

By-Laws

As Amended May 2023

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the Club shall be The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II – Objectives

The objectives shall be:

1. To provide a non-profit, philanthropic, and educational association for the members.
2. To stimulate knowledge and the love of gardening.
3. To study, in all its aspects, the art of gardening, particularly horticulture, and to cooperate with other agencies furthering such interest.
4. To encourage environmental improvement through civic development, beautification, restoration, and to aid in the protection and conservation of our native trees, plants, and birds.

ARTICLE III – Membership

SECTION 1

Any person maintaining a primary residence in New Hanover County, with the exception of any National Garden Club Inc. accredited judge, who is interested in the objectives for which The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. is formed and is willing to participate in its activities may qualify for membership.

SECTION 2

The active membership in The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be limited to a maximum of 300. The associate membership shall be limited to a maximum of 100.

SECTION 3

The membership in The Cape Fear Garden Club Inc. shall be Active, Associate, Provisional, Emeritus, and Honorary. All members are expected to work together cooperatively and respectfully for the good of the Club and community.

- A. An **Active Member** is required to attend three (3) general meetings and participate on at least one (1) committee during the year. Every member is expected to participate in the Azalea Garden Tour and is required to sit one shift in a garden during the Tour unless excused by the Azalea Tour Chair or her/his appointee. Each year Active members will be entitled to one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket. Any member who has not indicated her/his preference of committee or department will be assigned to one. Active members in good standing who change their residence from New Hanover County will be allowed to continue her/his Comembership only as long as she/he maintains the requirements of Active membership.
- B. An **Associate Member** shall evolve from the present membership provided she/he has been an Active Member for at least five (5) years and has applied in writing to the President for a change in membership status. An Associate Member may attend any Garden Club meeting and have all privileges except voting and presenting a name for membership. Associate members in good standing who change their residence from New Hanover County will be allowed to continue her/his membership only as long as she/he maintains the requirements of Associate membership. They will be required to sit one shift in a garden during the Azalea Tour unless excused by the Azalea Tour Chair or her/his appointee. Each year Associate members will be entitled to one non-refundable Azalea Garden Tour ticket.
- C. All new members are **Provisional Members** for the period of one year from Orientation to March the following year. Provisional membership requirements are serving on a committee, sitting one shift in a garden for the Azalea Garden Tour, purchasing an Azalea Garden Tour ticket, and attending 3 general meetings. Provisional Members may not Chair a committee or serve on the Executive Committee. Having fulfilled these requirements during the year of their Provisional membership, and upon majority vote of the Executive Committee at their March meeting, they will become Active Members with all rights and privileges. Provisional membership may be terminated at any time by 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee.
- D. An **Emeritus Member** is one who has been a member 40 years or more or has reached the age of 80. She/he need not pay dues and has the same privileges as an Active Member.
- E. An **Honorary Member** shall be one who has been honored for outstanding service to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Names shall be presented through the Membership Chairman and be approved by the Executive Committee and the General Membership.

SECTION 4

Proposal for Membership and Responsibilities:

Both Active and Emeritus members may propose one applicant annually for membership. The sponsoring member must have known their applicant for a minimum of one year prior to the date of signing the membership application and must write a letter of recommendation with the application. The signed membership application along with the nonrefundable application fee is submitted to the Membership Committee. January 1st shall be the deadline for accepting applications. The Membership chairman shall present the name of the applicant and sponsor at the January meeting after approval by the Executive Committee. The membership shall vote on the applicants at the February meeting. Orientation

meeting shall be mandatory. A makeup Orientation shall be held at the discretion of the Membership Chairman. New members shall be presented at the March meeting. The sponsoring member is responsible for mentoring their applicant during the application process, the waiting list period, orientation, and for the Provisional year of membership.

Applicants who are placed on a waiting list shall come under the purview of the New Members Committee and shall be invited to attend meetings with their sponsors and attend other events not restricted by Club By-Laws.

SECTION 5

Members who have resigned and desire to be reinstated shall be presented and elected by the Garden Club in the same manner as a new member.

SECTION 6

Associate Members desiring to be transferred to the active list will have precedence over new applicants for membership. All resignations and requests for change in membership status must be made in writing to the President by December 30. An associate member may be added to the active member list at any time during the year provided there is a vacancy.

