

CCM-COS
Coalition for a Conservative Majority
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Bylaws

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**BYLAWS
OF
CCM-COS COALITION FOR A CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY**

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1: The name of this State of Colorado non-profit corporation is **CCM-COS COALITION FOR A CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY, Colorado Springs, INC.**; hereafter referred to as CCM-COS, and these Bylaws are set forth under the authorities of Colorado law, Title 7, Articles 121 thru 137, for the management of CCM-COS.

Section 2: The CCM-COS shall be an affiliate chapter of the Coalition for a Conservative Majority, Colorado, a 501(c) 4 corporation.

Section 3: The principle office of the organization shall be located in El Paso County, Colorado at a location in said county as to be determined at the discretion of the President.

Section 4: The fiscal year of the organization shall be January 1 through December 31. No part of net earnings of such entity shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, and the net earnings of which are devoted exclusively to the promotion of social welfare, civic engagement, and other charitable and educational purposes.

Section 5: The provisions and authorities set forth in the Colorado Revised Non-Profit Corporations Act, under Title 7, Articles 121 thru 137, shall apply to CCM-COS except where expressly provided here in these Bylaws, and as permitted by law.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

CCM-COS will inform, educate, and mobilize conservatives to be a proactive civic grassroots force on core conservative issues. Using our powerful communications platform, CCM-COS will advance conservative values, defend fellow activists when unfairly attacked, and create a credible and persuasive CCM-COS.

Core Values

WE BELIEVE IN:

A system of fair taxation levied equally on all in the United States making all persons in this country equal party to its support

The United States of America was founded on the precepts of religion and virtue with natural rights of life, liberty and property, and thereby citizens have the rights to defend and support these natural rights.

The United States of America is an official, legal entity within which the sovereign individual, through the action of the Republic, has the absolute and autonomous rule of their state and nation, which no law nor treaty may subrogate.

The American public must know and understand the most basic founding principles of American government: the historical founding documents, their authors, and their original intents.

The United States of America has grown and prospered under the principles of the free market system and this system must be returned to the people and maintained as a basic tenet of our system.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person committed to the advancement of conservative ideals, and in full agreement with our statement of purpose including our core values as stated in these Bylaws and any additional Special Rules of Order, may submit an application for membership. The Executive Board shall review all new membership applications and a recommendation for approval or rejection shall be brought before the membership at the subsequent regular CCM-COS meeting. Upon such approval, signature of membership statement, and payment of the required annual dues, such new members shall be Members in Good Standing of CCM-COS.

Section 2: Only Members in Good Standing shall be eligible to vote.

Section 3: Annual dues shall be as follows. All dues shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year. New members joining after October 1st shall receive credit for the following year's membership commitment. The Treasurer shall notify members when they are one month in arrears, February 1. Those members whose dues are not paid by one month thereafter, March 1, it shall be deemed that said member has forfeited their membership in CCM-COS. There are two categories of members:

Regular Member - \$52.00 annual dues – member in good standing for a period of 12 months

Student Member - \$10.00 annual dues – must be a full-time student

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers, Nominations, and Elections

A. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- B. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, and Special Rules of Order, and by the Parliamentary authority adopted by CCM-COS.
- C. The Vice President shall assume the office of President in the case of a vacancy in the office of President.
- D. Nominations and self-nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may be made prior to the regular January meeting or may be made from the floor during that meeting. Elections shall be held during the regular January meeting in the odd-numbered years.

Section 2: Ballot Election and Terms of Office

- A. Officers for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot every two years in the odd numbered years. If only one individual is standing for election, a voice vote may be called.
- B. The assembled members at the January meeting of odd-numbered years shall cast ballots for the election of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If no single candidate for an office receives a majority of the vote, another ballot shall be cast. If on the second ballot no single candidate receives a majority of the vote, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and another vote cast. This procedure shall be utilized until a single candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office.
- C. Should there be only one candidate nominated for an office, election may be by voice vote.
- D. Officers shall take office at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. An officer shall not be eligible for concurrent terms in the same office but shall be eligible to run for a different office other than the one currently held.
- E. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.
- F. Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any time by CCM-COS.
- G. Absentee voting shall not be permitted at any time by CCM-COS.

Section 3: Duties of Officers

A. President

1. Shall preside over all meetings of CCM-COS
2. Shall serve as primary spokesperson and media liaison
3. Responsible to build and oversee communications platform and strategy
4. Primary liaison with other CCM organizations
5. Maintain relationships with local elected officials and community leaders
6. Shall appoint all committee chairs with the advice of the Vice President
7. Establish meeting dates, times, and locations

B. Vice President

1. Shall preside over meetings of CCM-COS in the temporary absence of the President
2. Assumes the office of President in the case of a vacancy in the office of President.
3. Oversees operation of all committees and receives all committee reports

4. Responsible for chapter recruitment, grassroots activism, and lead organizer for CCM-COS events and functions
 5. Acts as the membership chair, maintaining membership records and works with the Treasurer to determine members in good standing
- C. Secretary**
1. Shall preside over meetings of CCM-COS in the absence of both the President and the Vice President
 2. Shall record minutes of each meeting and maintain a continuous record of all events and proceedings of CCM-COS, as custodian of all official records
 3. Maintain a list of members in Good Standing
 4. Oversee all elections and balloting proceedings
 5. Chair of Teller Committee for all elections
 6. Coordinate any necessary initial corporate establishment of CCM-COS with the Colorado Secretary of State.
- D. Treasurer**
1. The Treasurer shall be vested with the authority and responsibility to manage all CCM-COS financial accounts.
 2. The Treasurer shall follow all procedures as outlined in the Treasury Procedures.

