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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
CENTRAL REGION AREA 2 VENTURING OFFICERS'
ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL REGION, B.S.A.**

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Article I Name and Affiliation

1. This organization will be known as the Central Region Area 2 Venturing Officers' Association (herein known as A2VOA).
2. The A2VOA is part of the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America and the Central Region Area 2; it is supervised by the Area 2 Venturing Committee and is under the administrative authority of the Area 2 Director (or his/her designee).

Article II. Mission and Vision

1. The mission of the A2VOA is to serve Venturing in the Central Region Area 2 of the Boy Scouts of America through its value-based program that builds character, promotes citizenship, and develops personal and mental fitness by offering resources, ideas and support.
2. The vision of the A2VOA is to be an active group that promotes, educates, and strengthens the Venturing program throughout Area 2 and the Central Region of the Boy Scouts of America through training, communication between councils, areas, and the region, promotes Venturing events, and promotes the growth of the Venturing program.

Article III Authority to Organize

The authority to organize and operate this A2VOA was granted by the Area 2 Venturing Committee.

1. The responsibility for the A2VOA is delegated to the Area 2 Venturing Committee Chairman (Associate Advisors may also be appointed) and the Area 2 Director (herein called Area 2 Advisors).
 - A. These two advisors serve as ex-officio members of the A2VOA.
 - B. They shall advise, counsel, train, and assist the Area 2 Venturing President, Area 2 Boatswain, and Area 2 Vice Presidents, in fulfilling their responsibilities.
 - C. All A2VOA meetings, activities, projects, committees, actions, office appointments, and other functions shall be conducted with the advice and approval of these two advisors.
2. This A2VOA shall operate within the policies, procedures, and regulations of the National Executive Council, the National Venturing Cabinet, and the Central

Region. This A2VOA shall support all National, Regional, and Area programs, functions and activities.

3. All positions appointments of both youth and adults on the A2VOA must be approved by the Area 2 Director, and their Council Scout Executive.

Article IV Purposes and Responsibilities

1. The purposes and responsibilities of this A2VOA shall be:
 - A. To organize, promote and give leadership to all area sponsored activities and area communications and to help the elected officers of Council VOAs.
 - B. To encourage and aid in interaction between areas/councils and to encourage area/council activities and communications and to provide leadership for such.
 - C. To organize and help in the development and implementation of training for Council VOA officers and advisors.
 - D. To promote the use of the National High Adventure Bases and Venturing bases throughout the nation.
 - E. To provide Venturers and Sea Scouts with a representative voice in the program and policies of Venturing, sharing leadership responsibilities with advisors.
 - F. To help maintain an up-to-date roster of all council presidents and officers, volunteer chairpersons, staff advisors/directors, and scout executives (where appropriate), including phone numbers and addresses, as well as e-mail addresses.
 - G. To help publish monthly communications to inform councils about activities, meetings, and projects.
 - H. To assist local Councils, at their request, with promoting Venturing.

Article V Organization and Membership

1. Members of the A2VOA
 - A. The A2VOA is composed of the Area 2 Venturing President, who shall be the presider of the A2VOA, three Area 2 Vice Presidents (VP for Administrations, VP for Program and VP for Communications), and any other appointed chairperson or officers of the A2VOA as approved by the Area 2 Venturing Executive Committee.
 - B. All Council VOA Presidents may serve as a representative to the A2VOA. If no such position exists within your council, then the council may appoint a representative to the A2VOA. This representative is responsible for reporting on Venturing in his/her Council to the Area 2 Venturing President. He/she may still hold a Council or District officer's position along with a Crew position if he/she so chooses.

- C. Ex-Officio members of the A2VOA are all past selected Presidents of the A2VOA and all duly appointed advisors of the above.
- 2. Area 2 Executive Committee Membership
 - A. The Area 2 Venturing Executive Committee shall consist of the Area 2 Venturing President, the Area 2 Venturing Chairperson, and the Area 2 Director.

Article VI Meetings

- 1. The A2VOA will meet at least three times during the calendar year. These meetings may be in person or through conference calling. A2VOA youth members are expected to be a part of these meetings, and the Advisors are encouraged to attend.
- 2. The Area 2 Venturing President shall prepare agendas/programs for the A2VOA events/meetings.
- 3. In the event that the Area 2 Venturing President is unable to preside at the meeting/event and he/she has not appointed a presider, the Area 2 Venturing Vice President of Administrations will preside.

Article VII Selection of Officers

- 1. Selections
 - A. A selection process will be held for the sole purpose of appointing the Area 2 Venturing President once during the program year as established by the Regional Venturing Committee, and the Area 2 Venturing Committee.
 - B. The Area 2 Venturing Committee determines selection procedures for the Area Venturing President.
 - C. In order to be considered for Application as the Area 2 Venturing President or a Vice President, a candidate must be a registered member of an Area 2 Crew or Ship.
 - D. All applicants must live within Area 2 during their term of office.
 - E. All applicants must also be younger than 20 years of age on June 1.
 - F. Selection on the Area 2 Vice Presidents shall be done by the Area 2 President as in coordination with his/her advisors. The Area 2 President may choose to conduct a preannounced election at an Area 2 event.

Article VIII Term of Office

- 1. The term of office for the Area 2 Venturing President begins on June 1 of the year immediately following the appointment, and will last until May 31 of the following year. The term of office for the Area 2 Venturing Vice Presidents will be

from date of appointment of the year of selection until June 30 of the following year. The term of office of any chairperson will vary based on their selection.

