

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF
THE GREATER OMAHA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY**

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be **The Greater Omaha Cage Bird Society.**

ARTICLE II

Section I

The objectives of the Society are the study of foreign and native birds (except domestic poultry and pigeons); the dissemination of information among the members for the care, breeding and feeding of birds in captivity; the perpetuation of species that are threatened with extinction; the investigation and study of proposed and enacted legislation pertaining to aviculture; the activities to encourage and promote public interest in and an opportunity to exhibit a variety of caged birds; and the publication of matters pertaining to aviculture.

Section 2

The Society is organized and shall be conducted as a nonprofit organization and shall generate funds to be expended in its operation and in the attainment of its objectives as stated in Section I above.

ARTICLE III

Location

The Society is located in the State of Nebraska, U.S.A.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1

The Society shall consist of (1) regular members, those who own and/or breed birds, or are interested in the objectives of the society; (2) Junior members, those who are less than 16 years of age with an interest in aviculture; and (3) business associate members. All rights and privileges of the Society pertain to junior members except the right to vote or to hold an office. A family membership shall include all members residing in one dwelling. Junior memberships will be made available at a reduced rate for those under 16 whose families are not members. A single membership shall include only the person

whose name appears on the application form. A business associate membership will include all employees of a business at the same cost as a family membership and will allow free advertising in the newsletter. Family memberships are allowed a maximum of two votes and Business memberships are allowed one vote.

Section 2

Application for membership accompanied by the dues for the current year shall be made to the Membership Secretary.

Section 3

Annual dues shall be paid on or before the month of February. Drafts, checks, money orders, etc. shall be made payable to **The Greater Omaha Cage Bird Society**. Dues include the right for regular members to vote at all of the Society's meetings; the right for regular members to run for an office of the Society; for all members, a copy of the current roster; and to new members, in addition, a copy of the **Society's Constitution and Bylaws**. The Society's fiscal year is from the 1st of January to the 31st of December. The amount of the annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the regular members.

Section 4

Members not having paid annual dues by the 1st of February will be dropped from membership. A regular member who is delinquent in dues shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 5

Each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the annual election of officers, in any special election, or in the conduct of the Society's business meetings. The term regular member pertains to regular members as described in Section I above.

Section 6

A quorum shall consist of at least 10 regular members present at any Society meeting at which business is to be conducted. Unless otherwise specifically stated, a simple majority shall carry.

Section 7

All members of the Society shall actively participate in all Society functions, as possible; ensure that the Society's Constitution and Bylaws are upheld; encourage growth in the Society through encouragement of non-members; provide good avian husbandry to all aviculture in their care including provision of treatment for any avian disease.

Section 8

In the event it becomes necessary to reject or revoke a membership or restrict participation of a member in club activities for conduct that is detrimental to the club, action can be taken by a vote of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board are subject to the same rules. Action can be taken by a vote of the remaining Board Members.

Section 9

Members may bring birds to club meetings only after the bird(s) have completed a minimum of 30 days quarantine.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Trustees

Section 1

The elected officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. This body of officers and three trustees, elected from the general membership, shall be the Board of Directors. A Show Manager shall be appointed by Board of Directors each year. Other offices may be created or abolished at the discretion of the President as ratified by the membership.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall have full power to call and conduct necessary business of the Society between its regular meeting dates. The Society President shall act as Chair of the Board.

Section 3

The annual election of officers and trustees shall be held at the December meeting of the Society. Installation of the new officers shall take place at the January meeting.

Section 4

Should an elected officer or trustee be unable to fulfill the obligations of office, the office may be reassigned, protempore, by action of the Board of Directors until the next annual election. In elections held after March 1996, an officer or trustee of GOCBS can be a member of another bird club or society, but cannot hold an office in both clubs simultaneously, thus avoiding any perception of a conflict of interest.

Section 5

All officers shall be elected for terms of one year. The Trustees shall be elected for terms of three years, one to be replaced each year.

Section 6

Any officers or trustee that do not attend 3 consecutive monthly meetings will be removed from their elected position. The position will be filled through recruitment and/or appointment by the Board.

Section 7

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors thereof. The President shall be allowed to make recommendations. In voting matters, the President's vote is reserved for breaking a tie.

Section 8

The Vice-President may appoint a program committee and shall serve as program chair to plan programs for the Society's meetings; and shall assume the duties and authority of the President in his/her absence.

Section 9

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the records of the Society; publications of necessary notices; official Society correspondence other than that which is delegated to other officers; taking minutes of the Society's meetings; and maintaining liaison with other Society officers as events necessitate.

Section 10

The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for the recruitment of new members of the Society and all correspondence necessary to achieve that end; sending out in the mail, preceding the December meeting, a form for the renewal of memberships for the ensuing year; preparation of the membership of the Society's membership status in February; provide receipts for dues and a copy of the current membership roster for renewing and new members, and where appropriate, a copy of the Society's Constitution and Bylaws; maintaining a record of all active members; and remitting all moneys received to the Treasurer with the noting by the Treasurer with receipt for the same.

Section 11

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting all revenues and paying all authorized bills of the Society; filing a Treasurer's Report at each of the Society's business meetings;

and maintaining the Society financial account for presentation at the Society's business meetings governance as may be required.

