote.

SECTION 9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. An Executive Committee shall be made up of Members and Directors with no ratio or number required and shall have no more than eight (8) individual members and Directors. The function of the Executive Committee is to vote on which competition bids provided to the Executive Committee by the officers of the corporation which may be accepted by the corporation. A vote of at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee is necessary to effectuate the recommendation to the Board of Directors. All votes in favor of a particular bid shall be subject to veto by the Board of Directors, but shall not be unnecessarily denied. The Executive Committee may vote to amend rules. The Executive Committee shall have no other matters on which to vote unless brought to the Executive Committee by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

SECTION 1. CONTRACTS. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority it may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 2. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the treasurer or an assistant treasurer and countersigned by the president or a vice president of the corporation.

SECTION 3. DEPOSITS. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 4. GIFTS. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

Certificates of Membership

SECTION 1. CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of certificates evidencing membership in the corporation which shall be in such form as may be determined by the board. Such certificates shall be signed by the president

or a vice president and by the secretary or an assistant secretary and may bear the corporation's seal, which may be in facsimile. The name and address of each member shall be entered on the records of the corporation. If any certificate shall become lost, mutilated, or destroyed, a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may determine.

ARTICLE IX

Books and Records

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Dues

SECTION 1. ANNUAL DUES. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the corporation by members.

SECTION 2. PAYMENT OF DUES. Dues shall be payable on the first day of the month after a Member's first year of membership and each year thereafter on the same date.

SECTION 3. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Dues are considered delinquent if not paid on the anniversary of initial membership. Any unpaid dues or other balance owed to the club shall result in the Member losing his or her "good standing." When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues, his or her membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article II of these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

Seal

No corporate seal is required. If the Directors elect to have a corporate seal, the corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Illinois." The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced, provided that the affixing of the corporate seal to an instrument shall not give the instrument additional force or effect or change the construction thereof. The use of the corporate seal is not mandatory.

ARTICLE XIII

Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of Illinois or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice thereof unless the person at the meeting objects to the holding of the meeting because proper notice was not given.

ARTICLE XIV

Indemnification

SECTION 1. CRIMINAL ACTIONS. The corporation may indemnify a director of the corporation or former director of the corporation, who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she was a party because he or she is or was a director of the corporation against reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that the person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

SECTION 2. CIVIL ACTIONS. The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a part or is threatened to be made a part to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, provided that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation, unless, and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnify

for such expenses as the court shall deem property.

SECTION 3. RIGHT TO PAYMENT OF EXPENSES. To the extent that a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, or in defense of an claim, issue, or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

SECTION 4. DETERMINATION OF CONDUCT. Any indemnification under Sections 1 and 2 of this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case, upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 or 2 of this Article. Such determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding; or (b) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

SECTION 5. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES IN ADVANCE. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount, unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this Article.

SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION NOT EXCLUSIVE. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, or disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

SECTION 7. INSURANCE. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or who is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 8. REFERENCES TO CORPORATION. For purposes of this Article, references to "the corporation" shall include, in addition to the surviving corporation, any merging corporation (including any corporation having merged with a merging corporation) absorbed in a merger that, if its separate existence had continued, would have had the power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, employees, or agents, so that any person who was a director, officer, employee or agent of such merging corporation, or was serving at the request of such

merging corporation as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article with respect to the surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such merging corporation if its separate existence had continued.

SECTION 9. OTHER REFERENCES. For purposes of this Article, references to "other enterprises" shall include employee benefit plans; references to fines shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to serving at the request of the corporation shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation that imposes duties on or involves services by such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries. A person who acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner not opposed to the best interests of the corporation as referred to in this Article.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

The power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation or the bylaws. Such action may be taken at a regular or special meeting for which written notice of the purpose shall be given. The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the corporation not inconsistent with law or the articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE XVI

Conflicts of Interest

- A. If a transaction is fair to the corporation at the time it is authorized, approved, or ratified, the fact that a director of the corporation is directly or indirectly a party to the transaction is not grounds for invalidating the transaction.
- B. In a proceeding contesting the validity of a transaction described in subsection A of this Article, the person asserting validity has the burden of proving fairness unless the material facts of the transaction and the director's interest or relationship were disclosed or known to the Board of Directors and the board or committee authorized, approved, or ratified the transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of disinterested directors even though the disinterested directors were less than a quorum.
- C. The presence of a director who is directly or indirectly a party to the transaction described in subsection A of this Article or a director who is otherwise not disinterested may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present but may not be counted when the Board of Directors or a committee then takes action on the transaction.
 - D. For purposes of this Article, a director is "indirectly" a party to a transaction if the

other party to the transaction is an entity in which the director has a material financial in	terest or
of which the director is an officer, director, employee, member, or general partner.	

Certificate of Adoption of Bylaws

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