2. If the office of Area 2 Venturing President is vacated for whatever reason, the Area 2 Venturing Committee will select a replacement.

Article IX Area Officers Roles and Responsibilities

1. The A2VOA shall have an Area Venturing President, and three Vice Presidents.
 - A. President
 - a. The Area Venturing President, through the Area Director, determines the Council Staff that is responsible for Venturing. Call Councils within your area to determine if they have a Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) and if so the name, address, phone number, and e-mail of the youth officers and volunteer chairperson. Talk with the Venturing Officers' Association President to determine how the program is doing, the number of crews and the Council Venturing structure.
 - b. (If no Council youth leadership) The Area Venturing President communicates with the Council Venturing contact or volunteer chair about the advantages of a Venturing Officers' Association and offers his/her assistance and the assistance of the Central Region Venturing President.
 - c. (If council youth leadership) The Area Venturing President keeps in regular contact with the officers for support, and encourages participation in any designated inter-council events.
 - d. The Area Venturing President shares information with the Area 2 Venturing Executive Committee and the Regional Venturing President through a bi-monthly report to the Area 2 Venturing Executive Committee and the Regional Venturing President.
 - e. The Area Venturing President agrees to participate in required conference calls with the Regional VOA.
 - f. The Area Venturing President may only continue to hold a crew or district position throughout their term.
 - g. The Area Venturing President agrees to wear the official Venturing uniform as specified by the Central Region (paid for at own expense).
 - h. The Area Venturing President agrees to contribute information for the Region's communication pieces (newsletter and website).
 - i. The Area Venturing President agrees to serve in a leadership role for any Area/Region/National event if requested.
 - j. The Area Venturing President represents Venturing at Regional and Area activities, meetings, council activities and special projects.
 - k. The Area Venturing President presides at all meetings of the A2VOA, and, in consultation with the Area 2 Venturing Chair prepares the meeting agenda.

- l. The Area Venturing President, in consultation with the Area 2 Venturing Chair, plans and conducts an A2VOA training and planning session as a part of the Area 2 Conference.
 - m. The Area Venturing President represents Area 2 on the Central Region Venturing Officers' Association.
 - n. The Area Venturing President maintains regular communication with the members of the A2VOA.
 - o. The Area Venturing President performs any other duties as assigned by the Regional Venturing President or the Area 2 Executive Committee.
- B. Vice-President Administration
- a. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration is responsible to the Area 2 Venturing President, Area Chair and the Area Director.
 - 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 A2VOA.
 - d. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration conducts open and closing ceremonies for special occasions as scheduled.
 - e. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration leads the recruiting of new members during the year.
 - f. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration agrees to wear the official Venturing uniform when serving in the official capacity of Area 2 Venturing Vice-President.
 - g. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration may only continue to hold a crew or district position throughout their term.
 - h. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration serves in a leadership role for any area/region/or national events as requested.
 - i. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Administration performs any other duties as assigned by the Area Venturing President or Area 2 Venturing Chair.
- C. Vice-President Program
- a. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program is responsible to the Area 2 Venturing President, Area Chair and the Area Director.
 - 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 A2VOA.
 - d. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program is responsible for the planning and implementation of Area programs at the discretion of the A2VOA.

- e. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program agrees to wear the official Venturing uniform when serving in the official capacity of Area 2 Venturing Vice-President.
 - f. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program may only continue to hold a crew or district position throughout their term.
 - g. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program serves in a leadership role for any area/region/or national events as requested.
 - h. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Program performs any other duties as assigned by the Area Venturing President or Area 2 Venturing Chair.
- D. Vice-President Communications
- a. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications is responsible to the Area 2 Venturing President, Area Chair and the Area Director.
 - b. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications 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 and Vice-President for Program the Vice-President for Communications presides at meetings of the A2VOA.
 - d. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications maintains and updates a roster of Council VOA officers and members of the A2VOA.
 - e. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications keeps and distributes minutes and notes for all A2VOA and A2VOA Executive Committee meetings.
 - f. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications agrees to wear the official Venturing uniform when serving in the official capacity of Area 2 Venturing Vice-President.
 - g. The Area 2 Venturing Vice-President for Communications may only continue to hold a crew or district position throughout their term.
 - h. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications serves in a leadership role for any area/region/or national events as requested.
 - i. The Area Venturing Vice-President for Communications performs any other duties as assigned by the Area 2 Venturing President or Area 2 Venturing Chair.

Article X Removal of Officers

1. Any A2VOA officer/chairperson shall resign upon the request of the Area 2 Executive Committee or Area 2 Director.

Article XI A3VOA Voting Rights

1. A2VOA members have the right to vote. Ex-officio members do not have the right to vote.
2. There is only one vote per person.
3. To ratify any action at an A2VOA meeting, a majority vote is required and approval of the Area 2 Executive Committee.

Article XII Committees

1. The A2VOA Executive Committee may create any standing or temporary committees necessary to carry out the purpose and responsibilities of the A2VOA.
2. The Area 2 Venturing President or the committee chair may appoint members of these committees. The members must be Area 2 registered Venturers, or Adults.

Article XIII Amendments and Revisions

1. Amendment and revision to this constitution can be made at any regular meeting of the A2VOA provided such amendments have been submitted in writing to the A2VOA 30 days prior to the A2VOA meeting. The amendment or revision must be included in the meeting notice. The amendment will be discussed and voted on at the next scheduled A2VOA meeting.
2. All Area 2 officers must approve the amendment or revision in order for it to pass.
3. Any amendment or revision requires the approval of the Area 2 Venturing Executive Committee.

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