

Constitution and Bylaws of
The Original High Plains Regional Rendezvous Association

ARTICLE I CORPORATE OFFICE

Section 1. The principal office of the corporation shall be 530 South 13th Street, Suite B, Lincoln, Nebraska. The corporation may have such other offices either within or out of the state of Nebraska, as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

ARTICLE II GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The legislative powers granted herein shall be vested in the general assembly of the Original High Plains Regional Rendezvous Association (herein known as OHPRRA).

Section 2. The general assembly shall be comprised of adult (age 18 years or older) paid participants in attendance at the High Plains Regional Rendezvous, herein known as HPRR.

Section 3. The moderator of the assembly shall be the duly elected current Booshway of the HPRR.

Section 4. Should the Booshway be unable to perform this duty, the Segundo shall be the moderator.

Section 5. The general assembly shall meet on Tuesday evening for nominations, and Thursday evening for voting.

Section 6. Minutes of the meeting shall be recorded and maintained by the Scribe/Purser.

Section 7. The general assembly shall have the power to:

1. Vote on amendments or motions presented by the Board of Directors
2. Elect the Booshway-elect
3. Elect at-large Board members

Section 8. No unconstitutional motion shall be passed.

Section 9. No member shall present themselves as a representative of the OHPRRA, nor enter into agreements or contracts binding upon the OHPRRA, unless duly elected by the general assembly to the post of Booshway or Purser.

ARTICLE III BOOSHWAY

Section 1.

1. The executive power shall be vested in the current Booshway of the HPRR.

2. The Booshway shall hold the office for a period of one year, starting at the annual board meeting immediately preceding their rendezvous until the annual board meeting immediately following their rendezvous.

3. The Booshway shall be elected by a vote of paid adult (18 and older) participants present on the day of the election.

4. The Booshway shall be elected two years in advance of their rendezvous. In the year prior to assuming office, they shall be designated as Booshway-elect.

Section 2. Should the Booshway be unable to fulfill their term of office, the Board of Directors and the Chiefs' Council shall appoint a replacement. First option is offered to the Segundo, who shall become Booshway.

Section 3.

1. The Booshway shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable documented operating expenses, which shall be defined as postage, photocopies, phone, and gas to and from rendezvous site during preparation and rendezvous. This does NOT include travels to other rendezvous or shows for promotion of HPRR.

2. All other expenses shall be forwarded to the rendezvous Clerk for payment.

3. Goods purchased to become part of permanent inventory, with values over \$100, shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

4. The Booshway shall be responsible for maintaining a complete inventory of all HPRR equipment, and after the rendezvous, ensuring all equipment is delivered to the Booshway-elect in good working order. The Booshway-elect shall sign a proper receipt for the inventory.

Section 4. The Booshway shall appoint the members of their rendezvous staff. The positions and duties of the staff shall be determined by the Booshway as long as they do not conflict with the philosophy of the OHPRRA. The Booshway shall have a Segundo, Clerk and Scribe.

1. Positions and duties must include but not limited to range, knife and hawk area, kids activities, womens' activities, gate, Scribe, Clerk (rendezvous treasurer), (not to be confused with the OHPRRA Purser) dog soldiers, trade committee, first aid, garbage. More than one position may be held by a reliable person. Other positions that may be offered are horse camp, canoeing, cannon shoots, archery range, trail walk, quail walk, seminars, and fire patrol.

Section 5. Booshway's site shall offer: accessibility in all kinds of weather, adequate space, sanitary toilets, potable water, and firewood, and include accessibility to emergency help.

Section 6. Booshway shall call and preside over at least two camp meetings for the purpose of Booshway and Board member elections during the rendezvous. Time and dates are at the Booshway's discretion.

Section 7. Rendezvous shall be at least 7 days, but no longer than 14 days.

Section 8. There shall be at least one, but no more than two, public days held before closing ceremonies. The Board of Directors shall reserve the power to allow exceptions when requested by the Booshway, as long as family camping remains closed to the public.

Section 9. The Booshway shall designate long term and short-term camps, loading and unloading time and number of times a participant's vehicle comes into camp.

