

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
LONOKE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

We, the undersigned, who are citizens of the United States, in order to form a nonprofit corporation for the purpose hereinafter stated, under and pursuant to the provisions of Act 176 of the 1963 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas Non-Profit Act, do hereby certify as follows:

BY LAWS

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization will be the Lonoke High School Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the Association shall be:

Section 1. To preserve and maintain the history of Lonoke High School, located in Lonoke Arkansas. To foster relationships among graduates, and provide scholarships to worthy students.

Section 2. This Association is organized and operated under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Revenue Code of 1954.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. All members of the Lonoke High School Alumni Association shall be former students of Lonoke Schools. All associate members shall be individuals who have never attended Lonoke Schools. The association is open to all people of any race, color, national origin, sex or disability.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be:

A. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the Lonoke High School Homecoming meeting for a term of one year each, or until their successors are elected.

A. Qualifications and Eligibility

1. A nominee must be an active dues paid member of the Lonoke High School Alumni Association, and must have participated in meetings and events throughout the previous year.

B. Nomination and Election

1. A nomination committee of five members shall be appointed by the president with approval of the Board of Directors.
2. Following the report of the nominating committee, additional nominations may be made from the floor in the meeting at which election is to be held, provided that consent has been secured from the nominee and the nominee is endorsed in the approved manner.
3. No candidate shall be nominated for more than one office at the same time.

C. Term of Office

1. Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. No officer shall serve more than one terms in the same office, except the Treasurer is not limited to one terms.
2. Newly elected officers shall take office at the January meeting, following the election.
3. Vacancies among officers shall be filled by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors for the remainder of the unexpired term. If an officer served more than half a term, the individual is considered to have served a full term in that office.

1. Duties of Office

1. The President shall preside over all meetings at which he or she is present, and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Association. The President shall have the power to appoint committees as needed or required.
2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter, or whenever the President may be unable to perform the duties of his or her office.
3. The Secretary shall maintain written records of all meetings of the Association, and of the Board of Directors. He or she shall keep up-to-date records of the names and addresses of all members. He, she shall have charge of all secretarial documents and papers belonging to the Association, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Association at the direction of the President.
4. The Treasurer shall set up such accounts as necessary to fulfill the business of the Association, and shall pay out all monies, by check only, to cover those expenses of the Association as are approved by the president, and the Board of Directors. The President and one board member must approve expenditures over \$200.00. The Treasurer and one designated board member must sign all checks over \$200.00. The Treasurer shall, at each meeting report the following: Amount disbursed in the period since the previous meeting, and the amount in the Treasury on the date of the report. This report shall be considered an important part of the meeting minutes. At the close of the calendar year the books shall be audited, being sure all outstanding bills are paid. The auditing committee shall be appointed by the President. An annual record shall be given to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Association President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and two members at large. The members at large will be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting in January.

Section 2. DUTIES – The Board of Directors shall:

- A. Act as governing body of the Association.
- B. Transact the necessary business of the Association.

Section 3. MEETINGS

- A. The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary at a time and place designated by the president
- B. Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president, or at the written request of a majority of the officers.

ARTICLE VI **FINANCES**

Section 1. Fund raising activities for the Association may be held when authorized by the Board of Directors and when the purpose is in agreement with the slated objectives of the Association.

Section 2. A proposed budget of anticipated revenues and expenditures as prepared by the treasurer shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, on an annual basis.

ARTICLE VII **POWERS**

The Association shall have the power to cooperate with any government agency or agencies, whether national, state, county, or municipal, or with any business or private agency whatsoever, in carrying out the purpose herein contemplated; to borrow or raise money necessary or convenient to the accomplishment of the purpose of the Association; acquire gifts, purchase property of every description for any purpose necessary, useful or incidental to the accomplishment of the purpose of the Association within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE VIII
ASSETS

Section 1. No part of the earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the objectives set forth in Article II hereof.

ARTICLES IX
DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose of the Association in such manner, or with operated exclusively for educational, scientific, charitable, or religious purposes under 501 (c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLES X
DISCLAIMER

Section 1. No officer, director, or agent shall be held liable for any act, accident, injury, or mishap incurred by any individual while participating in any function sanctioned or non-sanctioned by the Lonoke High School Alumni Association.

ARTICLE XI
THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The period of existence of the Association shall be perpetual.

Section 2. The Association shall be governed by its bylaws, and such bylaws shall conform to the Articles of Incorporation, and shall not be contrary to the laws of the State of Arkansas.

Section 3. The names and addresses of persons who are to make up the initial officers of the Association, and who are incorporators of the Lonoke High School Alumni Association, are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

WITNESS our hand and seal this _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____

