# OHIO JCI SENATE, INC CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS <br> UPDATED JULY 1, 2023 

## ARTICLE I NAME AND AFFILIATION

SECTION 2 This organization is a wholly independent entity without affiliation with any other organization. This organization is, however, associated with the worldwide Jaycees International Movement.

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SECTION 5 This organization shall be non-profit, nom-sectarian, and nonpartisan in purpose and action.

SECTION 6 Further purposes of this organization shall be such other purposes with the Article of this Constitution as approved by a majority of a duly convened meeting.

## ARTICLE III

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SECTION 2 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIIP: The following shall be types of membership within the Ohio JCI Senate, Inc.:

REGULAR: Regular membership in the Ohio JCI Senate shall be available to all JCI Senators upon payment of the annual dues.

LIFE: Life membership in the Ohio JCI Senate shall be available to each Senator upon payment of the life membership dues.

ASSOCIATE: Associate membership in the Ohio JCI Senate shall be available to any OWJ Hall of Fame, Congresswoman, Ohio Jaycees or JCI Ohio Statesman, and United States Jaycees or JCI USA Ambassador, upon payment of their dues. Associate members shall not hold office in this organization, appointed or elected, and shall not be able to vote.

HONORARY LIFE: Honorary Life membership in the Ohio JCI Senate may be awarded by the Board of Directors to the spouse or significant other, of a Life Member of the organization. Honorary Life Members shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office.

## SECTION 3

DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO JAYCEES shall be as follows:

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: Dues for this category of membership shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per year, payable annually. Annual membership shall be considered to begin on the date of payment and expire on the same date the following year.

In the event that the dues for membership in the US JCI Senate increases, the Regular membership dues will increase by the same amount.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Dues for this category of membership shall be ten (10) times the annual dues for Regular membership.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Dues for this category of membership shall be ten dollars (\$10) per year, payable annually. Annual membership shall be considered to begin on the date of payment and expire on the same date the following year.

HONORARY LIFE: Dues for this category of membership shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

SECTION 6 Amy member who does not pay on the time designated by the Ohio JCI Senate, shall immediately cease to be a member of the Ohio JCI Senate and forfeit all voting privileges. The member will be reinstated in good standing and will have voting privileges reinstated on the date of receiving the late payment.

## ATICLE IV OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1 All terms of Office, shall be for a period of one year, except that of the treasurer, which will be for a period of two years, taking effect on the first day of the fiscal year and ending on the last day of the fiscal year.

The responsibility for carrying out the functions of this Organization shall be vested in four officers consisting of the President, VicePresident, Secretary and Treasurer. The immediate Past President will serve as parliamentarian and be a member of the Board to maintain continuity.

SECTION 2 These officers comprise the Board of Directors, are additionally responsible for the assets and activities of this Organization, and shall provide an accounting of the finances to the membership at each annual meeting in accordance of ARTICLE VII.

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PRESIDENT: The President is the principal officer of this Organization; shall be its representative at official functions and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the Organization's business.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall be responsible for membership growth and activities with regards to the membership and membership activation, all programs, and social activities. This individual will also assume the duties of the President, in the event that officer and the Chairman of the Board cannot be present.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall maintain, in written form, or cause to be maintained, the official records of this Organization; and shall additionally be responsible for maintain the factual and complete historical records of the Ohio JCI Senate, Inc. This person shall be responsible for the publication of the quarterly newsletter.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive all money and disburse all funds of the Organization; shall keep the financial books of the Organization for year-end audit/review in accordance with ARTICLE

VII; shall make a written report to the Board of Directors and to the general membership at each duly convened meetings; and shall issue notice, sixty (60) days in advance of dues payable, and shall be responsible for the collection thereof.

SECTION 7 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: The Immediate Past President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, shall serve as Parliamentarian for the Organization, and shall, in addition, advise the President as deemed appropriate on matters of importance to the Organization, In the event of the current President cannot be present, the Chairman of the Board will assume the duties of President. The Immediate Past President may delegate the duties of Parliamentarian to the Legal Counsel.

SECTION 8 No officer under this Article IV shall occupy the position of, or assume the duties of any other Officer under this Article IV.

SECTION $9 \quad$ When an Officer is absent from two (2) consecutive regular board meetings and/or regular business meetings without a valid excuse, his/her position may be considered as vacant and a new officer shall be selected in accordance with this Article IV.