Section 10. Booshway's Clerk shall establish a checking account bearing the name "High Plains Regional Rendezvous." The Clerk shall maintain and provide to the Board of Directors copies of all monthly statements, checks, money orders, notes, drafts, and an accurate list of all cash received or expended by the rendezvous. All statements and accounts shall be closed within 60 days of the last day of the HPRR.

1. Checking account shall be opened with up to \$1500 seed money from the Board of Directors.^{III}

Checks shall be co-signed by the Clerk and one of the Booshway staff: Booshway, Segundo, or Scribe.

2. The seed money, any net profits, and a final financial report shall be returned to the Board of Director's Purser within 75 days of the last day of the HPRR.

3. Should expenses be greater than income, all bills shall be presented to the Board of Directors BEFORE payments are made.

Section 11. Range - weapons must be of the era 1840 or earlier. No inlines, revolvers (with the exception of the 1836 Paterson), zoaves, scopes, spotting scopes or cartridge style guns allowed. They must be of flintlock or percussion style, smoothbore or rifled barrel. Locks include outside mechanisms, side or underhammers.

Section 12. The Booshway shall take part in the amendment process as directed in Article IX.

ARTICLE IV CHIEFS' COUNCIL

Section 1.

1. The Chiefs' Council shall insure the philosophy of the HPRR. The members shall consist of all elected past, present and future Booshways who are willing to serve.

2. Members of the Chiefs' Council shall hold office as long as they fulfill their responsibilities or until such time as they disqualify themselves in the eyes of the Board of Directors (simple majority vote) and the general attendees (simple majority vote) or resign.

Section 2. The Chiefs' Council shall act as an advisory board to the rendezvous staff. They shall screen potential Booshway candidates. They shall receive, review, and submit bylaw amendments to the Board of Directors. Until the next election, vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a willing member of the Chiefs' Council. Finally, they shall act as mentors to the Booshway, Booshway's

staff for the planning and conducting the rendezvous and ensure that the Booshways uphold the philosophy of the OHPRRA and not the philosophy of any other organization (see Article II of Articles of Incorporation).

Section 3. At no time during or before the rendezvous shall any or all of the members of the Chiefs' Council attempt to dismiss or overthrow the Booshway or take over the HPRR without the 100% consent of the Board of Directors present AND a simple majority vote of the paid participants of the HPRR. Before any action is taken, the Chiefs' Council present and the Board of Directors present must meet with the Booshway at a designated time and place and try to resolve the problems internally.

Section 4. The Chiefs' Council shall take part in the amendment process as directed in Article IX.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of seven members, plus the non-voting Purser.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the current Booshway, the Booshway elect, the outgoing Booshway, and a minimum of four members at-large. The at-large members shall serve three-year terms, elected on alternating years.

Section 3. Board of Directors shall meet at least annually, and shall meet at each HPRR conducted by the corporation.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Section 5. Written notice stating the place, day, hour of the meeting and the agenda of the meeting shall be delivered not less than 10 days nor more than 50 days before the meeting either personally or by mail at the discretion of the Chairman.

Section 6. A Board member unable to attend a meeting shall vote by proxy, delivering his signed vote to the Chairman prior to the meeting.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall use any reasonable means necessary to solicit funds from the general assembly should expenses of the rendezvous exceed income, or should there not be enough funds in the association's main account.

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

1. Review motions passed by the general assembly
2. Authorize payment for rendezvous equipment, insurance, expenses, etc.

Section 9. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to advise the Booshway on matters pertaining to the philosophy of the OHPRRA, and to ensure the continuity of the HPRR.

Section 10. In the event of an emergency, the current Booshway, in conjunction with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have the authority to expend any and all monies necessary to maintain the current standards of the HPRR. All expenditures must have a complete receipt.

Section 11. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be recorded and maintained by the Scribe/Purser.

Section 12. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable, documented operating expenses, which shall be defined as postage and phone, as long as funds are available.

Section 13. The Board of Directors shall take part in the amendment process as directed in Article IX.

ARTICLE VI PURSER^{IV}

Section 1. The OHPRRA shall have a Scribe/Purser.

Section 2.

1. The Scribe/Purser shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the general assembly for a renewable, three-year term. The Purser shall be a non-voting Board member.

