BYLAWS
REGION 14, ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Region 14, Arabian Horse Association ("Region 14").

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The objects and purposes of Region 14, AHA are to:

1. Be cognizant of the importance of promoting the purebred Arabian Horse and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse at all times during the performance of activities furthering AHA's objects and purposes;
2. Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of the purebred Arabian Horse and Half-Arabian/ Anglo-Arabian Horses;
3. Promote and encourage the participation of Arabian Horses in open events, activities and multiple disciplines, including recreation;
4. Foster and encourage good relations between member associations of Region 14;
5. Promote, encourage and stimulate popular interest in the outstanding versatile qualities of the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Horse;
6. Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of the Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horse owners, clubs and enthusiasts;
7. Promote and coordinate Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian horse show activities throughout Region 14 and sponsor the holding of Arabian and Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Regional Championships;
8. Do any and all things necessary or appropriate to accomplish the objects and purposes stated herein;
9. In the event of dissolution, all assets, real and personal, shall be distributed to such organizations as are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Internal Revenue law or comparable organizations.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Region 14 shall be divided into the following classes.

Section One. Member Organization. Each club or association of the Arabian Horse Association ("AHA") which is within the geographic limits of Region 14 as defined from time to time by AHA and who is in good standing of AHA and of Region 14 shall be Member Organizations. Region 14 encompasses the states of Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The act of granting or revoking membership in Region 14 are those prescribed in the Bylaws of the Arabian Horse Association ("AHA Bylaws") and in the AHA handbook.

Section Two. Members of Member Organizations. All individual members in good standing of Member Organizations shall be entitled to attend any meeting or function and

have floor privileges. However, an individual member shall not be entitled to vote solely by reason of such membership in a Membership Organization.

Section Three. Property Rights. No Member Organization or individual member shall have any right, title or interest in any of the property or assets, including any earnings or investment income of Region 14, nor shall any of such property or assets be distributed to any individual member on the dissolution or winding up thereof.

Section Four. Liability of Members. No Member Organization or individual member shall be personally liable for any of its debts, liabilities, or obligations, nor shall any member be subject to any assessment.

Section Five. Annual Dues. Each Member Organization shall pay to Region 14 annual dues, in such amount as the Board of Delegates may prescribe, based on the number of AHA members from each Member Organization as of June 30 of each year. Dues shall be payable on or before July 15th of each year. Dues shall not be prorated for any portion of a year. Member Organizations acquiring new members between July 1 and October 31 shall pay annual dues on these members to Region 14. Individual delegates and their Member Organizations must be financially current with Region 14 in order for that individual to vote as a Delegate. A Member Organization ninety (90) days or more in arrears on Regional dues (as defined in the AHA Bylaws) shall not be entitled to voting delegates at the AHA Annual Convention ("Convention").

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DELEGATES

Section One. Delegates. The affairs of Region 14 shall be governed by the Board of Delegates as follows:

1. The Board of Delegates shall consist of the Delegates from the Member Organizations, the Region 14 officers, and a Past President of AHA or IAHA (so long as such Past President is a resident of Region 14 and is a member in good standing of a Member Organization within Region 14).
2. The Regional Chairman and the Delegates from the Member Organizations shall also be Delegates to the Convention (if otherwise eligible).
3. Each Member Organization shall be entitled to one Delegate per thirty-five (35) AHA Adult or AHA Life Members (or part thereof) in good standing according to the records of AHA. The number of members of a Member Organization for Delegate purposes shall be the number on whom dues have been paid to AHA by June 30th of each year.
4. Each Member Organization shall annually notify the Regional Secretary in writing signed by the President or Secretary of the Member Organization, of the names and addresses of its Delegates and Alternates.
5. The term of office for each of the Delegates from the Member Organizations is approximately one year beginning on the date that the Regional Secretary is notified in writing of the names of the Delegates and Alternates ("Notification of Delegates") and ending the following year when the Regional Secretary receives the Notification of Delegates for such year .

6. Notwithstanding the above, no Member Organization whose annual dues are in arrears shall be entitled to voting delegates at any Region 14 meeting until the Member Organization's dues are paid current;

7. No individual delegate whose AHA annual dues are in arrears shall be entitled to vote at any Region 14 meeting until the Delegate's AHA dues are paid current.

8. The Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past Director shall be voting members of the Board of Delegates. The qualifications and other considerations for Delegates are prescribed in the AHA Bylaws.

