

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

Section 1. [your organization's name] (hereinafter referred to as xxxx or the Corporation) is a network of activist environmental organizations that focus on . state level policy to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural and human environment for the benefit of the public, and to protect the public health. The Corporation strives to strengthen the strategic and organizational capacity of Members through direct assistance and coordination efforts

ARTICLE II: REPRESENTATION OF xxxx

Section 1. Public statements: A Member, xxxx Board or committee members, or xxxx staff person must receive prior approval from the Chair of the Board before making any statements on behalf of the Corporation for the public record, or taking any action under the authority of the Corporation.

Section 2. Independence of Members: No action of this organization shall be constructed to bind or represent any Member without the formal explicit approval of that Member.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1. Criteria: Non-profit organizations with a demonstrated primary purpose deemed to be in harmony with the purposes of the Corporation, and that meet the other criteria established by the membership from time to time shall be eligible.

Section 2. Approval: The Board of Directors shall act on applications for membership. The Board shall exercise due diligence to determine that the organization seeking membership fulfills the criteria adopted by the Members. A majority vote of the Board is required to approve an organization's membership.

Section 3. Powers: The Members shall hold all powers of the Corporation not vested by these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation in the Board of Directors or other entity of the Corporation, including but not limited to the powers pursuant to Articles III, IV, VI, IX, X to set the membership criteria, elect the Board of Directors, adopt the budget, amend these Bylaws, and dissolve the Corporation.

Section 4. Dues: Members shall pay dues annually. Failure to pay dues may lead to termination of membership. The Members shall set the amount of dues from time to time. Dues may be reduced or waived on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Board.

Section 5. Rights: Members shall have access to the services and programs provided by the Corporation. Members shall have one vote in all matters brought before the Members. Each Member shall designate one person from their organization to cast its vote, and that person must be present at a meeting to cast the vote.