2. Should the Scribe/Purser be unable to complete their term, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement until the general assembly elects an individual to complete the term. Should the Scribe/Purser fail to fulfill the duties of their office, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority vote,

shall remove them from office. The Board of Directors shall then appoint a replacement until the general assembly elects an individual to complete the term.

3. The Scribe/Purser shall maintain minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the general assembly, and record all motions and votes. Should the Scribe/Purser be unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman shall appoint a designate to take the minutes. All notes shall be immediately forwarded to the Scribe/Purser for transcription. All records of previous meetings shall be made available to any member of the HPRR, with the exception of those minutes taken at closed meetings of the Board of Directors until such time as the matters discussed therein have been resolved. The minutes of closed meetings shall be made available to any member of the Chiefs' Council and the Board of Directors.

4. The Scribe/Purser shall be responsible for mailing the minutes of the Board of Director's meetings to all Board members and all members of the Chiefs' Council within 30 days after the meeting.

5. All expenses incurred by the Scribe/Purser directly related to the OHPRRA shall be presented to the current [Booshway^I](#), with receipts, for reimbursement from OHPRRA funds.

6. The Scribe/Purser shall file a financial report for each rendezvous and make it available within 60 days of the receipt of the Booshway's final report and funds, with copies sent to all Board members. The Scribe/Purser shall post the financial report of the previous year's rendezvous where it can be viewed by all attending the current HPRR.

7. The Scribe/Purser shall be bonded. Bonding shall be paid by the OHPRRA.

8. The Scribe/Purser shall open and operate a checking account bearing the name "Original High Plains Regional Rendezvous Association". The Scribe/Purser shall maintain, and provide upon request to the Booshway, Board of Directors and Chiefs' Council, copies of all monthly statements, checks, money orders, notes, drafts, and accurate listing of all cash received or expended by the rendezvous.

ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS

Section 1. Any HPRR member shall be allowed to be considered for Booshway. Prior to being nominated, a Booshway candidate shall present themselves to the Chiefs' Council at a designated time and meeting.

ARTICLE VIII GEOGRAPHICAL STATUS

The states in which the HPRR shall be held are North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Minnesota.

[Section 1. Should another state desire to become part of the HP, they must be accepted by the simple majority vote of the General Assembly, and must wait a minimum of four years to be eligible to bid^{II}.](#)

Section 2. Rotation sequence: Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota. Should a state miss its turn to bid, that state shall go to the end of the rotation, and the remaining states shall move up in the rotation.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

1. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to a member of the Chiefs' Council. The Chiefs' Council shall receive, review and then submit the amendment to the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors shall acknowledge receipt of the amendment, and send a written opinion to the author of the amendment within 30 days of the receipt of that proposed amendment.

3. The Board of Directors shall vote on amendment(s) at its annual meeting, where simple majority shall dictate the outcome. Should a quorum not be present at the annual meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman, a letter ballot shall be sent out to the Board of Directors, who shall then post all changes prior to Tuesday's meeting to be voted on Thursday meeting without discussion in its entirety by general assembly.

4. The Board of Directors shall retain the power to require certain amendments be submitted to a vote of the general assembly. Such vote shall take place at the earliest convenient meeting of the general assembly, where simple majority shall dictate the outcome.

ARTICLE X RATIFICATION

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the Chiefs' Council. If no changes are suggested by the Chiefs' Council, the Constitution and Bylaws shall be in full force and effect to govern the OHPRRA retroactive to June 4, 1995.

Section 2. The Constitution and Bylaws shall continue to govern all ensuing HPRR.

Section 3. Amendments shall be brought to any member of the Chiefs' Council by any current member of the HPRR. The Chiefs' Council shall review the proposal, and pass the proposal and their recommendation to the Board of Directors, who shall then post all changes prior to Tuesday meeting to be voted on Thursday meeting without discussion in its entirety by general assembly.

ARTICLE XI RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. A loose form of Robert's Rules of Order will be the standard for all meetings of the OHPRRA.

ARTICLE XII MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the OHPRRA shall consist of the Board of Directors and Chiefs' Council.

Section 2. Associate members of the OHPRRA shall be all paid participants (18 years of age and older) of the current HPRR.