SECTION 7

Transfers from federated Garden Clubs:

Members in good standing in other national Garden Clubs, (with the exception of federated Garden Clubs in New Hanover County) desiring to transfer membership to The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. must present a letter of recommendation from the Club where active membership is held. Approval shall be by voice vote and current dues must be paid. A fee of \$10.00 shall accompany the transfer application. This transfer may occur at any time during the Club year. Application forms shall be provided by the Membership Chairman.

SECTION 8

No person holding membership in another federated Garden Club in New Hanover County may be a member of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

SECTION 1

The Officers of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 2

All Officers shall be elected at the February meeting for a term of one year. No officer shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than one term, except the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 3

Upon presentation of each nominee and/or slate of officers by the Nominating Committee, if there is only one nominee for each office the vote may be taken via voice for each nominee. A nomination must be approved by the nominee prior to being submitted.

SECTION 4

To be eligible for nomination for the office of President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President, the nominee must have served on the Executive Committee for one full term and must have been a Club member for three years.

ARTICLE V – Meetings

Unless otherwise provided by the Executive Committee, the General Meetings of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be held monthly from September through May. The annual Christmas Tea (for members only) will be held in lieu of a December General Meeting. The Installation of Officers will be held at the May Luncheon meeting. In the event the Executive Committee, General Meeting, or Committee meeting cannot be held in person, an internet videoconference may be held.

- Unless otherwise published in Clippings or the yearbook, all members must be notified by email, mail, or telephone at least 2 days in advance.
- All members on the videoconference must be able to participate in aural communication.
- The videoconference monitor will mute everyone so that the recognized speaker can be heard.
- Any connection that is causing interference during the meeting may be disconnected by the President and will be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes
- A member will be recognized by the President with a raised hand whether by electronic hand or actual hand.
- Motions must be submitted in writing to the President, Recording Secretary, and approved through the Executive Committee before presented to the members.
- Each member is responsible for maintaining an internet connection during the meeting; no action shall be invalidated due to member's loss of or poor quality of their internet connection.
- Each member will be notified via email how to join the meeting and meeting start time.
- Votes will be conducted by poll sent to each member connected or by show of hands if feasible.
- Attendance can be verified by attendance report at the end of the meeting. In the event videoconferencing is available when a General Meeting is held in person, the meeting will also be available via live streaming.

ARTICLE VI – Duties of the Officers

SECTION 1

Officers elected at the February meeting shall take office at the close of the meeting in May or by June 1.

SECTION 2

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Garden Club and of the Executive Committee and shall perform such duties as regularly pertain to the office and shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She/he shall appoint the Chaplain, Computer Registrar, Historian, Librarian, News Director, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarians, Photographer, Projectionist and Registrar, and a current chair for all committees unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws. In the event that the current Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Azalea Garden Tour is unable to fulfill her/his duties, the President shall appoint a Chairman or Vice-Chairman with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall serve as Third Vice President following her/his term of office.

SECTION 3

The First Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to act. She/he shall accompany the President to District and State Garden Club meetings. She/he shall make arrangements for location, seating, and equipment for each monthly meeting. She/he shall become President. She/he shall serve as Yearbook Committee Vice Chair.

SECTION 4

The Second Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President. She/he shall be Chairman of the Program Committee. She/he, with the help of the Program Committee, shall be responsible for programs for the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. She/he shall be Vice Chair of the Awards Committee for her/his year in office.

SECTION 5

The Third Vice President, who is the immediate past President, shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. She/he shall present an orientation program, assisted by the Membership Chairman, for the new members. She/he shall be chairman of the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 6

The Recording Secretary shall keep records of all meetings of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Garden Club, notify applicants by letter on official Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. stationary, to be mailed immediately after applicants are approved by the general membership. The Corresponding Secretary shall order stationery as needed.

SECTION 8

The Treasurer shall handle all money of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and keep a record thereof; all monies pertaining to the Garden Tours are to be kept in a separate account. She/he shall pay all bills and file receipts for all such disbursements. She/he shall make a monthly report of all receipts and expenditures to the Executive Committee and to the Membership and give a full report for the year at the annual meeting in May. She/he shall collect dues and shall send to the Treasurer of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. the amount due by April 1. If dues are not paid by the October general meeting, she/he shall send a written notice to all delinquent members. If dues are not paid by November 15, a second notice shall be sent. She/he shall serve as chair of the Budget Committee. The Club will provide for a review of both The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. and the Azalea Garden Tour financial records. Each year, the Treasurer shall be responsible for the Federal Form and State Form of Return of Organization Exempt from income tax on or before the date required.

