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NATIONAL GUARD OF
THE UNITED STATES (RIEANGUS)

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1 **ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION**

2
3 **NAME OF CORPORATION**

4 The Name of the Corporation is THE RHODE ISLAND ENLISTED
5 ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES,
6 INCORPORATED (RIEANGUS), hereinafter referred to as the
7 "ASSOCIATION".
8

9 **OFFICIAL LOGO**

10 The official logo of ASSOCIATION is displayed on cover page
11 of this document.
12

13 **CHANGE OF NAME PROCEDURES**

14 The name of the ASSOCIATION may be changed at any meeting
15 of the general membership of the ASSOCIATION by a vote of
16 two-third (2/3) of those present and voting, provided that
17 first a proposed name change shall have been posted on
18 ASSOCIATION website at least 30 days prior to Regular
19 Membership Meeting.
20

21 **CHANGE OF LOGO PROCEDURES**

22 The logo of the ASSOCIATION may be changed at any meeting
23 of the general membership of the ASSOCIATION by a vote of
24 two-third (2/3) of those present and voting, provided that
25 first a proposed logo change shall have been posted on
26 ASSOCIATION website at least 30 days prior to Regular
27 Membership Meeting.
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29 **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

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31 **STATED PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

32 Said ASSOCIATION is organized for the purpose of engaging
33 in any lawful activity for which corporations may be formed
34 under Rhode Island Non-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 7-
35 6.34, Title 7. Its objective is to promote the wellbeing
36 of the members of the Rhode Island National Guard and their
37 families. Its purposes are:
38

- 39 1) To promote the welfare of the Rhode Island National
40 Guard Community.
- 41 2) To encourage friendly social relationships among all
42 military personnel and particularly members of this
43 ASSOCIATION.
- 44 3) To endeavor through professionalism and leadership; to
45 improve the position and status of the Guardsman in
46 relationship with the civilian community and the
47 military environment.

- 1 4) To support the Enlisted ASSOCIATION of the National
- 2 Guard of the United States and its By Laws.
- 3 5) To assist disabled and needy war veterans and members of
- 4 the Rhode Island National Guard, their dependents, and
- 5 the widows and orphans of deceased Rhode Island National
- 6 Guardsmen.
- 7 6) To provide entertainment, care, and assistance to
- 8 hospitalized members of the Rhode Island National Guard.
- 9 7) To carry on programs to perpetuate the memory of
- 10 deceased members of the Rhode Island National Guard and
- 11 to comfort their survivors.
- 12 8) To conduct informational programs for its members.
- 13 9) To promote insurance benefits for members or their
- 14 dependents.
- 15 10) To provide social and recreational activities for
- 16 members.
- 17 11) To uphold the interests of the serving and retired
- 18 personnel of the Rhode Island National Guard, when
- 19 service matters are under consideration.
- 20

21 **CHANGING PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

22 The purpose of the ASSOCIATION may be changed at any
23 meeting of the general membership of the ASSOCIATION by a
24 vote of two-third (2/3) of those present and voting,
25 provided that first a proposed change of purpose shall have
26 been posted on ASSOCIATION website at least 30 days prior
27 to Regular Membership Meeting.

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29 **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

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31 **ENLISTED MEMBERSHIP**

32 Enlisted membership shall be current and former (to include
33 retired service members) enlisted persons of the Army and
34 Air National Guard units of the State of Rhode Island who
35 voluntarily elect to become enlisted members of this
36 ASSOCIATION and shall so become in good standing upon
37 payment of dues IAW these By Laws. An enlisted membership
38 holder may become an accredited state delegate to the
39 RIEANGUS and/or EANGUS Annual Conferences, may hold office,
40 and be entitled to vote.