1. Associate members shall have full voting privileges and share full responsibility for upholding the philosophy of the OHPRRA.

ARTICLE XIII LOGO

Section 1. A Bison (buffalo) or portion of (i.e. skulls, head) shall be used in any logo representing the High Plains Regional Rendezvous and Original High Plains Regional Rendezvous Association.

ARTICLE XIV BYLAWS

Section 1. A copy of these Bylaws shall be furnished to all board members within 30 days of election and to any general attendees within 30 days of written request.

Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws

AMENDMENT I.

Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 5

Replace “Booshway” with “Chairperson of the Board of Directors”

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AMENDMENT II.

Article VIII, Section 1

Replace **Section 1** with:

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1. A state interested in making application to become a part of the Original High Plains Regional Rendezvous Association must compose a document including all of the following:
 - a. Provide proof that the state is considered a part of the High Plains region geographically and historically.
 - b. Show interest in the HPRR by attending and actively participating in/working with the events for a period of not less than Five (5) years.
2. The document shall be given to the Purser to be included in the earliest convenient meeting of the Chiefs’ Council. The Chiefs’ Council must recommend the Application unanimously for the Application to be submitted to the Board of Directors. If the Chiefs’ Council fails to attain a unanimous vote, the Application will die in committee. If recommended by the Chiefs’ Council the Application shall be given to the Purser to be included in the earliest convenient Board of Directors meeting.
3. The Board of Directors shall review the Application from the Chiefs Council. The Board of Directors shall require a unanimous vote to recommend that the Chairperson present the Application at the earliest convenient meeting of the General Assembly for approval. Failing this the Application will die in committee.
4. The General Assembly, upon receiving the Application shall require a 2/3 majority vote in favor of the Application at two consecutive OHPRRA Rendezvous to gain acceptance.

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AMENDMENT III.

Article III, Section 10, Paragraph 1

Replace **Paragraph 1** with:

1. A checking account shall be opened with an amount set and provided by the Board of Directors.

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AMENDMENT IV.

Article VI

Replace **Article VI** with:

ARTICLE VI NON-VOTING ORGANIZATIONAL POSITIONS

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Scribe/Purser fail to fulfill the duties of their office, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority vote, shall remove them from office. The Board of Directors shall then appoint a replacement until the general assembly elects an individual to complete the term.

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Section 2. The OHPRRA shall have a National Publications Manager.

1. The National Publications Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for an indefinite term. The National Publications Manager is not a member of the Board.

2. Should the National Publications Manager be unable to complete their duties as defined by the current Job Description, the Board of Directors may appoint a temporary replacement until the Board is able to formally request for applicants at an annual meeting of the general assembly. Should the National Publications Manager fail to fulfill the duties of their office, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority vote, shall remove them from office.

3. Essential job duties of the National Publications Manager may include, but are not limited to:

I. Maintain, update and expand a list of regional and national publications for advertising opportunities.

II. Maintain and oversee online advertising opportunities, including, but not limited to: regional/national individual/unaffiliated websites that post flyers, discussion forums with a pre-1840 focus, and living history clubs/associations with a pre-1840 focus.

III. Maintain accurate records of annual advertisements and billing/expenses.

IV. Develop advertising guidelines and/or templates, to be shared with incoming Booshway and staff.

V. Work with current-year Booshway and staff to provide up-to-date advertisement on annual rendezvous.

Section 3. The OHPRRA shall have a Webmaster.

1. The Webmaster shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for an indefinite term. The Webmaster is not a member of the Board.

2. Should the Webmaster be unable to complete their duties as defined by the current Job Description, the Board of Directors may appoint a temporary replacement until the Board is able to formally request for applicants at an annual meeting of the general assembly. Should the Webmaster fail to fulfill the duties of their office, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds majority vote, shall remove them from office.

3. Essential job duties of the Webmaster may include, but are not limited to:

I. Maintain, update and improve organizational website.

II. Maintain and oversee online social media presence.

III. Review statistics and monitor analytics.

IV. Debug issues that arise with the performance of the website.

V. Work with current-year Booshway and staff to provide up-to-date content on annual rendezvous.

VI. Maintain a list of all usernames and passwords for online access.

VII. Maintain domain and site registration, expensed to the organization.

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