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The Chicago Clean Energy Alliance
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BY-LAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide regularly scheduled events whereby organizations and professionals working to move the United States to a low carbon economy (through the use of clean and alternative energy sources, carbon credits, public awareness and education), can come together to address climate change, network, promote their business development interests and stay current on industry related topics.

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this Alliance shall be the Chicago Clean Energy Alliance.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

See Mission Statement.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS:

This Alliance shall meet regularly, but not less than quarterly. Special meetings may be called by a simple majority vote at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV

DUES:

The Board (as defined in Article V, may decide based on the financial needs of the organization to require payment of yearly dues from the membership (as defined in Article VII). The amount of said dues will be in accordance with the financial needs of the organization to adhere to its mission statement.

ARTICLE V

ALLIANCE OFFICERS:

1. The officers of this Alliance shall be President, Vice-President and Treasurer. All officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Alliance, having general administrative powers.
2. Following the initial formation of the Alliance, future officers shall be elected as provided for in Article XII.
3. All officers must demonstrate a sincere interest in the promotion of a clean economy by both their actions and rhetoric.
4. The term of each officer shall be three years with the date of commencement to be the date of incorporation.

ARTICLE VI

QUORUM:

A simple majority of the current Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business and decision making of this Alliance.

ARTICLE VII

AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP:

“Active Member” shall be defined as either a founding board member, or one who has attended all regularly scheduled meetings in the calendar year and someone (who is or desires to be) actively involved in promoting, being part of, or supporting the clean and/or alternative energy industry.

Anyone desiring to become an “Active Member” and who has satisfied the above requirements, shall submit a one paragraph summary to the Board (along with a resume) outlining why they desire to become an “Active Member”.

The Board shall induct “Active Members” by a simple majority vote not less than 2 weeks after receiving the above-referenced summary and resume.

ARTICLE VIII

POLICY AND PRACTICES:

This Alliance shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating “not-for-profit organizations”.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS:

The By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board. An “Active Member” may propose an amendment in writing. Said amendment shall be voted upon by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the submission of the amendment by the “Active Member”.

ARTICLE X

FEES:

1. Any Fees to be charged in conjunction with the hosting of events, advertisement on the website, etc., shall be determined by the Board and again, be in accordance with enabling the Alliance to meet the goals of its mission statement.
2. The Alliance must abide by State and Federal laws regulating “not-for-profit organizations”.

ARTICLE XI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. Anyone seeking election must be an “Active Member” as defined in Article VII.
2. Elections will take place every three years with the first election taking place three years from the official date of incorporation and then every three years thereafter. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board at least four weeks prior to the election. This committee shall consist of any three “Active Members”. Three weeks prior to the election, the nominating committee shall take nominations from the floor by email only. A committee member will contact the nominee and determine if he/she will accept the nomination. “Active Members” may nominate themselves.
3. All elections shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes from the “Active Membership” will be declared the winner. In case of a tie, there will be a special election to determine the winner. The special election will be by secret ballot at the next regularly scheduled meeting with each candidate afforded a 5 minute opportunity to address the membership prior to the vote.
4. Any vacancy of office shall be filled by a special election as described above.

ARTICLE XII

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

1. All Board Member Officers shall act as ambassadors for the Alliance and seek to promote its mission statement wherever and whenever appropriate. Each Officer shall constantly seek to solicit sponsors, speakers and venues for Alliance related events and activities. Each Officer shall actively recruit new members and promote working relationships with like-minded organizations.
2. Specifically, the additional duties of each officer are as follows:
3. The President shall oversee the solicitation of sponsors, speakers and venues for the Alliance's quarterly events.
4. The Vice-President shall oversee the volunteer committee meetings & planning of smaller events to be held in between the major quarterly events.
5. The Treasurer receives and disburses, with the approval of the Alliance, all Alliance funds, pays all debts as they become due, and keeps accurate account of all financial transactions. The Treasurer shall make financial reports to the Board of Directors at his or her discretion (but no less than bi-annually) or upon reasonable request from the Board of Directors. He/She shall transmit the accounts of any undistributed funds to the successor in office by the expiration of his or her term.

ARTICLE XIV

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:

Should an officer be absent from meetings or general participation in the Alliance for a protracted period of time (as deemed by the other officers), or behave in a manner that is detrimental to the Alliance (as deemed by the other officers), that officer shall be subject to removal from office by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV

SUB-COMMITTEES:

The following Sub-Committees will be chaired by an “Active Member” elected by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.

1. Events & Facilities
2. Speakers & Sponsors
3. Public Relations & Marketing

ARTICLE XVI

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

In the event of the dissolution of the Alliance, distribution of any funds after payment of any indebtedness may be made by a refund to its active members, or be donated to a designated community service project as selected by a majority vote of the active members.