SECTION 10 In the event of the vacancy in any other office, other than President, the President shall immediately proceed to fill the vacancy pursuant to Section 11 of Article IV. Pending the filling of the vacancy pursuant to Section 11, the President shall appoint a Regular Life Member of this Organization to perform the duties of the vacant office.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, or the incapacitation of the President, the Office shall be declared vacant by the Chairman of the Board and the Office shall be filled in accordance with Section 11. Pending the filling of the vacancy, the Chairman of the Board shall perform the duties of the President.

In the event that the vacancy in any office is caused by incapacitation of the Officer and prior to the filling of the vacancy pursuant to Section 11 of Article IV, the incapacitation is removed, the incapacitated Officer shall be return to the Office and no action shall be taken under Section 11.

SECTION 11
In the event of any vacancy in any office, the vacancy shall be filled at the next meeting pf the Board of Directors of the Organization.

In the case of a vacancy in an office was other than that of President, the President shall recommend a Regular or Life Member to fill the vacancy, who shall be affirmed by a majority vote of the Board of

Directors. In the event the Board does not affirm the President's recommendation, the President shall recommend another Regular or Life Member to fill the vacancy.

In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President, the duties of the President under this Section 11 of Article IV shall be performed by the Chairman of the Board.

## ARTICLE V TERM OF OFFICE

SECTION 1 All terms of Office shall be for a period of one year, taking effect on the first day of the Fiscal year and ending on the last day of the fiscal year.

SECTION 2 The President shall be limited to one (1) consecutive term of Office. The Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms of Office. The Treasurer shall be a bonded Officer with the cost of such being paid by the Ohio JCI Senate.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

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SECTION 2 ANNUAL MEETING: The spring meeting shall also be the annual meeting and shall be held in April or May. The annual meeting shall be held at a place and date designated by the President. When possible and subject to the accommodation needs of this Corporation, the annual meeting shall be held on the weekend as JCl Ohio holds its scheduled spring All State meeting/convention. At the annual meeting the Corporation shall elect officers in accordance with Article VII and transact such other business as may come before the Corporation.

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings prior to the membership meetings on the same weekend as the regular membership meeting is held or at any other date designated by the President. In addition, the Board of Directors will meet at the annual meeting held in the spring. At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the elected members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4 For the purposes of transacting business at a membership or annual meeting, a quorum shall be considered to be those members present, provided all members in good standing have been duly notified of said meeting by mail or electronic means sent to each member's last known address.

## ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 COMMITTEE: There is hereby created a Nominations and Elections Committee consisting of three (3) members. One of the members shall be the Immediate Past President who shall serve as Chairman. The remaining two (2) members shall be appointed by the President subject to approval of the Board of Directors. In the event the Immediate Past President in unable to serve, the President shall appoint another member to serve, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

No member of the Nominations and Election Committee shall hold office in this Corporation or be eligible for nomination.

SECTION 2 NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Members seeking election as Officers may announce their candidacy no earlier than the winter meeting of the Corporation. Candidates shall submit their candidacy, in writing, to the Nominations and Elections Committee not less than thirty (30) days before the start of the annual meeting.

The Nominations and Elections Committee shall, prior to the annual elections, provide each candidate for office with a written statement of the duties of the office for which the member is a candidate.

Nominations for officers shall be made by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall, from the written declarations of candidacy submitted, decide upon and nominate, in writing at the Annual Meeting, a minimum of one (1) candidate for each office. Nominations from the floor for all offices will be allowed prior to the beginning of the annual elections.

Only dues paid, Regular or Life members who otherwise meet the qualifications for Office, may stand for election. Candidate for the Office of President shall have served a minimum of one (1) year as and elected Officer of the Organization.

SECTION 3 ELECTION PRODEDURE: The Nominations and Elections Committee will set the rules and regulations for the elections. All decisions of the Committee shall be final.

Voting shall be individual secret ballot and no person will cast more than one (1) ballot. Proxies will not be recognized.

With the exception of any member's dues being due in June, all members of the Ohio JCI Senate, whose dues are paid thirty (30) days prior to the annual election of the Ohio JCl Senate, will be allowed to cast a ballot at the annual elections.

Any member whose dues are due in June, shall pay the said dues prior to the elections, up to and including Election Day. The said dues paid member will be allowed to cast a ballot in the annual election.

