

***BY-LAWS***  
***OF THE***  
***OKLAHOMA STATE GAME WARDENS ASSOCIATION***

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**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND DURATION OF ASSOCIATION**

This organization shall be known as the "Oklahoma State Game Wardens Association." A non-profit certificate of incorporation was issued to the Association on November 14, 1985 by the Oklahoma Secretary of State. Duration of the Association is perpetual.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVES**

This is a free and voluntary organization, dedicated to the preservation and protection of the bountiful natural fish and wildlife resources of the State of Oklahoma. The goals of the Association will be to encourage a stronger camaraderie among the Oklahoma State Game Wardens; to encourage and develop high standards and practices of professional wildlife law enforcement; to promote an increased public awareness of the activities performed by the Oklahoma State Game Wardens; to encourage public support and participation in natural resource protection; and to accomplish these purposes without disrupting the normal duties of the Oklahoma State Game Wardens.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Active members of the Association shall include only commissioned Game Wardens of the Law Enforcement Division of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Lifetime membership will be available, upon retirement, to any active member in good standing with the Association.

Associate memberships will be offered and such memberships will be limited to the provisions as set forth by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the Association by members of each class, and shall give appropriate notice to the members.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

An annual meeting of the members shall be held at a place and time prescribed by the Board of Directors, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered by mail to each member not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of such meeting. Members holding 65% of the votes that may be cast at any meeting shall constitute a quorum at such meeting.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Its board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors shall be made up of one representative from each Law Enforcement District of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. No such representative can be a Supervisor for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected from his or her own enforcement district and the term of office shall be as set forth below:

Districts 1-3-5-7, term to end June 30 of odd numbered year.

Districts 2-4-6-8, term to end June 30 of even numbered year.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on even numbered months. Special meetings may be called at the request of the President or any two (2) members of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall designate the date and place of each meeting at the close of the previous meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

Directors shall not receive any stated salaries for the services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, may be allowed a fixed sum for expenses of attendance at any meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI** (Amended October 14, 1987; June 02, 2001, and June 05, 2004)

### OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

These Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from within its own membership. The term of office shall be as set forth below:

Term shall be for three (3) years beginning July 01, 2004.

The several Officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified by the Board of Directors. In the absence of such specifications, each Officer shall discharge such duties as Officers of the same title serving in associations having similar general purposes as this Association.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMITTEES

The Board of directors may establish one or more committees to discharge whatever duties the Board may designate. These committees may be permanent or temporary as designated by resolution of the Board of

Directors. Members of such committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever the best interests of the Association shall be served by such removal.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **FUNDS, DEPOSITS, CHECKS, AND CONTRACTS**

All funds of the Association shall be deposited to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other Depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

The Board of Directors may accept, on behalf of the Association, any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for any purpose of the Association.

The Secretary or Treasurer or any other Officer of the Association shall sign all checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of the Association.

The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the Association to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association. Such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings for its members and Board of Directors.

Minutes of the previous meeting and a current financial statement shall be submitted for approval at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

All books and record of the Association may be inspected by any voting member or his attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January, in each year, and end at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of December of the same year.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

The by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new by-laws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, if at least five days notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, repeal, or adopt new by-laws at such meeting.

**APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS**

The forgoing by-laws, after being read section by section, were approved by the Board of Directors of this Association at a meeting held on: **August 27, 2004.**

Ronnie Arganbright Dist. 5

**DIRECTOR**

Dekota R. Cagle Dist. 7

**DIRECTOR**

Jay Harvey Dist. 3

**DIRECTOR**

Shelby K. Finney Dist. 8

**DIRECTOR**

Robert Fleenor Dist. 4

**DIRECTOR**

Michael S. France Dist. 6

**DIRECTOR**

Carlos Gomez Dist. 1

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