



ARTICLE I - NAME AND OFFICE

Section 1 - The organization shall be incorporated as the Peoria Jaycees, Incorporated.

Section 2 - The principal office of this organization shall be located in Peoria county, Illinois.

ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION

The corporation shall be and is hereby affiliated with the Junior Chamber International, United States Junior Chamber, Illinois Jaycees, and Region Jaycees and is subject to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies of those bodies insofar as they affect and prescribe the functions of the Jaycees and are not in conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies of the Peoria Jaycees.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

Section 1 - The corporation shall: promote Leadership Training through community involvement, by providing Individual Development, Community Development, Membership Development, and Management Development opportunities through chapter programming.

Section 2 - This corporation shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian in its purpose and activities.

Section 3 - Jaycee Creed

We believe:
That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION

The Peoria Jaycees shall be incorporated under and shall be subject to the laws of the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation and shall be subject to the laws of the United States of America.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

Section 1 Membership of the corporation shall consist of the following:

A. Regular member - Any person of good character that has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years shall be eligible to become a Regular Member. Regular Members shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations granted or imposed upon them

including that they may hold office (elective or appointed), be a delegate voter or initiate action at any meeting. If a Regular Member shall attain the age of forty-one (41) years after the beginning of the calendar year of the corporation, that person shall be deemed a Regular Member until the last day of their anniversary month.

- B. Associated Member - Any person of good character of the age of forty-one (41) years or more or twenty (20) years or less is eligible to be an Associate Member. Associate Members shall have all the rights, privileges and obligations granted or imposed upon regular members, except that they may not hold office (elective or appointed), be a delegate voter or initiate action (make a motion, call for vote, etc.) at any meeting.
- C. Life Member - Any person who has completed a term as President of the corporation shall be granted Life Membership. Upon the recommendation of the general membership life membership may be bestowed upon any person. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a general membership meeting shall be necessary to bestow such a membership. Life Members shall not hold office except in an honorary capacity, nor vote, unless otherwise qualified as a Regular Member.
- D. Honorary Member - Honorary Membership may also be presented to any person by the recommendation of the general membership. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a general membership meeting shall be necessary to bestow a honorary membership. Honorary Members shall not hold office except in an honorary capacity, nor vote, unless otherwise qualified as a Regular Member.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNMENT

The government of this corporation shall be vested in the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and General Membership as defined in the By-Laws of this corporation. They are charged with the responsibility for the affairs, assets, and activities of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments has been delivered to the last known mailing address of each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS AND POLICIES

- Section 1 - The Membership may make and adopt By-Laws or Policies as may be deemed necessary and proper, providing nothing in the By-Laws or Policies of the corporation shall conflict with the Constitution of the Peoria Jaycees; or Constitution, By-Laws or Policies of the International, United States, Illinois, or our affiliated Region Jaycees.
- Section 2 - The By-Laws shall be binding upon the Board of Directors and General Membership.
- Section 3 - The Policies shall be binding upon the Board of Directors and General Membership.

ARTICLE IX - VOTING

All votes cast upon any question or election shall be cast in person. There shall be no provisions for voting by proxy or absentee ballot.