Section 12

The newsletter editor will be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information relevant to GOCBS membership in a timely fashion. Newsletters are to arrive at member mailboxes 10 (ten) days' prior to the next scheduled meeting. Any changes in meeting schedules or newsletter schedule will be discussed at the meeting prior to the change taking effect.

Section 13

Trustees are responsible for ensuring the direction of the GOCBS officers in the pursuit of Society business and objectives. Trustees represent the general membership at large.

ARTICLE VI

Bird Fairs

Bird Fairs are the predominant fundraising activity of GOCBS, and a means of fulfilling our objectives as set out in Article II Section 1.

Section 1

Only Society members may rent a table and or participate in the fair. (This is an insurance ruling.)

Section 2

No persons of the public may be in restricted areas designated by GOCBS officers.

Section 3

Members renting tables will pay a set table rental fee on or before the day of the fair.

Section 4

Only fundraising activities which explicitly support GOCBS objectives may be conducted at GOCBS bird fairs. All proceeds of fund-raisers will be deposited in the GOCBS treasury account until disposition has been voted on.

Section 5

It is required that a minimum of two officers/board members be present at each fair. They shall be authorized to re-assign tables in the interest/welfare of birds (i.e., macaws next to frightened finches, etc.). They shall also be authorized to refund table rental fees and refuse participation to any member whose conduct/actions are deemed inappropriate or detrimental.

Section 6

GOCBS reserves the right to waive the membership requirement or table rental fee for organizations or individuals that further the objectives of GOCBS (i.e., promotion of bird related magazines that help educate the public about aviculture, guest speaker or veterinarian, etc.).

Section 7

For the safety of the birds, public and facility, members renting tables at the fair will clip wings on all birds that will be displayed out of their cages.

Section 8

Sale and/or display of unweaned birds at GOCBS bird fairs and/or shows is prohibited.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws document may be amended, added to, or otherwise changed by a simple majority vote of the regular members of the Society at any regular meeting called for the purpose of amending, adding to or changing the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. In such cases, a copy of the proposed revisions shall be mailed to each member at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendments, additions or changes are to be considered. Ballots of regular members who cannot attend, shall be counted. The Society Secretary shall provide the mailing ballot forms to regular members, with the mailing of proposed revisions.

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the Society, shall dispose of all the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such manner or to such organization or organizations under Section 601 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of

1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE IX

Section I

This Constitution and Bylaws, reviewed and revised as of January 21, 2001, shall govern the actions of the officers and any and all members of the Society.

Section 2

Robert's Rules of Order revised, shall prevail where bylaws of the Society do not cover.

ARTICLE X

Section 1

This Constitution and Bylaws, reviewed and revised as of November 16, 2008.

Section 2

In the event that actions that are deemed to be detrimental and or inappropriate, the following will serve as policy. This is in conjunction with Article IV, Section 8.

1. One year revocation of membership for actions that are not in the best interest of the Society.
2. Two years revocation of membership for events that result in the dismissal of a Society Board Member.
3. Five year revocation of membership for actions that could result in any libel or civil suits against the Society.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1

An Adoption Coordinator shall be appointed by the Board of Directors each year. This will take place after the installation of the new board in January. Assistants to the Adoption Coordinator may be appointed by the Adoption Coordinator but must be approved by the Board of Directors. The term of the Adoption Coordinator and the assistants shall be one year. The Board shall reserve the right to remove any of the above individuals with just cause at any time.

Section 2

The Greater Omaha Cage Bird Society's Board of Directors has full authority over the Adoption Coordinator, the assistants, and the Adoption Program.

Section 3

The Adoption Coordinator will provide a safe environment and quarantine zone for the Avian Species that are received into the program. This includes the proper diet and care for the different Avian Species.

Section 4

All forms of release and adoptions shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Board to be filed for record. All money received from adoptions or donations shall be submitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

Section 5

The Adoption Coordinator will report to the general assembly at the monthly meeting. This would include the Avian Species that are in the program and the Avian Species that have found new homes.

Section 6

The adoption procedure must have the approval of at least two people in the adoption program. In the event no other person within the adoption program is available, then the adoption must be approved by one person on the board of directors.

Section 7

The Adoption Coordinator shall provide all forms and publications to the general assembly that has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8

The Adoption Coordinator and assistants shall be limited to one personal adoption per year. Requests for additional adoptions shall be presented to the board of directors for approval.

Section 9

The adoption guidelines as approved by the board of directors shall be followed by the adoption coordinator and the assistants at all times.

Article XII

Section 1

In conjunction with Article V, section 4 an officer or trustee can hold a position of office simultaneously in other organizations. In the event of a conflict of interest, the Board of Directors shall review and make a determination of action needed to resolve the issues.

Article XIII

Section 1

This is a revision to the current by-law in Article V, section 5.

The office of President and Vice- President shall be elected for the term of two years, one to be replaced each year. All other officers shall be elected for terms of one year. The Trustees shall be elected for terms of three years, one to be replaced each year.

Section 2

This Constitution and By-Laws, reviewed and revised as of November 20, 2011.

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