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42 **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

43 Associate membership shall be current and former officers
44 or warrant officers of the Army and Air National Guard
45 units of the State of Rhode Island or civilians who
46 voluntarily elect to become associate members of this
47 ASSOCIATION and shall so become in good standing upon

1 payment of dues IAW these By Laws, or, associate membership
2 shall be awarded to annual, associate, or life members of
3 The Enlisted ASSOCIATION of the National Guard of the
4 United States (EANGUS) who voluntarily elect to become
5 associate members of this ASSOCIATION and shall so become
6 in good standing upon payment of dues IAW these By Laws. An
7 associate member may not be an accredited state delegate,
8 is not entitled to delegate representation during Annual
9 Conferences, may not hold office, and will not have voting
10 privileges.
11

12 **ENLISTED LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

13 Upon application and payment of dues IAW these By Laws, a
14 person who is qualified to hold an enlisted membership may
15 be issued an enlisted life membership.
16

17 **ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

18 Upon application and payment of dues IAW these By Laws, a
19 person who is qualified to hold an associate membership may
20 be issued an associate life membership. An associate life
21 member may not be an accredited state delegate, is not
22 entitled to delegate representation during Annual
23 Conferences, may not hold office, and will not have voting
24 privileges.
25

26 **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

27 Upon application and payment of dues IAW these By Laws, and
28 approval of the Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION;
29 organizations with a common interest in the goals and
30 objectives of the ASSOCIATION may join as a corporate
31 member. A corporate member may not be an accredited state
32 delegate, is not entitled to delegate representation during
33 Annual Conferences, may not hold office, and will not have
34 voting privileges.
35

36 **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

37 The Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION may, by majority
38 vote, confer honorary membership upon a person who has
39 rendered outstanding service to the United States, any
40 political subdivision thereof, and the National Guard of
41 the United States. An honorary member may not be an
42 accredited state delegate, is not entitled to delegate
43 representation during Annual Conferences, may not hold
44 office, and will not have voting privileges.
45

1 **REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

2 No member shall be removed or denied renewal, except for
3 cause. Cause shall include, but is not limited to,
4 violation of the ASSOCIATION bylaws and/or policies, or
5 conduct unbecoming a member of the National Guard.
6 Removing a member of the ASSOCIATION requires a two thirds
7 (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for approval.
8 Recommendations for removal must be submitted in writing to
9 the RIEANGUS Secretary 30 days prior to the removal vote
10 being taken. Members approved for removal are immediately
11 removed from membership in the ASSOCIATION.
12

13 **RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

14 Dues paying members may resign from the ASSOCIATION, upon
15 written notification to the Secretary of the ASSOCIATION.
16 However, as dues are paid on an annual basis, such members
17 will remain on the active membership rolls, with
18 appropriate annotation, until the end of the current
19 membership year as defined herein.
20

21 **DUES RATES**

22 The Annual and Life rates include the portion of dues that
23 are paid to EANGUS for the member's EANGUS membership. The
24 Board of Directors has the authority to approve discounted
25 dues measures lasting less than 12 months in duration, for
26 the purposes of increasing membership.
27

28 **ENLISTED AND ASSOCIATE ANNUAL DUES**

29 The annual dues shall be \$36.00 for all Enlisted and
30 Associate Memberships (\$3.00 per month but paid
31 annually).
32

33 **ENLISTED AND ASSOCIATE LIFE DUES**

34 Life membership shall be made available to those
35 members who shall so elect. The fee shall be payment
36 of ten (10) years of the state and national annual
37 dues rate regardless of age.
38

39 **CORPORATE**

40 Corporate Membership dues are IAW the RIEANGUS
41 Corporate Membership Program.
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43 **HONORARY**

44 Honorary Membership dues are at no cost.

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2 **ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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4 **BOARD POSITIONS**
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6 The Board members of the ASSOCIATION are:

- 7 a) PRESIDENT
8 b) VICE-PRESIDENT-ARMY
9 c) VICE-PRESIDENT-AIR
10 d) BOARD SECRETARY
11 e) BOARD TREASURER
12 f) PARLAMENTARIAN
13

14 **BOARD DUTIES**
15

16 **PRESIDENT**

17 The President shall be the Chairman of this ASSOCIATION and
18 is responsible to:

- 19 a) Preside at all meeting of the Board of Directors and the
20 ASSOCIATION.
21 b) Issue the call for all regular and special meeting of the
22 Board of directors and the ASSOCIATION, and ensure that
23 these meetings are conducted.
24 c) Appoint the Standing and Special Committees chairmen with
25 the approval of the Board of Directors. The appointees
26 will serve concurrently with the serving President,
27 unless sooner replaced by the President.
28 d) Ensure that regular elections are held.
29 e) Perform other duties as customarily with this office.
30

