

# ARIZONA STATE COWBELLES BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I

### NAME:

The name of this organization shall be ARIZONA STATE COWBELLES, INC (ASC).

## ARTICLE II

### OBJECT:

Its object shall be:

- A. To serve as the women's voice of the cattle industry.
- B. To enhance understanding and friendship among those engaged in, or interested in, the cattle industry.
- C. To be an affiliate of the American National Cattle Women's Association (ANCW) and implement all their programs deemed appropriate by ASC.
- D. To coordinate with the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association (ACGA) and any other organization, in promoting the cattle industry.
- E. To educate the public about the positive aspects of beef and the ranching industry.
- F. To be good stewards of the land and environment.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP:

Any woman engaged in, or representing those engaged in, or has a positive, supportive belief in the cattle industry shall be eligible and may apply for membership.

## ARTICLE IV

### OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A. The officers of the organization shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary (who shall be appointed by the President) and Treasurer. The term of office will be for one (1) year, except that of Treasurer, whose term will be three (3) years.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of all officers, parliamentarian, chaplain, historian, all past presidents, all committee chairs (or her alternate), the Statutory Agent, the President (or her alternate) of each Local Cowbelle organization, the President of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association (or his/ her representative), and the Executive Director (or representative) of the Arizona Beef Council, as ex-officio members.
- C. All directors elected or appointed positions for ASC must be ASC members.

## ARTICLE V

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and the Immediate Past-President.

## ARTICLE VI

### STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR PURPOSE SHALL BE:

- A. Ag Literacy – to work with other organizations to educate Arizona teachers of the importance of the beef industry.
- B. Beef Ambassador – to implement the state event to fulfill the American National CattleWomen (ANCW) Beef Ambassador program.
- C. By-Laws & Points of Policy – to maintain a current and viable document to guide the business actions of this organization.
- D. Industry Issues– to monitor and communicate key issues (including legislative) with the entire ASC organization and all local affiliates. To work with the ANCW and to communicate to ASC members and to all locals the ANCW industry issues and to implement any ANCW activities.
- E. Membership – to maintain the membership records and to work to increase regular and associate members in ASC.
- F. Communications & Publicity – to provide communications to all members via newsletters, websites or whatever is most efficient and successful. Develop any news releases and/or assist any media coverage of this organization.
- G. Promotion & Education – to promote beef and educate consumers to the nutritional value of it as well as the positive role the beef industry plays in the environment, economy and overall well-being of Arizona and the nation. To work with the ANCW and to communicate to ASC members and to all locals the ANCW Beef Promotion and Consumer Education issues and implement any ANCW programs.
- H. Ways & Means – to develop income sources to aid in the fiscal strength of this organization.
- I. Budget & Finance – to recommend the annual Arizona State Cowbelles' budget and to provide a budget for submittal by the Arizona State Cowbelles' President to the Arizona Beef Council.
- J. Additional Ad Hoc Committees may be established as needed by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. The election of officers shall be at the time of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Arizona State Cowbelles, Inc.
- B. The Nominating Committee, which shall be chaired by the Immediate Past-President, shall consist of the three (3) Immediate Past-Presidents and two (2) Local Presidents, to be selected by this committee.
- C. The names of the prospective officers may be presented to the Nominating Committee for consideration at any time before the Annual Membership Meeting.
- D. The Nominating Committee shall give its report at the Annual Membership Meeting and not before.
- E. The President may make the following appointments and/ or have elections for her term only for these positions: ANCW appointments as needed, Arizona National Livestock (ANLS) Activities, Chaplain, Courtesy, Historian, Mattie Cowan Scholarship, Parliamentarian, Statutory Agent, and other approved ASC projects. The duties of these positions are noted in the ASC Points of Policy.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEETINGS:**

- A. Annual Membership Meetings of the Arizona State Cowbelles may be held at the time of the annual meetings of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association.
- B. Board meetings may be scheduled as needed by the President.
- C. All ASC meetings are open to the general ASC membership.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DUES:**

Annual dues shall be due and payable on October 1<sup>st</sup> and delinquent on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **QUORUM:**

- A. A quorum for Annual Membership Meetings shall consist of those members present, whose dues have been received by the Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- B. One-third of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for that body.
- C. ASC Past-Presidents and the President of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association (or his/ her representative) and the Arizona Beef Council are NOT included in determining a quorum of the Board of Directors.
- D. No individual on the ASC Board of Directors may have more than one vote.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:**

In all cases not covered by these By-Laws or ASC Points of Policy, *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* shall be accepted as parliamentary authority.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **DISSOLUTION:**

- A. In the event that the Arizona State Cowbelles (operated under Section 501c (Arizona State Cowbelles' Tax ID #86-0384570) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954) should be dissolved, the assets shall be distributed equally to the existing Arizona Local Chapters of Cowbelles within 60 days of the dissolution.
- B. Failing such distribution, such assets shall be paid to the American National CattleWomen's Association.
- C. In no event shall the assets of this corporation be distributed to any Directors, Officers or members of the corporation or to any private individual.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **AMENDMENTS:**

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds of those voting for changes by either a mailed, written ballot or an in-person vote at any Annual Membership Meeting. Official notice of proposed changes must have been submitted at the previous Annual Membership Meeting or mailed to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the next Annual Membership Meeting.