

By-Laws

Marion County Chamber of Commerce

(Amended on August 28, 2013)

Article V – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility Any reputable person, association, corporation, partnership, or estate having an interest in the objectives and purpose of the Chamber including any legally constituted association or organization that is of a non-partisan and non-political nature which is engaged in civic and cultural enrichment, or tourism, shall be eligible for membership. All membership applications shall be voted on and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors following the receipt of the membership application.

Section 2 – Dues Membership dues shall be at such rate or rates, schedule or formula as may be from time to time to be prescribed by the Board of Directors, payable annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, in advance, with at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual dues paid with a new member application or yearly membership renewal. If partial payment plans of semi-annual or quarterly, due on the first of the month are not paid by the fifteenth (15th) day of the same month, the member is considered late and will be required to pay the full balance of the annual membership fees to be considered a member in good standing. Membership Dues and/or fees will be set annually and will be fixed as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 - Reinstatement The Directors shall have the power to write-off the dues of any delinquent members and to re-instate them as a member upon payment of a one (1) year pledge in advance at time of readmission. The Directors may also rebate any balance of a member's pledge upon resignation, if so requested in writing by a member upon resignation.

Section 4 – Resignation All resignations shall be tendered to the Board of Directors in writing. A resignation received after a payment is due shall not relieve the member presenting such resignation from liability from the dues of the year entered upon.

Section 5 – Termination Any member's membership may be terminated at any time without refund of annual dues for any one and/or all of the following reasons. This action will be taken by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors present at a special meeting, emergency meeting or a regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

- Any member paying dues Annually whose dues are in arrears thirty (30) days or more shall be considered past due and delinquent and written notice printed and/or delivered electronically through email of this status shall be given to the member by the Treasurer or Administrative Manager. If, at the end of an additional fifteen (15) days after such notice, the member's dues remain unpaid, his/her membership shall be cancelled until dues are paid in full. Unless otherwise extended for good cause after written notice and opportunity for a closed hearing are afforded the member by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present.
- Any member paying dues Semi-Annually or Quarterly, whose dues are in arrears fifteen (15) days or more, shall be considered past due and delinquent and written notice of this status shall be given to the member by the Treasurer or Administrative Manager. If, at the end of an additional fifteen (15) days after such notice his/her membership shall be cancelled. In order to be reinstated as a member in good standing any member who has been paying Semi-Annually or Quarterly that has been cancelled for late payment must pay the remainder of the yearly fees due before reinstatement. Unless otherwise extended for good cause after notice and opportunity for a closed hearing are afforded the member by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors present.
- For conduct unbecoming a member.
- Any member whose actions are prejudicial to the aims or repute of the Chamber of Commerce Organization.
- Any member whose actions and /or interests are a conflict of interest with the Chamber of Commerce Organization.