31 **VICE-PRESIDENT- ARMY**

32 The Vice-President-Army, under the direction of the President,
33 shall oversee the function of such committees of the
34 ASSOCIATION, as the President shall designate. When the President
35 is unable to perform his/her duties for any reason, the Vice-
36 President-Army shall occupy his/her position and perform the
37 duties of the President.
38

39 **VICE-PRESIDENT- AIR**

40 The Vice-President-Air, under the direction of the President,
41 shall oversee the function of such committees of the
42 ASSOCIATION, as the President shall designate. When the Vice-
43 President-Army is unable to perform his/her duties for any
44 reason, the Vice-President-Air shall occupy his/her position(s)
45 and perform the duties of the Vice-President-Army or President
46 if necessary.
47

1 **BOARD SECRETARY**

2 The Board Secretary shall, under the supervision of the
3 President and the Board of Directors, act as a liaison
4 between the Board of Directors and the membership of this
5 ASSOCIATION. In fulfillment of this, the Secretary will:

- 6 a) Have custody of, keep and maintain, general records of
7 the ASSOCIATION, including records of minutes of the
8 ASSOCIATION and Board meetings, attendance, committees
9 appointed, elections and addresses of all ASSOCIATION
10 members.
- 11 b) Have custody of the official copy of the By Laws with all
12 amendments posted thereto.
- 13 c) Shall maintain a record of all Standing or Special Rules
14 established at regular membership, regular Board of
15 Director meetings, or special meetings. Record shall
16 include but are not limited to motions that are approved
17 during such meetings.

18
19 **BOARD TREASURER**

20 The Treasurer acting through the President shall:

- 21 a) Receive receipt for and be custodian of all funds of any
22 nature whatsoever due the ASSOCIATION and such
23 contributions as may be made to it and deposit the same
24 in the name of the ASSOCIATION in a bank, banks, or trust
25 company, or companies to be designated by the Board of
26 Directors.
- 27 b) The Treasurer shall ensure that all bills and claims of
28 the ASSOCIATION are paid, and shall render to the Board
29 of Directors, at its regular meetings, or when the Board
30 of Directors so requires, an account of all such
31 transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition
32 of the ASSOCIATION. There shall be an annual audit of
33 the books and finances of the ASSOCIATION by an internal
34 Audit Committee, and report thereof submitted by the
35 Treasurer to the Board of Directors at its regular
36 meetings.
- 37 c) The Treasurer shall make an annual report of finances to
38 the Regular Membership Meeting. The Treasurer shall
39 furnish such bond as may be required by the Board of
40 Directors, the premium of which will be paid from funds
41 of the ASSOCIATION.
- 42 d) The Treasurer shall perform all the duties incident to
43 the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from
44 time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board
45 of Directors.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN

- The Parliamentarian shall:
- a) Have custody of a copy of the Constitution and By Laws and all amendments posted thereto.
 - b) Expect as otherwise noted or stated in the Constitution and By Laws, all questions of order or procedure, with respect to any meeting or action of this ASSOCIATION, its Board of Directors, or any committee appointed hereunder, shall be determined by the Parliamentarian in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, New Revised, as revised from time-to-time, whose ruling shall be binding.
 - c) However, a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, upon appropriate motion, can overrule any parliamentarian decision.
 - d) The Parliamentarian is a non-voting member on the Board of Directors.

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS

- a) The President shall appoint a Committee on Nominations to meet for the purpose of organizing the election of officers for the ASSOCIATION.
- b) The Committee on Nominations shall receive the nomination forms for each elected office.
- c) The Committee on Nominations shall present eligible nominations to the general membership during the Regular Membership Meeting for a vote.
- d) Nominations may be made from the floor of the general membership meeting, but must be made prior to the report of the Committee on Nominations.
- e) Elections will take place after the report of the Committee on Nominations, but before the adjournment of the Regular Membership Meeting.
- f) The positions of President, Vice-President-Army, Vice-President-Air, Board Secretary, and Board Treasurer shall be elected by plurality vote of a Regular Membership Meeting of the ASSOCIATION, meaning that regardless whether any one nominee receives a majority of all the votes cast, the nominee with the most votes after voting closes wins the election.
- g) For the purpose of leadership continuity, the position of President shall be elected every three not to coincide with the Vice-President elections.
- h) The Parliamentarian is an appointed position by the President, and is not an elected position of the Board of Directors.

