

BY-LAWS OF THE

IrvingHOMEschoolers

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ARTICLE I

Section A

This organization shall be known as the IrvingHOMEschoolers.

Section B

The purpose of IrvingHOMEschoolers shall be to provide the opportunity for fellowship and exchange among home schooling families and those interested in home education through:

1. Providing moral support.
2. Exchanging resource and curriculum ideas.
3. Forming field trips and group activities.

Section C

Mission statement

IrvingHOMEschoolers is an all-inclusive group of homeschooling families sharing resources and offering activities that enhance and support the homeschool experience.

ARTICLE II

Section A

Requirements for membership

1. Member - Family must be either considering or actively home schooling at least one (1) child. Each member will receive a copy of the by-laws, handbook, newsletters, and directory, and be allowed to participate in IrvingHOMEschoolers sponsored activities.
2. Members will agree to abide by these by-laws and any behavior guidelines adopted by the Board / organization.
3. Members are expected to not engage in behavior that might bring disrepute upon the group or could jeopardize the welfare of our children. Such behavior will be subject to action at the discretion of the Board.
4. Dues shall be paid as a condition of membership for the family and shall be effective for the fiscal year from September 1st through August 31st. Any changes to the dues amount shall be proposed by the Board members at the spring business meeting and must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present.
5. Members that join on Feb.1 or later of the school year will pay half (1/2) the normal membership fee.
6. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members. One vote shall be allowed per dues paying member.

Section B

A minimum of nine (9) general meetings shall be held each year. These meetings shall consist of a business meeting and such other activities as deemed appropriate by the board.

ARTICLE III

Section A

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Anyone who wishes to serve on the Executive Board must be actively home schooling their children.

If an officer subsequently ceases to home school, they must resign their position. It is their responsibility to contact the President as soon as their decision is made.

Section B

The Executive Board shall consist of all elected officers. The term of office for each board position shall be two years, beginning on September 1st of the elected year and ending on August 31st of the second year. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Board.

ARTICLE IV

Section A

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Each officer shall:

1. Check IrvingHOMEschoolers email 3 to 4 times per week.
2. Attend 3/4 of all board meetings.

Section B

1. President shall:
 - Perform the responsibilities outlined in Article IV, Section A.
 - See that all officers and chairmen fulfill their respective duties.
 - The President shall preside at general meetings of IrvingHOMEschoolers and meetings of the Board. The President shall appoint committee chairs as needed for events or special projects.
2. Vice-President shall:

Act as the aide to the President and shall preside at meetings as needed.
3. Secretary shall:

Maintain accurate minutes of meetings. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all official records for IrvingHOMEschoolers.
4. Treasurer shall:

Have custody of all funds and shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts, disbursements and expenditures for IrvingHOMEschoolers.
5. Newsletter Editor shall:

Serve as the Editor of the IrvingHOMEschoolers newsletter: maintain a current mailing list with the help of the Membership Coordinator; communicate the printing deadlines to the Board so that all members have the opportunity to submit items; include appropriate information in the Newsletter according to the guidelines set by the Board; prepare the Newsletter.

ARTICLE V

MISCELLANEOUS

Section A

An amendment to these by-laws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at a general meeting. The meeting at which amendments to the by-laws will be voted on must have seven days notice given to the membership. The substance of the amendment(s) will be mailed to the general membership at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the vote would be taken.

Section B

In order to respect the privacy of members of IrvingHOMEschoolers, no one shall give out membership or individual names to people outside IrvingHOMEschoolers without express consent of those particular individuals. Members are not to use the directory as a source for conducting or soliciting business of any kind even if home school related.

Section C

IrvingHOMEschoolers officers and members specifically disclaim all responsibility for any liability, loss, injury or risk which is incurred as a direct or indirect result from participating in field trips, events, outings or any other social program which is set up by IrvingHOMEschoolers and its members.

Section D

Newsletter Guidelines:

1. The Newsletter shall be limited to information concerning home schooling which may be of interest to IrvingHOMEschoolers families.
2. It shall contain any information submitted by the Board membership or other area home school newsletter editors as space permits which will assist in furthering the stated purposes of IrvingHOMEschoolers.
3. Home school seminars or services offered by non-profit organizations may be advertised as space permits in the Newsletter or through enclosures.
4. Opportunity for businesses or individuals to advertise services or products in the IrvingHOMEschoolers newsletter shall be determined by appropriate content and space availability. Costs for ads will conform to IrvingHOMEschoolers current advertisement pricing.

5. The newsletter shall be made available for pick up at meetings. If a member should choose instead to have a newsletter sent to them via mail, it is that member's responsibility to contact the newsletter editor to make arrangements for this.

Section E

No activity, publication, or seminar shall be given official endorsement by IrvingHOMEschoolers or use its name unless approved by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Section F

A general budget/yearly financial review shall be determined by the Board and presented to the membership yearly for review

Section G

All changes to these by-laws shall become effective immediately upon approval by membership according to the by-laws.