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ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION. Referred to in this document as the Missouri Water Ski Federation, MWSF or the Federation.
- Section 2. The purpose of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION is to promote the sport of water skiing, water safety, and good sportsmanship, to oppose legislation unfavorable to skiers and boat owners, to develop a fraternal spirit between club members, to serve as a pipeline of information, to assist in planning state tournaments, and to do all other things which will tend to further the interest of Missourians in the sport of water skiing.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION shall be open to all individuals and clubs interested in the sport of water skiing.
- Section 2. Senior Members must be 18 years of age or older.
- Section 3. Application for membership in the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. Membership in the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION may be terminated by a three-quarter vote of the Board of Directors. Termination of the membership shall not release the said member from the obligation to pay all monies due the Federation.
- Section 5. Active clubs must be registered with the Missouri Water Ski Federation. A club can consists of the owner(s) and members of a practice or tournament site, or 5 or more skiers of a common practice or tournament location in the state of Missouri. Club members must be active members of the MWSF. Collegiate water ski originations in Missouri are also considered Clubs, and are required to register as such with the Federation.
- Section 6. To be an active member of the Missouri Water Ski Federation, the member's dues must be up to date for the calendar year. To be an active club, both the members and club dues must be up to date for the calendar year.

ARTICLE III. MANAGEMENT

- Section 1. The management of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected officers and Non Elected board representatives.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the American Water Ski Association Regional Councilperson for the state of Missouri.



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- Section 3. Active clubs within the Missouri Water Ski Federation shall each have one Board of Director's representative.
- Section 4. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, special committees may be formed and committee chairs appointed accordingly.
- Section 5. All elected members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected. Three elected officers and three club members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. The Board of Directors may employ whatever personnel they deem necessary and for which funds are available to aid in the management of the Missouri Water Ski Federation.
- Section 7. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held semi-annually at the State tournament and during the winter months.
- Section 8. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors. Sufficient time and notice must be given to permit members to be present.
- Section 9. Voting at all meetings shall be on the basis of one vote per member present. Proxies' votes are not permitted.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- Section 1. The elected officers of the Missouri Water Ski Federation shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the American Water Ski Association Regional Councilperson for the state of Missouri.
- Section 2. The officers shall be elected by the members of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION at the annual meeting and shall hold office for the term of one year or until their successors shall have been duly elected. The President shall not serve more than two terms consecutively.
- Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION and its Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all committees and serve as ex-officio of all committees, and shall carry on those other duties and responsibilities assigned by the by-laws and by the Board of Directors. The President may vote only to break a tie at meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. During the absence of temporary incapacity of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President.
- Section 5. The secretary shall keep all records of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION and record the proceedings of all regular and Board Meetings.
- Section 6. The Treasurer shall have charge of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION funds. The Treasurer shall keep all funds in a bank approved by the Board of Directors and in the name of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION, subject to all transactions approved by the Board of Directors. An annual accounting shall be prepared and submitted to the membership.
- Section 7. Vacancies in any elected office may be filled by the members at a meeting of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION at which a quorum is present, or the vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, if necessary, to carry on the function of the vacant office for the balance of the term.



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ARTICLE VI. FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION shall commence on the first day of October and end on the thirtieth day of September.

ARTICLE VII. BUDGET

Section 1. The Treasurer shall submit to the members at the winter meeting a proposed budget of expenditures covering the total anticipated expenditures for the new fiscal year. This budget shall be considered and approved with or without revisions. This budget may be revised, if necessary, by the Board of Directors. The officers and/or the Board of Directors and/or paid employee of the FEDERATION shall not obligate the FEDERATION in excess of the approved budget, except with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. DUES

Section 1. Dues shall be set upon recommendations by the Board of Directors and with the approval of the general membership. This amount will be due on April 1. All members not paying said dues prior to the State Tournament shall be dropped from the membership.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION shall be held at the winter meeting.

Section 2. Written notice of the place, day, and hour of the annual meeting shall be prepared and distributed to the members.

Section 3. Three elected officers and three club Board members are necessary for a quorum. Any action taken at a regular or special meeting shall require the vote of the majority of those present. Only senior members will be allowed to vote.

ARTICLE X. STATE TOURNAMENT

Section 1. The State Tournament must be held in the state of Missouri. The only exception would be if no acceptable Missouri site were available. The Board of Directors must approve the State Tournament site.

Section 2. All tournament bids are to be made prior to November 1.

Section 3. Active MWSF membership is a requirement to compete in the Missouri State Water Ski Tournament.

Section 4. The State Tournament shall be restricted to residents of the state of Missouri who are members in good standing of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION and AWSA. The skier cannot have competed in another state tournament in the same calendar year. Exception to the residency rule can be granted if a majority of the non-resident's practice skiing is done in Missouri. A senior resident member, in good standing, must affirm the skiers majority skiing. A written request to both the Federation President and the Missouri Councilperson must be made at least one week prior to the tournament. Both the President and Councilperson must approve the request. If an exception is granted, non-resident skiers can ski for state placement, awards or records. If resident exception is denied, skiers are allowed to compete for scores only.

Section 5. Club trophy competition is open only to affiliated Federation clubs.



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ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the MISSOURI WATER SKI FEDERATION by two-thirds vote by members represented at such meetings, providing a notice of such proposed amendment or amendments shall have been provided to each club member with notice of the meeting at which the amendment or amendments are to be considered.

ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern any proceeding of this organization except in cases as covered in these by-laws.

Section 2. A parliamentarian shall be appointed by the presiding officer at all regular and special meetings of the membership and all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Parliamentarian shall render decisions concerning interpretation of said rules procedures.

Amended; MWSF Winter Meeting
February 16, 2013