



Tennessee  
Agritourism  
Association

Bylaws

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**TENNESSEE AGRITOURISM ASSOCIATION  
BYLAWS**

The name of this association shall be Tennessee Agritourism Association. Referred to herein as the Association.

The mission of the Association is to promote quality growth and development of agritourism in Tennessee.

## Article II – Purpose

The members of this association have voluntarily associated themselves together in an organization to carry out the following purposes:

1. Provide informational, networking, educational, and other activities that support agritourism operations.
2. Promote the growth of agritourism throughout the state of Tennessee.

## Article III – Membership

1. Annual membership shall be extended to any person, organization, agency or business interested in agritourism (irrespective of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability) that pay dues to the Association in the appropriate category and amount.
2. No membership in the Association shall be assignable or transferable to any member. No membership shall pass to any legal representation of any deceased member.
3. Classification of membership shall include voting members (active) and non-voting members (associate, honorary) as follows:

3.1 Active member: An establishment operating an agritourism venue will be considered an active member. A representative of that establishment shall have voting rights and may serve as an officer or committee member. One vote per establishment.

3.2 Associate member: Persons interested in agritourism or representatives of organizations or firms whose activities are pertinent to the purpose of the Association, including but not limited to UT Extension personnel, tourism professionals, and members of rural service organizations. Associate members shall not have voting rights but may serve on a committee.

3.3 Honorary member: Honorary membership may be conferred on individuals recommended to the officers who have contributed significantly to the growth and support of the agritourism industry. Approval for honorary membership is by a majority vote of the Association membership.

## Article IV – Dues

An annual membership of \$50 shall be collected from each Active member. Associate members will have an annual membership fee of \$25. The fiscal year shall be January through December.

1. New membership shall be effective upon receipt of dues and remain effective until the end of the fiscal year.
2. Dues are to be paid by January 31 of the new fiscal year. Due reminders will be sent out by the Treasurer by October 31 in the year prior to membership dues collection. If not paid by February 28, the members will be notified that they are being dropped from membership.

## Article V – Officers

The Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. These

Officers shall be nominated and elected at-large from representatives of active member establishments.

1. The term of office for officers shall be one (1) year.
2. If a vacancy occurs, the officers shall appoint a member to complete the term until a special election can be held.

The President shall be a representative of an active member establishment and have the following duties:

1. Preside at all meetings of the membership and at all meetings of the officers.
2. Signs or co-signs as necessary all such bills, checks and contracts.
3. Report to the members at meetings on items of interest or of concern.
4. Submit a report of operation of the Association to the membership at the annual meeting.
5. Appoint necessary committees.
6. Shall have no voting rights with the officers except in the event of a tie.
7. Such other duties as majority of the officers shall deem necessary.

The Vice-President shall be a representative of an active member establishment and have the following duties:

1. Assist the president in the management of the business of the Association.
2. In absence of the President, preside at meetings.
3. Such other duties as majority of the officers shall deem necessary.

The Treasurer shall be a representative of an active member establishment and have the following duties:

1. Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the properties and business transactions of the Association.
2. Deposit all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Association.
3. Sign or co-sign, as necessary, all such bills, checks, contracts associated with the Association's business.
4. Such other duties as majority of the officers shall deem necessary.

The Secretary shall be a representative of an active member establishment and have the following duties:

1. Keep accurate records of the Association's membership.
2. Record and maintain the minutes of the Association.
3. Send all notices to membership required by the bylaws.
4. Be the custodian of the Association's membership and other necessary written records.
5. Distribute the minutes to membership.
6. Such other duties as majority of the officers shall deem necessary.

The Parliamentarian shall be a representative of an active member establishment and have the following duties:

1. Stay thoroughly informed about the Association's bylaws, policies, practices and activities and shall advise the officers on compliance with the same on any matters.
2. May interrupt and proceeding, meeting or discussion of the Association to raise a point-of-order when deemed necessary to preserve the integrity and/or consistency of the Association.

Article VI – Sponsorship

The Association may accept sponsorship funding and partner in the activities so long as no part of the Association's bylaws are compromised or jeopardized by the activity.

#### Article VII – Meeting of Members

The minutes of all meetings shall be reported to the membership at the regular meeting of the Association. No action or vote at a meeting of the Association shall be valid unless a quorum of 10% of the active membership is present. Meetings shall be annual, regular, and special.

1. An annual meeting of the membership will be held. It shall include the election and installation of officers, reports of the affairs of the Association, and any other business which may be properly brought before the meeting.
2. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly to conduct affairs of the Association.
3. Special meetings of the members for any purpose may be called by the President or by vote of the majority of the officers. Notice of such a meeting shall be given in such a manner that all members shall receive it at least one week prior to the meeting. Business transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to the purpose stated in the notice.

#### Article VIII – Amendment of Bylaws

Proposed changes to the bylaws requires a two (2) week prior notice before an annual, or regular meeting, and the adoption of any amendments shall be by 2/3 majority vote of the membership responding as required by the bylaws. Those members not in attendance at the meeting may respond by mail or e-mail to the Secretary. Response must be received by the Secretary 2 days prior to the meeting.