Section Two. Meetings. The Board of Delegates shall meet at any time or place upon call by the Chairman or upon call by one third of the Delegates, provided however the Delegates shall meet at least quarterly, in March, June, August, and at the Convention. The Annual Meeting shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. In even numbered years. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting (the "Election Meeting"). Members of the Board of Delegates each have one vote. In the discretion of the Chairman, any meeting may be conducted remotely including, but not limited to, video conferencing platforms, such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or other electronic means ("Video Conferencing Platforms") or telephone conference.

Section Three. Notice of Meetings. Notice of any meeting shall be given to the Board of Delegates, Alternates and Presidents of Member Organizations at least two weeks prior to the meeting except that a meeting may be called during the Convention, or during the Region 14 Championship Show provided notice of the time and place thereof shall be posted in a public place at the Convention or the Region 14 Championship Show at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting. Any notice required to be given hereby shall be properly given if sent by First Class mail, certified mail, registered mail, or courier or express delivery services (collectively "Mail Service") and addressed to each of the members of the Board of Delegates, Alternates and Presidents of Member Organizations as indicated on the records maintained by the Secretary, or by email, online member portals, text messaging, video conferencing invitations, internet, fax, or other electronic means (collectively with Mail Service, "Notice Methods").

Section Four. Quorum. In order to establish a quorum, there must be present and in person at the meeting one-half plus one of the members of the Board of Delegates.

Section Five. Virtual Participation in Meetings. Delegates may participate in any meeting through use of telephone conference, Virtual Conferencing Platforms, or similar methods, so long as all Delegates participating in such meeting can hear one another. Participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section Six. Alternate Delegates. An Alternate Delegate has no right to vote unless the Alternate Delegate substitutes for a Delegate at any meeting of the Board of Delegates or Convention. The Alternate Delegate's name must be on the certified list of Delegates and Alternates.

Section Seven. Voting by Mail or Electronic Communication. The Board of Delegates may take action, without a meeting, by mail, e-mail, fax, or similar communication when:

1. A notice stating the action to be taken and the time by which a Delegate must respond is transmitted by any of the Notice Methods to each member of the Board of Delegates, and, each member of the Board of Delegates, by the time stated in the notice:
    a. Votes in writing for such action; or
    b. Both of the following apply:
        i. Votes in writing against such action, or abstains in writing from voting, or fails to respond, or fails to vote; and
        ii. Fails to demand that action not be taken without a meeting.
    c. Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Delegates in the notice, the response required herein must be by one of the Notice Methods.
2. The notice required by subsection 1 of this Section Seven shall state:
    a. The action to be taken;
    b. The time by which a Delegate must respond;
    c. That failure to responds by the time stated in the notice shall have the same effect as abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice and failing to demand in writing, by the time stated in the notice, that action; and
    d. Any other matters that Region 14 determines to include.
3. The number of affirmative votes for such action meets or exceeds the number that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting of the Board of Delegates at which all Delegates were present and voting.
4. All signed written instruments necessary for any action taken pursuant to this section shall be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Delegates.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section One. Enumeration. The officers of Region 14 shall consist of a Chairman, a 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and the immediate Past Chairman. It is not a requirement that persons be designated as Delegates or Alternates of Member Organizations to be eligible to be elected as an officer. Each officer shall at all times in the Officer’s continuance in office be a member in good standing in the Officer’s member organization and in AHA.

Section Two. Election. The Chairman and other officers shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Delegates voting in said election. Terms of office shall be approximately two years commencing at the end of the Convention following their election and lasting until a successor is elected, qualified, and takes office at the close of the Convention following the successor's election. The election of the Region 14 Chairman and other officers of the Board of Delegates shall be in accordance with the prescription for the ``Election of Directors from Regions'' as noted in the AHA Bylaws. Any Delegate may nominate a candidate for office provided the person

nominated is on the qualified membership list (as defined in AHA Bylaws) of a Member Organization.