SECTION 9

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist and become familiar with all the duties of the Treasurer and, if the need arises, the President and/or the Assistant Treasurer may sign checks in place of the Treasurer.

SECTION 10

The Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional at all meetings.

SECTION 11

The Historian shall keep a scrapbook of all The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. activities.

SECTION 12

The Librarian shall select memorial books in honor of deceased members, who are currently members, to be placed in the Public Library. All past Presidents, whether current members or not, shall be so memorialized. An up-to-date list of these books shall be given each year to the President and Recording Secretary, Chaplain, 1st Vice President, and Newsletter Editor. She/he will be responsible for placing the current yearbook, annual Minutes (at the end of two years), and Historian's Book on file in the Public Library/North Carolina Room.

SECTION 13

The News Director shall approve all news releases of Garden Club activities and work with the media. She/he will oversee maintenance of all Club internet activities with the approval of the Executive Committee. The News Director shall chair the Media and Communications Committee and shall approve all news releases of Cape Fear Garden Club activities and oversee maintenance of online activities.

SECTION 14

The Registrar shall keep a record of attendance at all general meetings.

SECTION 15

The Computer Registrar shall maintain the official membership list.

SECTION 16

The Newsletter Editor shall collect information and publish and distribute "Clippings" prior to each general meeting.

SECTION 17

Parliamentarian shall apply the rules of parliamentary procedure according to *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*. A parliamentarian shall attend all executive Committee Meetings and general meetings of the Club.

SECTION 18

Projectionist shall accumulate and prepare information to be projected on the screen at General Meetings of the Club.

SECTION 19

Photographer shall photograph and document activities of the Club, with exclusion of responsibility for Azalea Garden Tour as this committee has a separate appointed photographer.

ARTICLE VII – Executive Committee

SECTION 1

The Executive Committee shall be composed of Elected and Appointed Officers, Chair of Departments, Chair of Standing Committees, and the Chair of special committees. Each Department, Standing and Special Committees will have one vote on the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall approve all proposals before they are presented to the Membership for approval. All expenses of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be approved by the Executive Committee and reported to the Membership for their approval.

SECTION 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month during the Garden Club year, except December. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. A vote may be allowed by email or mail if all Executive Committee members are contacted and a response has constituted a quorum. Record of this shall be made by the Recording Secretary and kept in her/his minutes.

SECTION 4

Twenty members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5

In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the First Vice President shall become President and preside at Executive Committee meetings. Vacancies occurring in any other office shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII – Dues

SECTION 1

The Annual Dues for each Member shall be established by the Budget Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee and the general membership and will be published in the yearbook each year. The Budget Committee will take into account the price of the coming year's Azalea Garden Tour ticket when establishing Annual Dues. Emeritus Members have the privilege of not paying dues to the Cape Fear Garden Club but may maintain their state and national dues by reimbursing the Treasurer annually for that expense.

SECTION 2

Annual dues are payable in September for the ensuing fiscal year. If dues are not paid by September 30th, the Treasurer shall send an email reminder. If dues are not paid by October 31st the treasurer will send a second email notice and a \$20 late fee will be incurred. If dues are not paid by November 15, a written notice shall be sent. Membership will be cancelled on December 15 for those who have not paid their dues. Reinstatement to membership in good standing may take place at the following January Executive Committee meeting by presenting a written request and full payment of dues and late fees.

SECTION 3

The operating funds of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. shall be derived from annual dues of the Membership, grants received by the Club, and supplemental funds raised by Club activities.

ARTICLE IX – Quorum

Fifty Active and Emeritus members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE X – Guests

Resident guests, accompanied by a member, may be admitted to a maximum of three (3) general meetings per Club year.

ARTICLE XI – Departments

SECTION 1

The Departments of the Garden Club shall be: Conservation, Flower Arranging, Garden Therapy, and Horticulture.