Section 4: Vacancies: Vacancies in Office shall occur in the case of death, resignation, or inability to serve. Vacancies in any office, other than President, shall be filled by the Executive Board for the remainder of the term of office except in the case of simultaneous vacancies of both President and Vice President. The Vice President shall fill a vacancy in the office of President for the remainder of the term of office. Any officer who has filled a vacancy and has served more than half the term is considered to have served a full-term in that office for the purposes of concurrent terms as specified in Section 2 of Article IV.

Section 5: Special Elections: A Special Election shall only be called in the event of simultaneous vacancies of both President and Vice President. The Secretary shall be responsible for setting the time and place of a Special Election for filling those vacancies. Nominations for Special Elections shall be taken from the floor. Those elected shall serve until the next general election.

Section 6: Removal From Office: Any officer may be removed from office as a result of failure to fulfill the duties of said office or for conduct detrimental to the best interests of the organization. Removal must follow the following procedures:

1. A petition stating the charge shall be filed with the Secretary and signed by fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the members in Good Standing.
2. The Secretary shall place the question on a general membership agenda and notify the members at least twenty (20) days before the meeting is held.
3. The petitioners shall present their case first, the officer subject to removal shall be heard second, and the vote shall be taken third. Two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting members present shall be necessary to remove the officer from office, and if such majority is reached, removal is effective immediately.

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4. Should said officer be the Secretary, the Treasurer shall receive and distribute the petition. Should said officer be President, the Vice President shall preside during the removal proceedings. No removal proceedings shall be based more than once on the same charge.

Section 7: Resignation From Office: Any officer or committee chair may resign at any time, by written resignation presented to the President or any other officer. Such resignation is effective upon receipt, unless a later date is included in the resignation.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1: Monthly Meetings: Monthly meetings shall be held at a time and place as determined by the President. The meeting call, agenda, previous meeting minutes, and all other pertinent meeting information shall be e-mailed to the membership and posted at the CCM-COS website no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2: Quorum: A quorum shall be thirty percent (30%) of members in Good Standing.

Section 3: Meeting Attendance: Meetings are open for members in Good Standing and their guests. The media shall be allowed to attend meetings at the discretion of the President.

Section 4: Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting shall be the January meeting of each year. The pertinent meeting information shall be e-mailed to the membership and posted at the CCM-COS website no less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 5: Special Meetings: Special Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President. Ten members in Good Standing may request a Special Meeting in writing to the Secretary who shall then call a Special Meeting. Notice of a Special Meeting must be sent or e-mailed to all members in Good Standing at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and must contain the business to be discussed. The pertinent meeting information, including the purpose of the meeting, shall be e-mailed to the membership and posted at the CCM-COS website no less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Composition: The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committee Chairs. Special Committee Chairs will be members of the Executive Board and given a vote on those issues concerning their committee.

Section 2: Meetings: The Executive Board shall meet upon the call of the President and a quorum shall be a majority of the members.

Section 3: Function: The Executive Board shall function as the CCM-COS Board of Directors, approve expenditures and reimbursements, review all applications for membership, and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 4: Authorization: The Executive Board is authorized to represent CCM-COS and make such decisions as necessary for the efficient functioning of the organization, provided that all such actions and decisions are presented to the membership at the following regular monthly meeting.

ARTICLE VII **COMMITTEES**

Section 1: Committees, Standing or Special, can be created by the Executive Board and shall submit written reports to the membership as necessary.

Section 2: The President and the Vice President shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII **AFFILIATIONS**

It is not the intent or desire of CCM-COS to absorb or take over any other organization. In that light, by majority vote of the membership, CCM-COS may identify and may affiliate with those organizations and associations already working on specific policy objectives which reflect the policies and Core Values of CCM-COS and invite them to join under the CCM-COS umbrella and embrace our CCM-COS as partners in accomplishing their mission and strategic objectives.

ARTICLE IX **AUTHORITY TO BIND**

No member of this organization shall contract for or incur any debt or enter into any agreement or otherwise obligate this organization except by authorization of the Executive Committee or the membership.

ARTICLE X **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern CCM-COS in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they do not conflict with these Bylaws and any Special Rules of Order CCM-COS may adopt.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular, special, or annual meeting off CCM-COS by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members in good standing then present and voting, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing and are included in the call for the meeting which must be provided at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which such amendment is to be considered.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

At any regular or special meeting, the members then present constituting a quorum may elect to dissolve CCM-COS by a two-thirds vote, provided that the intention to dissolve was given at the last previous meeting and is contained in the meeting call or the membership is otherwise notified of said intention within twenty (20) days of the meeting at which dissolution shall be taken up. In the event such dissolution is adopted, the subsequent majority vote of the members then present shall delegate three (3) members as Trustees for Dissolution. Upon dissolution, after paying or making provision for payment of all CCM-COS liabilities, the Trustees, at their sole discretion shall dispose of all CCM-COS assets in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated for such purposes as are consistent with the CCM-COS purposes set forth above in these Bylaws.

Approved, Accepted and Adopted this date: _____

President: _____

Secretary-Treasurer _____

President:	Dan Lanotte
Vice President:	Brad Collins
Secretary:	Rita Allen
Treasurer:	