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2 **BOARD MEMBERS TERMS OF OFFICE**

3 Election of Officers to the Board of Directors shall be
4 held on odd number years (2015, 2017, etc.) of the Regular
5 Membership Meeting for the term of two (2) years and shall
6 take office on the first day following the completion of
7 Regular Membership Meeting.
8

9 **BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES**

- 10 a) In the event the office of President becomes vacant, the
11 Vice-President-Army will fill the office, and the office
12 of Vice-President-Army will be filled by the Vice-
13 President-Air.
14 b) In the event of the office of Vice-President-Air becomes
15 vacant, the President will fill the office until a
16 Special Meeting with an election can be announced and
17 coordinated. This should happen as timely as possible
18 but no later than 90 days from the vacancy.
19 c) In the event of a vacancy in another office, the Board
20 of Directors shall appoint another member of the Board of
21 Directors (except the Parliamentarian) to fill the
22 unexpired term.
23 d) In the event of a vacancy in the office of
24 Parliamentarian, the President appoints another
25 Parliamentarian.
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28 **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

29
30 **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING (also known as Annual Conference)**

31 An annual meeting of the ASSOCIATION shall be held each
32 year.
33

34 **SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

35 The President may call special meetings after a majority
36 vote of the Board of Directors.
37

38 **REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

39 The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly.
40

41 **SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

- 42 a) Special meetings of this ASSOCIATION may be called by the
43 President, at his/her discretion, and shall be called by
44 the President when requested by the Board of Directors,
45 at a time and place determined by the person requesting
46 it.

- 1 b) A majority of the Board of Directors may call a special
2 meeting of the Board by verbal or written notice to all
3 members of this Board.
4

5 **QUORUM**

- 6 a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS: A quorum shall exist at any meeting
7 of the Board of Directors when at least 50% of the
8 members of the said Board are present. Proxy votes are
9 not permitted. Substitute members who are active members
10 of the ASSOCIATION, and designated in writing by the
11 absent member shall be permitted in directing the affairs
12 of the ASSOCIATION by the Board of Directors. Substitute
13 members shall not be other members of the Board of
14 Directors and substitute members shall represent only one
15 absent member.
16 b) REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A quorum shall exist at any
17 conference or meeting of the active membership when not
18 less than 5 active members are present.
19

20 **ORDER OF MEETINGS**

- 21 The order of business at the Regular Membership Meeting of
22 the ASSOCIATION shall be as follows:
23 a) Conference or Meeting is called to order by the President
24 b) Posting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance
25 c) Invocation
26 d) Posting of the Sergeant at Arms
27 e) Roll Call
28 f) Remarks by the President
29 g) Reading and Approval of the Minutes
30 h) Reading of Communications
31 i) Report of the Secretary
32 j) Report of the Treasurer
33 k) Report of the Committees
34 l) Unfinished Business
35 m) New Business
36 n) Election of Officers
37 o) Adjournment
38

39 The President may alter the agenda to meet exigencies.
40

41 **RESERVE AUTHORITY**

- 42 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised,
43 shall govern the ASSOCIATION in all cases to which they are
44 applicable except where modified by:
45 a) The By-Laws of the ASSOCIATION
46 b) Standing or Special Rules established by a Regular
47 Membership or Regular Board of Directors Meeting.

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2 **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

3 Members of the Board of Directors absent from two
4 consecutive Board of Director Meetings (either Regular or
5 Special Board of Director Meetings) without being excused
6 by a majority vote of the Board of Directors may be
7 considered to have resigned. Any member of the Board of
8 Directors may report their absence to any other member of
9 the Board of Directors before the start of the Meeting and
10 request approval for an excused absence by majority vote of
11 the Board of Directors.
12

13 **ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

14 The Chairman is authorized to convene Board of Director
15 meetings by means of teleconference, video teleconference,
16 web conference or other electronic means available.
17

