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3 **OHIO STATE TRAPPERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

4 **BYLAWS**

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6 **ARTICLE 1 – Quorum**

7 Section 1 – The number of Officers and Directors, sometimes herein after referred
8 to as the Board, required to form a quorum at a Board meeting, sometimes herein
9 after referred to as the Board of Directors' meeting, shall be over 50% of filled
10 positions.

11 Section 2 – Only Elected Officers, Directors and Coordinators shall be allowed to
12 vote at Board of Directors' meetings.

13 **ARTICLE 2 – Membership**

14 Section 1 – Membership Dues shall be reviewed annually at the spring Officers'
15 and Directors' meeting. Any changes in membership dues shall require a majority
16 vote by the Board.

17 Section 2 – Members shall be declared delinquent when 30 days in arrears and
18 shall lose all rights and benefits.

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20 **ARTICLE 3 - Fiscal Year**

21 Section 1 – The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

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ARTICLE 4 – Meetings

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly with times, dates and locations selected by the President and approved by the Board. At the discretion of the Executive Board, meetings may be conducted virtually or by conference call.

Section 2 – The order of business may generally follow Roberts Rules of Order. There shall be an "Annual Plan of Work" established and approved annually at the January Board of Directors' meeting.

Section 3 – All Board members shall conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner. Repeated unprofessional, disrespectful, uncivil conduct; cursing, or other foul language may result in immediate removal from that meeting. A Sargent of Arms may be appointed by the President, when necessary.

Section 4 – No Officer, Director or Coordinator will be afforded more than one vote. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE 5 – Election of Officers

Section 1 – Nomination for Office shall be made in writing, to the Executive Director, from January 1 through April 15 in any even numbered year. Nominations shall include the name, address, and phone number of the nominee and the name, address, and phone number of the member making said nomination.

Section 2 – The Executive Director, after determining eligibility, shall notify the nominee and the member making said nomination, of the candidate's status. Members determined to be ineligible may appeal that decision to the Board of Directors, who shall determine, by a majority vote of the those present, the eligibility of the appellant. Any decision by the Board of Directors shall be final and binding.

55 Section 3 – Eligible nominees shall notify the Executive Director, in writing, no
56 later than May 1 of any even numbered year, of their acceptance of any
57 nomination. Failure to contact the Executive Director by May 1, or any rejection
58 by a candidate to be nominated, shall make said candidate ineligible for Office
59 during that election.

60 Section 4 – The Executive Director shall make available any ballots necessary for
61 any election of Officers. Write-in candidates shall not be allowed.

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63 **ARTICLE 6 – Attendance & Vacancies**

64 Section 1 – Any Officer, Director or Coordinator not excused for three consecutive
65 meetings shall be personally contacted by a representative of the Executive Board.
66 Continued non-excused absences may be subject to termination at the discretion
67 of the Board of Directors.

68 Section 2 – Any vacancy in office, including elected offices, shall be filled by a
69 nomination from the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of
70 Directors.

71 **ARTICLE 7 – Changing the Bylaws**

72 Section 1 – The Bylaws can be changed or amended at any Board of Directors’
73 meeting by a simple majority vote.

74 **ARTICLE 8 – Buckeye Trapper**

75 Section 1 – “The Buckeye Trapper” shall be the official publication of the Ohio
76 State Trappers Association, Inc., herein after sometimes referred to as the OSTA.

77 Section 2 – “The Buckeye Trapper” shall be published bi-monthly by the Editor.

78 Section 3 – No publication shall replace or interfere with “The Buckeye Trapper”

79 Section 4 – The Editor of “The Buckeye Trapper” shall be nominated by the
80 President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

81 Section 5 – Members in good standing shall receive six issues of “The Buckeye
82 Trapper” for each year of membership.

83 **ARTICLE 9 – Convention**

84 Section 1 – Convention rules will be established by the Board of Directors and
85 approved by simple majority vote.

86 Section 2 – Convention guidelines will be established by the Board of Directors
87 and approved by simple majority vote.

88 Section 3 – The convention rules and guidelines will be reviewed and revised as
89 necessary and approved by a simple majority.