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SECTION 3 UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURES: The President shall have the discretionary power to spend up to one hundred dollars (\$100) without prior approval for emergency situations. Other than as provided for in this section, not expenditure in excess of that set forth in the approved budget shall be made without the prior approval of a majority vote of the membership present at a membership meeting.

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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on July 1 and end on June 30.

ANNUAL BUDGET: Subject to Section 5 below, at the regularly scheduled mee.ting held by this Corporation following the commencement of the fiscal year of the Corporation, the President will present a budget for his/her term of office. The budget must be approved by the Board of Directors and the general membership.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three (3) voting members, two (2) of whom shall be past presidents of the Corporation and one (1) shall be a past Treasurer of the Corporation. The voting members shall not currently hold elected office in the Corporation. One of the voting members shall be a public accountant or certified public accountant. The current President and Treasurer shall be non-voting members of the Committee. The terms of office of the voting members shall, commencing with the elections held at the Annual meeting in 2014, be for periods of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. The President shall appoint the members of the Financial Committee.

BUDGET PREPARATION: The Finance Committee shall meet subsequent to the annual meeting and in conjunction with the

President and the Treasurer, review the finances of the Corporation and prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The Finance Committee shall present the proposed budget to the general membership for consideration together with its comments and recommendations. No proposed budget that has not been reviewed by the Finance Committee may not be submitted to the membership for approval. No amendment to the approved budget may be considered by the membership unless first submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration and comment.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Finance Committee shall meet prior to all meetings of this Corporation and may meet by telephone conference call or other electronic means. The Committee shall review the finances of the Corporation including the budget, income, and expenses, and shall report the same to the membership, together with its comments and recommendations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer shall, on a quarterly basis and in a timely manner, submit to the Finance Committee financial reports containing, but not limited to, income and expenditure to date and assets and liabilities of the Corporation, and such other records and information deemed necessary by the Committee to perform its functions.

ANNUAL AUDIT/REVIEW: The finances of the Corporation shall be reviewed or audited on an annual basis in accordance with this Section. The Finance Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors an independent, reputable, and suitable accountant or accountancy firm, to perform the review or audit. The finances of the Organization shall be audited every two years or upon a change in Treasurer, whichever occurs sooner, or upon recommendation of the Finance Committee. In other years the finances shall be subject to financial review.

## LIMITATIONS AND NON-INTERFERENCE

NON-INTERFERENCE: The Corporation shall not support any individual candidate for office in a local chapter of JCI Ohio. The Corporation shall not cause undue influence or disruption of functions of such local chapters of JCI Ohio. The Corporation is pledged to aid only those Jaycee Chapters or officers requesting assistance on a non-interference and mutually agreeable basis.

LIMITATIONS ON ACTIVITIES: The Corporation shall not take any actions relating to JCl Ohio programs, projects, or activities except when specifically requested by JCl Ohio. This limitation and those

SECTION 3 LIMITATIONS ON SENATE OFFICE: A member of this Corporation may not hold elected office in the Corporation while currently holding elected or appointed office in any local, state or national Jaycee organization. The term of office of any Officer of this Corporation shall automatically become vacant upon such Officer being appointed or elected to any office in any local, state or national Jaycee organization.

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SECTION 2 COMMITTEE: There is hereby established The Ohio JCI Senate Sponsored Senatorship Committee. The duty of the Committee shall

SECTION 3 QUALIFICATIONS: In order to be eligible for the Ohio JCI Senate Sponsored Senatorship, a person must be at least forty (40) years of age, have been a member of an Ohio Jaycee or JCl Ohio local chapter that is either no longer in existence or which currently inactive in JCl Ohio activities, and have displayed a pattern of Jaycee activity otherwise deserving of Senatorship recognition.

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SECTION 5 EXPENSE: The annual budget of the Corporation shall include as an expense the cost of awarding the Ohio JCl Senate Sponsored Senatorship. The Board of Directors may only award only so many Ohio JCI Senate Sponsored Senatorship Awards as have been provided for in the budget.

## ARTICLE XIII RESOLUTIONS

SECTION 1 All resolutions shall be presented to the Board of Directors prior to any regular meeting.

SECTION 2 A resolution may be accepted by a simple majority of members present at any regular meeting.

## ARTICLEIX AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present at any officially constituted meeting.

SECTION 2 A minimum of thirty (30) days written notice to each member is required prior to voting on amendments to the Constitution. Said written notice shall include the text of the proposed amendment together with the date, time and location of the meeting at which the proposal will be considered. The notice may be in any form and by any means reasonably calculated to reach each member including, but not limited to, hard copy, US Mail, e-mail or other electronic medium.