Section Three. Duties of Chairman. The Chairman shall have the following powers and duties and be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Delegates and shall manage and conduct the affairs and business of Region 14, subject to the limitations imposed by the Region 14 Bylaws and the Board of Delegates.
2. The Chairman shall be the member of the AHA National Council from Region 14.
3. The Chairman shall be present at all meetings of the AHA National Council and shall report all non-confidential proceedings of said meetings to Region 14. The Chairman shall advise and represent the interests of Region 14 at all meetings of the AHA National Council.
4. The Chairman shall appoint all committees who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
5. Within any limitations imposed by the Bylaws of Region 14 or AHA, the Chairman shall have general power to conduct and manage the affairs and business of Region 14.
6. The Chairman may not simultaneously serve as the Chairman of Region 14 and as President of any Member Organization.

Section Four. Duties of the 1st Vice Chairman. The 1st Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the event of the Chairman's absence or inability to act or at the Chairman's request and shall perform such further duties as delegated by the Chairman.

Section Five. Duties of 2nd Vice Chairman. The 2nd Vice Chairman shall assume the duties of the 1st Vice Chairman in the event of the absence or inability to act of the 1st Vice Chairman or at the 1st Vice Chairman's request, and shall perform such further duties as delegated by the Chairman.

Section Six. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall assume the following duties:

1. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings at all Region 14 meetings and report the same to Delegates within four weeks of any meeting.
2. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the books, documents, and papers of Region 14.
3. The Secretary shall handle or cause to be handled all correspondence and communications and generally do and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.
4. The Secretary shall publish notices of the place and dates of Region 14 meetings.
5. The Secretary shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.

Section Seven. Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall assume the following duties:

1. The Treasurer shall oversee all funds and accounts maintained by Region 14.

2. The Treasurer shall receive or cause to be received all monies belonging to or paid to Region 14 and shall safely keep the same.

3. The Treasurer shall disburse funds of Region 14 by authorization of the Chairman or Board of Delegates.

4. The Treasurer shall oversee the preparation of an annual budget and shall report thereon to the Board of Delegates.

5. The Treasurer shall keep complete books of the account and shall make an itemized statement and report to the Annual Meeting and such interim reports as may be required by the Chairman. The Treasurer shall prepare the financial records for an accountant to file taxes if necessary.

6. The Treasurer shall have other duties as may be delegated to the Treasurer by the Chairman.

7. All persons handling funds for Region 14 functions shall be bonded. The cost thereof to be paid by the Association.

Section Eight. Vacancies. Should the office of Chairman become vacant, the 1st Vice Chairman shall assume the role of Chairman for the remainder of the unexpired term and the 2nd Vice Chairman shall assume the position of 1st Vice Chairman. Should the office of the 1st Vice Chairman become vacant, the 2nd Vice Chairman shall assume the role of the 1st Vice Chairman for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Chairman shall fill any vacancy in the positions of 2nd Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

Section Nine. Removal. Any officer of Region 14 may be removed with just cause by resolution adopted by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Delegates in attendance at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Delegates. Before any resolution calling for removal of an officer can be adopted, notice of the said resolution shall be given to all members of the Board of Delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting and at which it is to be considered.

Section Ten. Committees. All committees shall be created and its members governed by the following:

1. The Chairman shall, with the approval of the Board of Delegates, establish standing committees as the Chairman deems necessary to efficiently conduct the business, education, and social affairs of Region 14. These Committees shall function on an annual basis. In the Chairman's discretion, the Chairman shall form special committees to fulfill designated tasks.

2. All committees and committee members function at the discretion of the Chairman and/or the Board of Delegates. Each committee shall adopt rules for its own use consistent with the Region 14 Bylaws or rules adopted by the Board of Delegates.

3. The duty of the Committee Chair so appointed shall be:
    a. To call together the committee, preside at its meetings, and prepare its budget;
    b. To provide written reports to the Board of Delegates detailing the discussion held at the committee meeting, recommendations proposed, and actions undertaken by the committee; and
    c. To submit a written budget for approval at Board of Delegates' first meeting of the fiscal year or the first meeting following the committee's formation.

4. All Committees shall conduct all Board of Delegates approved business according to the majority vote of said committee under parliamentary procedures.

5. All Committees shall meet the requirements of this Article and make timely reports to the Board Delegates.

Section Eleven. Budget Committee. The Chairman shall appoint a Budget Committee whose primary responsibility shall be to prepare a budget for Region 14 prior to the first meeting of the year. This budget will be based on past history, committee budget recommendations and projected income for Region 14. The budget committee's recommendations shall be presented to the Board of Delegates for discussion and approval. Any budget item (expense or income) shall only be changed by the Board of Delegates or by the Chairman after the budget is approved at the first meeting of the year.