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91 **ARTICLE 10 – Convention Coordinator**

92 Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of Convention Coordinator.

93 Section 2 – The OSTA Convention Coordinator shall be nominated by the President
94 and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

95 Section 3 – The position of Convention Coordinator shall be governed by the same
96 rules and privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

97 Section 4 – The Convention Coordinator shall fulfill the duties in the job
98 description provided by the Board of Directors.

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100 **ARTICLE 11 – Education Coordinator**

101 Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of Education Coordinator.

102 Section 2 – The OSTA Education of Coordinator shall be nominated by the
103 President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

104 Section 3 – The position of Education Coordinator shall be governed by the same
105 rules and privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

106 Section 4 – The Education Coordinator shall fulfill the duties in the job description
107 provided by the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE 12 – Ad Manager

112 Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of Ad Manager.

113 Section 2 – The OSTA Ad Manager shall be nominated by the President and
114 confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

115 Section 3 – The position of Ad Manager shall be governed by the same rules and
116 privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

117 Section 4 – The Ad Manager shall fulfill the duties in the job description provided
118 by the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE 13 – Executive Director

121 Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of Executive Director.

122 Section 2 – The OSTA Executive Director shall be nominated by the President and
123 confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

124 Section 3 – The position of Executive Director shall be governed by the same rules
125 and privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

126 Section 4 – The Executive Director shall fulfill the duties in the job description
127 provided by the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE 14 - Secretary

130 Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of Secretary.

131 Section 2 – The OSTA Secretary shall be nominated by the President and
132 confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

133 Section 3 – The position of secretary shall be governed by the same rules and
134 privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

135 Section 4 – The Secretary shall fulfill the duties in the job description provided by
136 the Board of Directors.

137 **ARTICLE 15 – Public information Officer (PIO)**

138 Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of Public information Officer
139 (PIO).

140 Section 2 – The OSTA Public Information Officer shall be nominated by the
141 President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

142 Section 3 – The position of Public Information Officer shall be governed by the
143 same rules and privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

144 Section 4 – The Public Information Officer shall fulfill the duties in the job
145 description provided by the Board of Directors.

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147 **ARTICLE 16 – Directors and Organizers**

148 Section 1 – The state of Ohio shall be divided into 14 Districts, with each District
149 headed by a Director nominated by the President and confirmed by a majority
150 vote of the Board of Directors. District Directors shall reside in the districts that
151 they represent. District Directors shall fulfill the duties in the job description
152 provided by the Board of Directors.

153 Section 2 – The state shall also be divided into three Regions, with each Region
154 headed by a Director nominated by the President and confirmed by a majority
155 vote of the Board of Directors. Region Directors shall be a resident of the Region
156 that they represent. Regional Directors shall fulfill the duties in the job
157 description provided by the Board of Directors.

158 Section 3 – Each county shall be eligible for one or more County Organizers who
159 may be appointed by the President, Vice-President, Region Director or District
160 Director. County Organizers need not be a resident of the county they represent,
161 however, if they are not a resident, they shall reside in a county contiguous to the
162 county represented. The job of County Organizer is to assist Directors in their
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ARTICLE 17 – Directors at Large

Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish one Director at Large position per region, and four Directors at Large positions statewide.

Section 2 – Any candidate for Director at Large shall be a member in good standing for two years. They shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – The position of Director at Large shall be governed by the same rules and privileges that apply to the position of District Director.

ARTICLE 18 – NTA Director

Section 1 – The OSTA shall establish the position of National Trappers Association (NTA) Director.

Section 2 – The NTA Director shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – The position of NTA Director shall be governed by the same rules and privileges that apply to the position of District Director with the exception that the NTA Director may not make, move, or vote on any motion pertaining to the NTA. This exception shall not limit the NTA Director’s ability to debate, discuss, or make recommendation on any motion.

Section 4 - The NTA Director shall fulfill the duties in the job description provided by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 19 – Official Position of OSTA

Section 1 – Proposals involving seasons, dates, bag limits, methods and zones made by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, or any OSTA member, will not be considered the official position of the OSTA until after the proposal is first voted on and approved by the majority of the OSTA Board of Directors.