SECTION 2

The Conservation Chair shall promote interest in conservation and aid in the preservation of natural resources, particularly native trees, plants, and birds. She/he shall cooperate with interested agencies and keep the Membership informed of pertinent legislation. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 3

The Flower Arranging Chair shall encourage the study, display, and arrangement of floral materials. Her/his committee shall decorate for the Christmas Tea and the May Luncheon. The Chair shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 4

The Garden Therapy Committee is responsible for planning garden activities conducted with and for handicapped persons as an aid to their recovery. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 5

The Horticulture Chair shall encourage the study and growth of all plant material and stress horticultural perfection in exhibition. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

ARTICLE XII – Standing Committees

SECTION 1

Standing Committees to include shall be: Airlie Showcase Garden, Arbor Day, Awards, Azalea Garden Tour, Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement, Battery Island, Beautification Endowment, Bees, Birds and Butterflies, Budget, By-Laws Review, Civic Improvement, Development, Gardening for Wildlife, Hospitality, Judges, Media and Communication, Membership, New Member Relations, Nominating, Oral History, Oversight, Photography, Program, Promotions, Registration, Scholarships, Special Events, Transportation, Yearbook, Youth Garden Clubs and Special Committees appointed by the President.

SECTION 2

The Airlie Showcase Garden Committee shall plant and maintain the designated garden space within the New Hanover County Airlie Gardens property.

SECTION 3

The Arbor Day Committee shall recognize, support and encourage the planting of new trees on this legal holiday by the Garden Club and in the community.

SECTION 4

The Awards Committee shall study all awards offered by the Garden Club of North Carolina, the South Atlantic Region, and the National Garden Clubs. She/he shall urge members to apply for awards by appropriate deadlines determined by SAR/State and National guidelines and give them assistance when needed.

SECTION 5

The Azalea Garden Tour Committee shall have charge of the Mary Lou McEachern Ambassador Tea, the Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour®, and The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party®. This committee shall proceed under the direction of, and in concert with, the Azalea Garden Tour Chair and her/his Vice Chair. The Chair, assisted by the Vice Chair, shall keep records and appoint all sub-committees pertaining to the Azalea Garden Tour. The Vice Chair will assume the chairmanship of the Azalea Garden Tour in the ensuing year. The new or incoming Vice Chair will be selected by the Nominating Committee who will fulfill this obligation by consulting with the current Chair and Vice Chair to provide ongoing leadership and continuity.

- A. All garden tour expenses are to be paid from the proceeds of the garden tour.
- B. A budget will be submitted annually in September to the Executive Committee for approval.
- C. The balance from the Garden Tour proceeds is to be placed in a separate account and is to be used only for projects approved by the Executive Committee and the general membership.

SECTION 6

The Azalea Garden Tour Funds Disbursement Committee shall recommend appropriate funds to be disbursed for community projects. The committee shall review all requests for funds received by The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc., and shall recommend to the Executive Committee requests which meet all criteria as set forth by the committee. If said recommendations are approved by the Executive Committee, they must then be approved by the general membership.

The Committee will reserve a minimum of 10% of the net proceeds after standing grants are funded, to be placed in a holding account. These funds will remain at the discretion of the Disbursement Committee and any future disbursements will be handled in the same way grants are currently approved: the Disbursement Committee would bring forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee and if approved would then go to the General Membership for approval.

The Committee, chaired by the prior year's Azalea Garden Tour Committee Chair, shall include the Azalea Garden Tour Chair from two years prior, the current Azalea Garden Tour Chair, the Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer and up to 10 members at large. Five (5) at large members shall be appointed by each Disbursement Chair for a two-year term. The current Azalea Garden Tour Chair shall serve on the committee for a total of three (3) years, the first year as a member, the second year as Chair, and the third year as a member and advisor to the new chair with specific duty to ensure that

grants awarded from the previous year are completed. The Azalea Garden Tour Treasurer shall be a perpetual member of this committee. No at large member can serve more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 7

The Battery Island Committee shall plan and promote educational activities that increase awareness and interest in the preservation of Battery Island as a wildlife habitat. The committee will also actively work to provide funds in support of an Audubon warden who will post, patrol, protect, manage, and educate the public in or about the importance of Battery Island and other bird island habitats as a sanctuary for nesting birds.

SECTION 8

The Beautification Endowment Committee shall plan, promote and educate members, citizens, businesses, and organizations on the development of a source of perpetual and permanent funding to enable Cape Fear Garden Club to make a significant impact on the beautification of public places in the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. This Fund is invested and administered through the North Carolina Community Foundation. The Committee shall recommend appropriate funds to be disbursed for community projects.

SECTION 9

The Bees, Birds & Butterflies Committee shall promote activities that increase interest in the knowledge and conservation of bees, birds and butterflies. She/he shall serve on the Program Committee.

SECTION 10

The Budget Committee is chaired by the Treasurer. The committee shall be composed of the Assistant Treasurer, the President, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President. The committee shall present the budget for the coming year to the Executive Committee for approval. The budget must then be approved by the membership no later than the April General Meeting.