SECTION 3 There is hereby established a By-Laws Review Committee, which will be a standing committee.

The members of the of the By-Laws Review Committee shall serve terms as follows: The three members appointed in 2023 shall be appointed one each for terms of three (3) years, two (2) years and one (1) year, respectively. Thereafter, the members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years each. The members of the By-Laws Review Committee shall be appointed by the incoming President following the Annual Meeting but prior to the commencement of his/her administrative year. At least one member shall be a past president of the organization. In the event of a vacancy in any term, the vacancy shall be filled by the then current President for the remainder of the term vacated.

The By-Laws Review Committee shall, on a regular basis, review the By-Laws and Policies of the Organization and periodically make recommendations to the Organization for revisions and/or additions.

## OHIO JCI SENATE POLICIEYS AND PROCEDURES

These policies and procedures may be amended at any regular meeting of The Ohio JCI Senate by a simple majority vote of the members in good standing present at said meeting.

Approved by membership vote on February 19, 1994 at Canton, Ohio.
These policies and procedures were last amended on July 17, 2022

## SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

The Constitution, By Laws, and Policy and Procedures shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. Any recommended changes shall be brought before the membership for consideration.

## SECTION 2: MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All Ohio JCI Senate meetings and event site shall be accessible to the handicapped/disabled persons.

## SECTION 3:

The hospitality room at the regular Ohio JCI Senate and May Convention meetings shall cost twenty-five dollars (\$25) per person for the weekend including lunch on Saturday or ten dollars (\$10) for Friday night and fifteen dollars (\$15) for Saturday which includes lunch at five dollars (\$5).

The hospitality room is open Saturday night to all Ohio JCI Senate members, Ohio Jaycee Buckeye Corps members and JCI Ohio members, however, Friday night will be open on to Ohio JCI members. Guests are welcome but must be sponsored by a member of the included groups in the room.

Payment of the charges listed above may be waived for out of state Senators at the discretion of the Ohio JCI Senate President.

A donation of food or beverage, in lieu of charges listed, will be decided by the Hospitality chairman.

## SECTION 4: FINANCIAL

All funds received by the Ohio JCI Senate shall be deposited within 15 days of receipt by the treasurer.

Funds received for Life Membership shall be maintained in a separate account from the general funds. The funds in this account may be disbursed only for Life Membership expenses, such as national dues, life member badges, certificates, etc.

A portion of the Life Membership funds shall be invested to provide ongoing income for the account described above.

One hundred dollars (\$100) of each Life Membership paid dues shall be donated to the Ohio JCI Senate Charitable and Educational Foundation and shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the membership payment by the Ohio JCI Senate Treasurer.

Finances permitting a working appropriation of one hundred dollars (\$100) will be made for the following events to help cover hospitality expenses:

Hosting a Border Bash<br>Gatlinburg Meeting<br>National Convention States Party<br>Gift for out-going US JCI President<br>Gift for out-going US JCI Region V Vice President

## SECTION 5 DONATIONS

A donation of one dollar (\$1) per person will be accepted at each meeting to offset "The Buckeye Connection" expenses with a list of contributors published in the next issue.

A donation of fifty dollars (\$50) will be made in the form of flowers or a memorial in the event of the death of a member of an Ohio JCI Senator.

A donation to two dollars (\$2) per person will be accepted at meeting to support "The Mentors" magazine of the US JCI Senate.

## SECTION 6: MISCELLANEOUS

The annual Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast will be held in July.

## SECTION 7: GARY RICHEY MEMORIAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD

The Ohio JCI Senate will present the GARY RICHEY AWARD at the Yearend Meeting in May, to a member of the Ohio JCI Senate who best represents the qualities expressed by Gary.

Gary Richey, Senator 47047, was President of the Ohio JCI Senate in 2001-2002 and served as Region V Vice President in 2015-2016. He was a member of the Van Wert Area Jaucees.

Gary served as Chairman of the Ohio JCI Senate Pig Roast and the Wetzel Bike Rally Beer Tent for several years. Gary passed away May 2, 2018, after an 18 month battle with brain cancer.

