

IDAHO BLIND MERCHANTS BYLAWS

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be Idaho Blind Merchants Committee.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this committee is to work with, provide input to and be actively involved with those program decisions of the State Licensing Agency (SLA) as specified by the Randolph Sheppard Act.

Article III Membership

Section 1

The membership of this committee shall be comprised of all licensed operators meeting the following criteria:

- A. Must be a licenced operator running a primary location as defined by the SLA.
- B. Contractors are not members of this committee.

Section 2

A quorum consisting of a majority of qualified operators must be present to conduct business. Once a quorum has been established it will remain effective for the remainder of the meeting.

Article IV Officers and Duties

Section 1 Elections

They shall be elected at the fall meeting during each even numbered year. These officers shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and two Regional representatives. The terms of these officers shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected in and qualified for. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present and voting. All qualified members of the committee are eligible to vote, and there shall be no proxy voting. When more than one person is nominated for an office, a secret ballot shall be taken. If no nominee receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the person receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the list of nominees and a second ballot shall be taken. This procedure shall continue until one of the nominees has received a majority vote from the active Members who are present. If a tie occurs then each candidate shall be given three minutes to present his/her plan (campaign). The second ballot will then be taken. If a second tie occurs, a toss of a coin will determine who the winner is. The Chairperson may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2 Duties of the Officers

- 1. Chairperson: The Chairperson will be the spokesperson for all operators. They will stay in contact with all operators and the SLA. They will perform all other duties pertaining to this office, as specified in the Randolph Shepard Act and the SLA rules.**
- 2. Vice Chairman: The Vice Chairperson will assist the Chairperson and perform all other duties associated with this office.**

3. Secretary: The Secretary will take and keep *on file* accurate minutes of all meetings. They will provide copies of the minutes to the SLA with-in 30 days. They will perform all other duties pertaining to this office. The SLA will produce and distribute copies to the operators in a requested format.

Between meetings, the business of this committee will be conducted by the board which will consist of the elected officers and the two regional representatives.

Section 3 Vacancies

Vacancies among the Board Members shall be filed by appointment by the Chairperson with approval of the remaining Board Members with the exception of the Chairperson position. The Vice Chairperson shall move to the Chairperson in the event of the resignation of the Chairperson. Appointees shall serve until the next regular election.

Article V Meetings

Section 1

There shall be two meetings yearly, the second Saturday in March and the second Saturday in September unless a date change is deemed necessary by the Chairperson s. A quorum must be present to conduct business.

Section 2

The Chairperson may call a special meeting of the committee at any time a majority of the board deems such action to be necessary. A quorum must be present to conduct business.

Article VI Committees

The Chairperson may appoint such committees as they or the Committee deems necessary.

Article VII Amendment

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the committee by an effective vote of two-thirds of the active members present and voting.

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