SECTION 11

The Civic Improvements Committee shall encourage the beautification of New Hanover County.

SECTION 12

The Gardening for Wildlife Committee shall encourage the Club and community on the aspects of maintaining a healthy environment for our wildlife.

SECTION 13

The Hospitality Committee shall provide refreshments for monthly meetings, the Christmas Tea, and other special events.

SECTION 14

Judges: Flower Arranging and Horticulture shall judge horticulture and flower arranging at the general meeting.

SECTION 15

The Media and Communication Committee shall provide all publication material to the media, (television, print, and internet) for all the Garden Club activities year-round locally, statewide, and nationally.

SECTION 16

The Membership Committee shall assist the Chair in her/his duties. Those applicants on the waiting list shall be given first consideration for membership. The chair shall receive and send to the President all status changes for review. The Chair will present all membership changes to the Executive Committee monthly. She/he shall assist the Third Vice President in the New Member Orientation Program.

SECTION 17

The New Member Relations Committee shall facilitate new member assimilation into the Club, using personal contact and educational opportunities to engage new members in all aspects of the Club and responsibilities of membership.

SECTION 18

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the 3rd Vice President, who shall serve as Chair, and four (4) members at large. This Committee shall select candidates according to requirements in ARTICLE IV Officers, SECTIONS 2-4. The Committee's slate shall be presented at the February Executive Committee meeting and at the February General Meeting. The slate will be presented for a vote at the March Executive Committee meeting and, subsequently, at the March General Meeting. The slate shall consist of candidates for the following offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a Vice Chair for the Azalea Garden Tour. The Nominating Committee shall nominate four (4) at-large members for the Nominating Committee and no member shall serve consecutively on the Nominating Committee. In the event that the previous year's Azalea Garden Tour Vice Chair cannot, for whatever reason, move into the chairmanship, a Chair will also be nominated. Should the immediate past President be unable to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint another past Membership Chair to serve.

SECTION 19

The Oral History Committee shall record a profile of past presidents and/or Emeritus members, illuminating the early history of each of these persons and highlighting contributions made by that person to the Cape Fear Garden Club and the community.

SECTION 20

The Oversight Committee shall maintain a general overview of the Club as a whole. to include all contracts and memorandums of understanding.

SECTION 21

The Photography Committee shall photograph and document the activities of the Cape Fear Garden Club, with the exception of the Azalea Garden Tour.

SECTION 22

The Program Committee shall provide programs for the monthly general meetings. The Committee, chaired by the Second Vice President, shall consist of the Chair of the Department of Conservation, Flower Arranging, Garden Therapy, Horticulture, and other members deemed necessary by the Chair.

SECTION 23

The Promotions Committee shall promote the sales of inventory and reprint (when necessary) all Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. sales material.

SECTION 24

The Registration Committee shall provide and maintain an annual permanent record of the sign in sheets for the entire membership from each General Meeting. She/he shall provide a list of the guests who attend the general meeting and copy it to the Recording Secretary at the General Meetings

SECTION 25

The Scholarship Committee shall have co-chairs, one to serve as liaison to UNCW and one to serve as liaison to Cape Fear Community College.

SECTION 26

The Special Events Committee shall receive and determine all special requests internally and from the community for flower arrangements for special functions.

SECTION 27

The Transportation Committee shall provide transportation to Cape Fear Garden Club functions to any member requiring it.

SECTION 28

The Yearbook Committee shall assist the Chair in the publication of the annual Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. Yearbook.

SECTION 29

The Youth Garden Clubs Committee shall promote and assist in the organization of Garden Clubs among the young people from pre-school through high school age. The establishment, activities and operating guidelines shall include those described by The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. and The National Garden Club.

SECTION 30

Special committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

SECTION 31

The By-Laws Review Committee shall meet to add, correct, amend and oversee the By-Laws as needed.

ARTICLE XIII – Parliamentary Authority

Meetings shall be governed by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* on all points not specified by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE XIV – Method of Amending the By-Laws

The By-Laws may be amended after being read at two consecutive General Meetings (in person or videoconferencing) of The Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc. by two-thirds vote provided the amendment has been approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XV – Non-Profit Status

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on by (a) corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Upon dissolution of the Cape Fear Garden Club, Inc., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Should there be a conflict between the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures, By-Laws take precedence.

