Greene County Agricultural Society Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I TITLE

This organization shall be known by the name: Greene County Agricultural Society.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Society shall be for the improvement of agriculture, horticulture, better livestock, improved home economics, art, and to promote and showcase agriculture, industrial, commercial, and educational interests of the county.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

1. Any resident of Greene County of legal voting age may be come a member of the Society by purchasing annually a Membership Ticket, which entitles the purchaser to one vote. (Membership fee to be fixed by the Board of Directors).
2. All Membership Tickets shall be issued in the name of an individual. These certificates shall bear dates denoting the period of membership as January 1-December 31 of said year.

ARTICLE IV-VOTING

1. The annual election of the Board of Directors shall be held at the fairgrounds on the Wednesday of fair week at a designed location between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
2. Members of the Society shall declare their candidacy for the Board of Directors by filing a petition signed by ten (10) or more members of the Society at least fifteen days (15 days) before the election of Directors is said to be held. Blank petitions shall be obtained from the Secretary of the Society.
3. Said election shall be by ballot. Ballots must be marked opposite the name of each candidate voted for in such a manner that the intent of the voter is clear. All ties will be broken by a coin toss.
4. Members must show proper I.D. (Driver's License, picture I.D. or membership ticket) to cast vote.
5. Only persons holding current Membership Tickets on the date and hour of the election may vote.
6. No proxy votes will be permitted.
7. The president shall appoint three (3) judges and two (2) clerks to supervise the election and record results.

ARTICLE V-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of (1) member from each township and one from each city within the county. If there are no candidates for the township or cities up for election, a candidate from any township or from any other city from within the county may declare his/her candidacy for the position with no more than two (2) directors from each township or city. They shall be elected for three (3) year terms with one third (1/3) of the Board being elected each year. The term of office of retiring Directors elect shall begin no later than September 1 in the year of the election.
2. Should a vacancy on the Board due to the death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall have the power to fill each vacancy by appointment until the next scheduled election, at which time Directors of the Society are elected. However, if a suitable candidate cannot be found from the township or city whose position is being vacated, the Board may then appoint a candidate from any township or city from within the county. The appointee may then make him or herself available for election at the next scheduled election for the seat he or she was originally appointed to for the remainder of the unexpired term. The appointee may then continue to be eligible for election for the seat he or she was appointed to until defeated by a resident of the township or city in question.

ARTICLE VI-OFFICERS

1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President with the Board of Directors hiring the Secretary and Treasurer.
2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular meetings of the Board and enforce the Constitution, by laws and rules and call all such meetings as may be deemed necessary.
3. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies; pay all orders drawn on him/her by the Secretary, report the full amount of receipts and expenditures at the first regular meeting of the Board after the fair; to provide a monthly report of the financial condition of the Society to the Board of Directors at each monthly meeting; and to pay all monies in his/her hands to his/her successor upon election or appointment of his/her successor. This Board shall give bond to the satisfaction of the Society for the faithful discharge of his/her duties.
5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep record of the proceeding of all meetings; record all entries for premiums registered, the awards of committees; and make a full report annually to the awards of committees; and make a full report annually to the Director of Agriculture as prescribed by law.
6. Term limits will be set at nine (9) years for President and would go into effect starting with the election of officers in 2009.

ARTICLE VII-PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

1. The payment of an annual fee established by the Board of Directors constitutes any qualified person a member of the Society and entitles him to vote for the election of Directors and on any other matters on which a membership vote is required.
2. A Membership Ticket, properly presented at time of making entry, relieves the exhibitor of buying an Exhibitor's Ticket.
3. A Membership Ticket will admit member and children NINE years of age or under each day during the fair.
4. Membership Tickets for the following year may be purchased at the Secretary's office on the fairgrounds during the last three days of the fair and during the remainder of the year at a time and place to be announced in local newspapers and the fair catalog.

ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Society shall not be amended except by a majority of the membership voting at the annual election.
2. Amendments of Bylaws may be proposed by: (A) a majority of the Board and Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot or (B) filing a petition with the Secretary of the Society at least two weeks prior to the annual election of the Board of Directors. Said petition must set forth the proposed amendment and be signed by not less than 25 members of the Society.

End of Constitution and Bylaws
Revised Article IV and VI 2009

ANNUAL ELECTION

Election will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Eligible voters must have in their possession a 2013 Greene County Agricultural Society Membership as well as a valid driver's license for identification.

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