Section Twelve. Nominating Committee. The Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the Election Meeting which is held in accordance with the AHA Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, no more than one of which can represent the same Member Organization in Region 14. All Nominating Committee members must be on the Qualified Membership List (as defined by AHA Bylaws) of a Member Organization. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to place in nomination at the Election Meeting the names of persons recommended by it to fill the various offices of Region 14. The Nominating Committee must be approved by the Board of Delegates.

Section Thirteen. Audit Committee. The Chairman shall appoint an Audit Committee to oversee the integrity of financial statements and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Delegates as to the need for an independent auditor as it deems necessary. The Audit Committee's recommendations shall be presented to the Board of Delegates for approval. To the extent possible, members of the Audit Committee should have experience in finance, accounting, or auditing.

Section Fourteen. Youth Scholarship Awards Committee. The Chairman shall appoint a Youth Scholarship Awards Committee whose primary responsibility will be soliciting contributions to fund scholarships and awarding scholarships to the youth of Region 14. The Youth Scholarship Awards Committee shall oversee the application and grant writing processes to secure scholarship funds. Additionally, the Youth Scholarship Awards Committee shall review applications and make recommendations for awarding scholarships in accordance with the criteria established by Region 14. The Youth Scholarship Awards Committee shall report its activities and recommendations for approval of scholarship recipients to the Board of Delegates at the Annual Business Meeting (as hereafter defined).

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section One. Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Delegates shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention ("Annual Business Meeting"). The order of business shall be:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Old Business
New Business (speaker, optional)
Election of Director/Chairman and Officers (even numbered years only) ("Election Meeting")
Adjournment

Section Two. Quorum. In order to establish a quorum, there must be present and in person at the meeting one-half plus one of the members of the Board of Delegates.

ARTICLE VII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND FUNDS

Section One. Contracts. The Board of Delegates may, by resolution duly adopted, authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents of Region 14, in addition to the Officers so authorized by the Region 14 Bylaws, to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of Region 14. Such authority may be general, or confined to specific instances. In the absence of such determination, such contracts or instruments shall require the signature of the Chairman and the Secretary.

Section Two. Gifts and Contributions. The Board of Delegates may accept on behalf of Region 14 any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise of any property whatsoever, for the general and special charitable purposes of Region 14.

Section Three. Deposits. All funds of Region 14 shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of Region 14 in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as the Board of Delegates may approve.

Section Four. Checks, Drafts, Orders for Payment. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of Region 14 shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, agent or agents of Region 14 and in such manner as the Board of Delegates shall from time to time by resolution determine. In the absence of such determination, such instruments shall be signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Treasurer of Region 14.

ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Section One. Books and Records. Region 14 shall prepare and maintain correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the meetings of its members, Board of Delegates and committees, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a membership book giving the names and addresses of members entitled to vote. All books and records of Region 14 may be inspected by any Member or Officer at any reasonable time.

Section Two. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of Region 14 shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

ARTICLE IX - INSURANCE

The Board of Delegates shall carry the necessary insurance to properly protect the association and meet AHA and United States Equestrian Federation requirements. The Board of Delegates may obtain officers and Chairman's liability insurance if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The Region 14 Bylaws may be amended, repealed or new Bylaws adopted at any Meeting held in accordance with Section 2 of Article IV by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Delegates in attendance at that Meeting. Written notice must be given to the Board of Delegates at least Thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting stating the proposed amendments, before such amendments may be brought for vote at the Meeting. The approved Bylaws shall take effect sixty (60) days after approval by the Board of Delegates. Revised Bylaws shall be published on the Region 14 official website within sixty (60) days from the time revisions are approved. Bylaws shall be reviewed biennially and any changes published in accordance with this Section.

Should an extreme need arise, the Chairman may call a special meeting of the Board of Delegates which may amend these Bylaws only by unanimous vote of those present, providing a quorum is present. The amendment may become effective immediately, but must be ratified at the next Annual Business Meeting. Notice of said special meeting shall be given to the Board of Delegates and Alternates.

ARTICLE XI - GOVERNANCE AT MEETING

All meetings shall be governed by Robert Rules of Order, Revised.

ARTICLE XII - SUPERSESSION

These Bylaws supersede any and all Bylaws in effect heretofore, and supersede any and all resolutions inconsistent herewith.