

Central Region Area 1 Venturing Officers Association By-Laws

Article I: Name and Affiliation

1. This organization shall be known as the Central Region Area 1 Venturing Officers Association (CRA1-VOA).
2. The CRA1-VOA is part of the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America and the Central Region Area 1 and is supervised by the Area 1 Venturing Committee and under the administrative authority of the Area 1 Director (or his/her designee).

Article II: Mission and Vision

1. The mission of the CRA1-VOA is to serve Venturing in the Central Region Area 1 of the Boy Scouts of America through its Scouting based values that builds character, promotes citizenship, and develops personal and mental fitness by offering resources, ideas and support.
2. The vision of the CRA1-VOA is to be an active group that promotes, educates, and strengthens Venturing in Area 1 of the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America through training, communication between councils, areas, and the region, and promotes Venturing events, and promotes the growth of the Venturing program.

Article III: Purpose and Responsibilities

1. The purpose of the CRA1-VOA shall be:
 - A. To organize, promote and give leadership to all area sponsored activities,
 - B. To organize and promote area communications and assist the local officers of Council VOAs and TLCs,
 - C. To organize and help in the development and implementation of training for Council Venturing Officers and advisors, through the annual Program Conference and other events,
 - D. To promote activities and opportunities for Venturers at the National High Adventure Bases and other National or Regional programs and activities,
 - E. To provide Venturers with a representative voice in the policies and programs of Venturing, and
 - F. To assist local Councils, at their request, with promoting Venturing.

Article IV: Organization and Membership

1. The CRA1-VOA is composed of the Area 1 Venturing President, who shall be the youth leader of the CRA1-VOA, Vice Presidents as assigned, and the youth chair of each Council's Venturing Offers Association (VOA) or Teen Leader Council (TLC) within Area 1.
2. In addition any youth chairperson appointed by the Area 1 Venturing President shall be a member of the CRA1-VOA.
3. The Area 1 Venturing Chair and any such advisors as s/he may appoint shall be ex officio members of the CRA1-VOA.
4. The CRA1-VOA Executive Committee shall consist of the Area Venturing Chair, the Area 1 Venturing President, and the Area 1 Venturing Vice-Presidents as assigned.

Article V: Meetings

1. The CRA1-VOA shall meet at least two times during each calendar year. These meetings may be in person or through conference calls. One of these meetings shall take place at the Area 1 Conference.
2. The Area 1 Venturing President, in consultation with the Area 1 Venturing Chair shall prepare an agenda for each CRA1-VOA meeting. That agenda should be distributed before the meeting.
3. In the event that the Area 1 Venturing President is unable to preside at the meeting, an appointed representative will take his/her place.

Article VI: Selection of Officers

1. The Area 1 Venturing President shall be appointed by the Area 1 Venturing Chair in consultation with the Area Director and outgoing Area 1 President.
2. The Area 1 Venturing President, Area 1 Venturing Chair, and the Area Director shall determine an appropriate application and application review process. Interviews will be conducted by the current Area 1 Venturing President and Area 1 Venturing Chair, with the advice and assistance of the Area Director as appropriate. A third party of their choosing will also conduct the interview.
3. In order to be considered for the position of Area 1 Venturing President, the applicant must be a registered member of a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship in a Council within Area 1.
4. All officers must live within Area 1 during their term of office. All applicants must be younger than 20 years of age on July 1.
5. Selection of the Area 1 Venturing Vice-President of Administration and Area 1 Venturing Vice-President of Program shall be done by the Area 1 Venturing President. The Area 1 Venturing President may choose to conduct an election at an Area 1 Venturing event that is pre-announced to Area 1.

Article VII: Term of Office

1. The President's term shall begin June 1st each year and end on May 31st of the following year.
2. If the office becomes vacant for whatever reason, the Area 1 Venturing Chair and Area 1 Director shall appoint a President to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Article VIII: Area Officers and Roles

1. The role of the Area 1 Venturing President shall be:
 - A. The Area Venturing President is responsible to the Area 1 Venturing Chair and the Area Director.
 - B. The Area Venturing President represents Venturing at Regional and Area activities and meetings, council activities and special projects.
 - C. The Area Venturing President presides at all meetings of the CRA1-VOA, and in consultation with the Area 1 Venturing Chair prepares the meeting agenda.
 - D. The Area Venturing President, in consultation with the Area 1 Venturing Chair plans and conducts a CRA1-VOA training and planning session as a part of the Area 1 Conference.
 - E. The Area Venturing President represents Area 1 on the Central Region Venturing Officers Association.
 - F. The Area Venturing President maintains regular communication with the members of the CRA1-VOA.
 - G. The Area Venturing President agrees to wear the official Venturing (or Sea Scout) uniforms when serving in the official capacity of Area 1 Venturing President.
 - H. The Area Venturing President serves in a leadership role for any area/ region/or national events as requested.
 - I. The Area Venturing President performs any other duties as assigned by the Regional Venturing President or Area 1 Venturing Chair.
2. The role of the Area 1 Venturing Vice- President for Administration shall be:
 - A. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration is responsible to the Area 1 Venturing President
 - B. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration may represent Venturing at Regional and Area activities and meetings, council activities and special projects.
 - C. In the absence of the Area Venturing President the Area Vice-President for Administration presides at meetings of the CR1-VOA.

- D. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration maintains and updates a roster of Council VOA/TLC officers and members of the CR1-VOA.
- E. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration keeps and distributes minutes and notes for all CR1-VOA and CR1-VOA Executive Committee meetings.
- F. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration agrees to wear the official Venturing uniforms when serving in the official capacity of Area 1 Venturing Vice-President.
- G. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration serves in a leadership role for any area/ region/or national events as requested.
- H. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration performs any other duties as assigned by the Area Venturing President or Area 1 Chair of Venturing.

3. The Role of the Area 1 Venturing Vice-President for Program shall be:

- A. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program is responsible to the Area 1 Venturing President.
- B. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program may represent Venturing at Regional and Area activities and meetings, council activities and special projects.
- C. In the absence of the Area Venturing President and Area Vice-President for Administration the Vice-President for Program presides at meetings of the CR1-VOA.
- D. The Area Venturing Vice-President for program is responsible for the planning and implementation of Area programs at the discretion of the CR1-VOA.
- E. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program agrees to wear the official Venturing (or Sea Scout) uniforms when serving in the official capacity of Area 1 Venturing Vice-President.
- F. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program serves in a leadership role for any area/ region/or national events as requested.
- G. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program performs any other duties as assigned by the Area Venturing President or Area 1 Chair of Venturing.

Article IX: Voting Rights

- 1. Each member of the CRA1-VOA shall have one vote in meetings
- 2. Any action of the CRA1-VOA must be approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting; and be approved by the Area Director

Article X: Rules of Order

1. All meetings shall be conducted consistent with the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*

Article XI: Removal of Officers

1. Any CRA1-VOA Officer or Chairperson shall resign upon the request of the Area 1 Venturing Chair or the Area Director

Article XII: Committees

1. The CRA1-VOA may create any standing or temporary committee, and appoint committee members, necessary to carry out the purpose and responsibilities of the CRA1-VOA.

Article XIII: Amendments and Revisions

1. Amendments to these by-laws may be made by the CRA1-VOA, provided that at least thirty-day written notice is provided before a regularly scheduled CRA1-VOA meeting.
2. The proposed amendment(s) must be provided in writing to all voting members of the CRA1-VOA
3. Passage of an amendment requires the affirmative 2/3 vote of those CRA1-VOA members present and voting.
4. Before an amendment becomes effective it must have the approval of the Area Director.

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