18 **VOTING**

- 19 a) All voting by general membership shall be by popular vote
20 unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and By
21 Laws of this ASSOCIATION, and shall be in accordance with
22 Robert's Rules of Order
23 b) A vote by written ballot may be taken but must be
24 submitted and received prior to the actual vote.
25

26 **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

27 **OATH OF OFFICE**

28 The following Oath of Office shall be administered to all
29 elected or appointed Officers and Directors prior to
30 assuming office:
31

32 "I (repeat full name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) I will
33 faithfully perform the duties of (repeat Position) of the
34 Rhode Island National Guard Enlisted Association and will,
35 to the best of my knowledge and ability, preserve and
36 protect the Constitution of the United States of America,
37 the Constitution of Rhode Island, and the By Laws of this
38 great Association, so help me God."
39

40 **REMOVAL FROM THE BOARD**

41 Tenure in office is terminated by a two-thirds vote of the
42 Board of Directors, or by two-thirds vote of the membership
43 at a Regular Membership meeting, provided sufficient cause
44 has been presented.

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2 **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**
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4 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

5 The standing committees of the ASSOCIATION shall be:
6

7 **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

- 8 a) The Committee on Nominations will consist of at least
9 1 person, who will receive all nomination forms for
10 all offices being elected during the annual Regular
11 Membership Meeting.
12 b) The Committee on Nominations will convene on the first
13 day of a Regular Membership Meeting where elections
14 shall take place.
15 c) The Committee on Nominations Chairman will prepare a
16 slate of nominations consisting of the names of
17 eligible members of the ASSOCIATION for each office
18 required to be filled at that Regular Membership
19 Meeting.
20 d) The Committee on Nominations Chairman will submit a
21 report at the Regular Membership Meeting to the active
22 membership on nominations forms received and the
23 office for which they are running.
24

25 **COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION**

- 26 a) The Committee on Legislation shall consist of no less
27 than two members, one for National Legislative efforts
28 and one for State Legislative efforts.
29 b) Members of this Committee may be currently serving or
30 retired members of the Rhode Island National Guard,
31 and shall be appointed for a term of two years,
32 running concurrently with the Board of Directors
33 elections.
34 c) This committee shall keep informed on all matters
35 relating to proposed legislation affecting the
36 National Guard, especially that referred to it by the
37 Association.
38 d) It shall make a report at the Regular Membership
39 Meeting and publish quarterly updates to the active
40 membership on a semi-quarterly basis through
41 electronic or paper means.
42

43 **COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 44 a) The Committee on Scholarships shall consist of members
45 of the RIEANGUS, who will accumulate all scholarship
46 applications, establish criteria and deadline dates to

1 be used in the selection of the recipients of any and
2 all RIEANGUS scholarships.

3 b) The Committee on Scholarships shall render an annual
4 report to the active membership at the General
5 Membership Meeting. The report shall include, at a
6 minimum, the following information:

7 a. Names of recipients for that year.

8 b. Names and information pertaining to the judges
9 selecting the scholarship winners for that year.

10
11 **COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES**

12 a) The Committee on Conferences shall consist of a
13 Chairperson who will be the focal point for the
14 planning and execution of all General Membership
15 Meetings, and in the event of an EANGUS National
16 Conference where RIEANGUS is the host state, will be
17 the focal point for the State's portion of the EANGUS
18 National Conference planning and execution.

19 b) The Committee on Conferences will provide
20 recommendations to the Board of Directors on
21 Conference requirements, including but not limited to:

22 a. Event Space

23 b. Lodging

24 c. Food and Beverage

25 d. Transportation

26 e. Support Equipment

27
28 **COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS**

29 The Committee on Bylaws shall consist of a Chairperson
30 and a number of committee members determined by the
31 Chairperson of the Committee on Bylaws for the purpose
32 of:

33 a) Reviewing the ASSOCIATION Bylaws and recommending
34 areas for amendment.

35 b) Review Bylaws amendments submitted from the active
36 membership and present those amendments for
37 consideration at a Regular or Special General
38 Membership Meeting.

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40 **COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AUDIT**

41 The Committee on Financial Audit shall:

42 a) Perform an annual audit of the Treasurer's records.

43 b) Consist of one to three active members of the
44 ASSOCIATION.

45 c) No currently serving member of the Board of Directors
46 shall serve on the Committee on Financial Audit.