The following criterion is hereby established to be considered for the Gary Richey Memorial Blue Ribbon Award:

1- Member must be in good standing with the Ohio JCI Senate.
2- Current Executive Committee members are not eligible.
3- Any member of The Ohio JCI Senate may submit a letter of recommendation to the current President of the OH JCI Senate.
4- Recommendations will be accepted from January $1^{\text {st }}-$ March $30^{\text {th }}$.
5- Any person being recommended should be a Senator who has unselfishly given of their time to further the Senate movement in a positive manner and had done so with no need of recognition or expectations of gratitude.
6- The final decision for the recipient of the Gary Richey Memorial Blue Ribbon Award will be at the sole discretion of The Ohio JCI Senate State President

Funding for this aaward will be paid from the general fund of the Ohio JCl Senate and shall not exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75).

## SECTION 8: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

In July of 2002, The Dayton 2001 Committee proposed to the Executive Committee of the Ohio JCI Senate to use the balance from the 2001 National Convention to pay for transportation expenses for the President of the Ohio JCl Senate, up to one thousand dollars ( $\$ 1,000$ ) annually, to attend at least, the US JCI Senate Fall Board of Directors meeting, Winter Board of Directors meeting, and National Convention.

1- Travel can be airline or via car.
2- If traveling by car, mileage is paid based on the Federal Volunteer Rate of the current tax year (currently . 145 cents).
3- Based on the location of these tree (3) events and airline rices, it is very possible that the President could use up to the $\$ 1,000$ prior to the events. It is also possible. Based on the location of these 3 events, that the President may not utilize the entire $\$ 1,000$ if they should drive to the events.

At the February 8, 2020 All State it was discovered that the Presidential Travel Expense Account was nearly depleted. A motion was made to use the non-life membership investment fund account interest to fund the Presidential Travel Expense and to maintain a maximum of two-thousand five hundred and fifty dollars ( $\$ 2,500$ ) (which is two (2) years of travel expenses and the five hundred dollars (\$500) bank minimum balance necessary) after all expenses are paid.

NOTE: It is possible, that the President may not utilize the entire $\$ 1,000$ and this would affect the amount paid out. But if the amount is more, the max amount transferred would only be $\$ 1,000$. The transfer is to be based on the January to December interest each year.

## SECTION 9: NATIONAL MEETING REGISTRATION AND HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It has been a part of the annual budget to reimburse members of the Board of Directors, which includes Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, for their registration and partial hotel expenses for their attendance at Fall Boards, Winter Boards and National Convention. Each position must attend the event and any meetings for their position, if scheduled, and provide the current Treasurer a copy of their registration form and a copy of their hotel invoice to receive their reimbursement. The reimbursement amounts are as follows and limited to:

|  | Registration <br> Fall Boards President | Hotel <br> Winter Boards President |
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| $\$ 75^{*}$ | $\$ 100^{*}$ |  |
| National Convention President | $\$ 75^{*}$ | $\$ 100^{*}$ |
| Fall Boards Other Board Members | $\$ 140$ | $\$ 100^{*}$ |
| Winter Boards Other Board Members | $\$ 75^{*}$ | $\$ 75^{*}$ |
| National Convention Other Board Members | $\$ 140^{*}$ | $\$ 50^{*}$ |
|  |  | $\$ 50^{*}$ |

*Note: The budgeted amounts for registration are set according too the bids approved by the National Board of Directors and could change annually from those stated above in this Procedure and Policies. Money budgeted, but not spent because of lack of attendance remains as an unspent portion of the budget. In addition, these reimbursements will be paid at the end of the year and only if the actual budget income can cover the reimbursements.

## SECTIION 10: NAME BADGES

Upon joining the Ohio JCI Senate, new Senators shall receive, at no cost to the new Senator, an Ohio JCI Senate name badge bearing the Senator's name and Senate number.

Upon becoming a life member of the Ohio JCl Senate, the new Life Member shall receive, at no cost to the Senator, with a name badge bearing the Senator's name, Senate number, and Life Member number.

In the event a member of the Ohio JCI Senate requires a replacement name badge or desires an additional name badge, the Senator shall order the new name badge through the Vice President of the Ohio JCI Senate. The cost of the replacement or additional name badge, determined at the time or ordering the replacement or additional name badge, shall be paid by the Senator who desires the replacement or additional name badge. In the event the Senator desires the replacement or additional name badge be mailed to the Senator, the estimated cost of such mailing shall also be paid by the Senator at the time of ordering.

The responsibility for the ordering and distribution of new member, replacement or additional name badges shall reside with the VicePresident.