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1 **COMMITTEE ON CORPORATE RELATIONS**

2 The Committee on Corporate Relations shall:

- 3 a) Consist of a member(s) of the ASSOCIATION. The
4 President will serve as an Ex-Officio member of this
5 committee.
6 b) The member(s) shall maintain connection with current
7 and potential corporate members and personnel that
8 support the objectives and administration of the
9 ASSOCIATION.
10 c) The Committee will make reports to the Board of
11 Directors and an annual report to the membership at
12 the Regular General Membership Meeting.
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14 **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

15 The President of the ASSOCIATION may appoint such special
16 committees, as he/she deems necessary. The membership
17 thereof shall consist of such members as the President
18 determines will democratically represent the active
19 membership.
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21 **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

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23 **BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROCESS**

24 The following procedure shall govern the process:

- 25 a) These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the
26 members present and voting at any Regular Membership
27 Meeting or Special Membership Meeting.
28 b) Notice of Amendments to the ASSOCIATION Bylaws must be
29 provided to each member's last known mailing address, in
30 person, posted on Association website, or by email to
31 each member's last known email address.
32 c) The notice and proposed changes must be provided at least
33 30 days before the Regular Membership Meeting or Special
34 Membership Meeting at which such amendment is to be
35 offered.
36 d) In the event that 30 days notice has not been given, the
37 ASSOCIATION Bylaws may be amended at any Regular
38 Membership Meeting or Special Membership Meeting by
39 unanimous vote.
40 e) Amendments to the Bylaws shall be effective immediately
41 upon adjournment of the forum at which they are adopted.
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44 **ARTICLE IX - AWARDS**
45

1 **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

2 PURPOSE: The President's Award is to provide a means of
3 recognition to an individual who distinguishes themselves with
4 outstanding and exceptional service to the ASSOCIATION.

- 5 a) Recipient must be an active member of the ASSOCIATION.
- 6 b) The recipient will be selected by the Chairman.
- 7 c) Awarded to an individual who has contributed outstanding
8 and exceptional service to the ASSOCIATION.
- 9 d) Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a
10 qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature
11 that stands out above all others.
- 12 e) Particular consideration should be give to those
13 individuals who have contributed outstanding and
14 exceptional service of a sustained nature.
- 15 f) Honorary and Corporate Memberships are also eligible for
16 this award.

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18 **RI EANGUS MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

19 PURPOSE: The RI EANGUS Membership Award is to provide a means
20 of recognition for achieving the membership goals of the
21 ASSOCAITION.

- 22 a) Units will have a membership goal established at every
23 Regular General Membership Meeting, prior to the close of
24 the business session.
- 25 b) All units that achieve their membership goals 30 days
26 prior to the next Regular General Membership Meeting will
27 receive a membership award from the ASSOCIATION.
- 28 c) The unit that achieves the highest RIEANGUS membership
29 percentage of their current manning will have an engraved
30 plate affixed to the John R. Greene Membership trophy
31 along with the year it was earned.
- 32 d) This trophy will be a travelling trophy that will be
33 housed at the unit headquarters and returned to the
34 Regular General Membership Meeting each year to be
35 awarded to the next recipient.

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37 **MINUTEMAN AWARD**

38 PURPOSE: The Minuteman Award is to provide a means of
39 recognition to an individual.

- 40 a) For outstanding service which was performed on behalf of
41 the ASSOCAITION.
- 42 b) Recipients of this award do not have to be active
43 members of the ASSOCIATION.
- 44 c) The recipient will be selected by the Board of
45 Directors.
- 46 d) Awarded to an individual who has contributed outstanding
47 and exceptional service to the ASSOCIATION.

1 e) Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a
2 qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature
3 that stands out above all others.

4 f) Particular consideration should be give to those
5 individuals who have contributed outstanding and
6 exceptional service of a sustained nature.
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8 **ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION**

9 10 **DISSOLUTION PROCESS:**

11 The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until
12 dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets
13 shall be distributed to one or more exempt purposes within the
14 meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or
15 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or
16 shall be distributed to the federal government, or to state or
17 local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so
18 disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent
19 Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the
20 corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to
21 such organization or organizations, as said Court shall
22 determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such
23 purposes.