

By-Laws of the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association

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PREAMBLE

We associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in rotary wing combat;
- to honor the valor of our brothers and sisters who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country as a combat helicopter pilot or flight crewmember, to promote peace and good will on earth;
- to safeguard and transmit to posterity the legacy of those warriors known as combat helicopter pilots and flight crewmembers;
- to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual support and assistance.

ARTICLE I Organization

The name of this organization shall be **The Combat Helicopter Pilots Association**.

Principal Offices. The principal office of the Combat Helicopter Pilots Association ("CHPA" or the "corporation") shall be located at Washington, DC, or such other locations as the Board of Directors may specify from time to time by Resolution.

Other Offices. Other offices may at any time be established at any other place or places specified by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II Mission and Purposes

CHPA shall operate as a not-for-profit Veterans corporation whose mission and purpose are:

(a) To enhance and accredit the cohesiveness, esprit de corps, and traditions of valor achieved by pilots and flight crewmembers that flew rotary wing aircraft for the military forces of the United States during times of military conflict;

(b) to seek out individuals who piloted or crewed rotary wing aircraft in defense of the United States, to inform them of the existence of the CHPA and to encourage all eligible individuals to become members; and

(c) to provide to CHPA members information and support on matters known to CHPA that impact the lives of combat rotary wing pilots and flight crewmembers.

CHPA shall operate as a Veterans organization and shall not engage in partisan politics or endorse political parties, candidates or public officials. Nothing in these bylaws shall restrict individual members from being involved in political activities, with political parties, or from holding political office.

CHPA may, from time to time, by a resolution of the Board of Directors, adopt an official position regarding national issues of interest to Veterans in general, and combat rotary wing pilots and flight crewmembers, specifically. CHPA may utilize its resources for the purpose of influencing the legislative or regulatory process on such issues.

CHPA may provide guidance, information and assistance to its members and those eligible for membership in "Veterans Service Areas" as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III Members

Regulatory Compliance on Membership. The Board shall insure that the membership conforms to the requirements set by the Internal Revenue Service for a not-for-profit Veterans corporation.

Categories of Membership. The following are the membership categories in CHPA.

Members:

Pilot Member - voting
Flight Crew Member – voting
Posthumous Member
Associate Member
Legacy Member

Non-Members:

Friend of CHPA
Honorary Member

MEMBERS

Pilot Members. Pilot Membership may be granted to any individual who requests membership and is found by the Membership Committee to meet all of the following requirements:

- Served as a helicopter pilot in combat in any of the United States Uniform Services during the following times *June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982, to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; all dates inclusive; Or*

served as a helicopter pilot who flew combat missions in any branch of service during a declared war, undeclared conflict, police action, or other military event directed by the US government in which combat flight operations against an armed enemy force comprised an integral component in advancing US national interests, and,

- Provides DD-214, form 759 flight records, orders, combat awards or other documentation satisfactory to the Membership Committee as evidence of said combat experience, and
- Was not dishonorably discharged from military service; and
- Submits to CHPA the prescribed application and annual dues on or about each anniversary of their membership.

Flight Crewmembers. Flight crew membership may be granted to any individual who requests membership and is found by the Membership Committee to meet all of the following requirements:

- Served as a helicopter flight crewmember in combat in any of the United States Uniform Services during the following times *June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982, to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; all dates inclusive*; Or served as a Flight Crewmember who flew combat missions in any branch of service during a declared war, undeclared conflict, police action, or other military event directed by the US government in which combat flight operations against an armed enemy force comprised an integral component in advancing US national interest, and
- Provides DD-214, form 759 flight records, orders, combat awards or other documentation satisfactory to the Membership Committee as evidence of said combat experience, and
- Was not dishonorably discharged from military service; and
- Submits to CHPA the prescribed application and annual dues, and remits the prescribed annual dues on or about each anniversary of their membership.

Legacy Members. Legacy Membership may be granted to any individual who requests membership and is found by the Membership Committee to meet all of the following requirements:

- The individual is an immediate family member (Wife, Husband, [Step] Mother, [Step] Father, [Step] Brother, [Step] Sister, [Step] Daughter, [Step]

Son) of a deceased individual who was or would have qualified as a CHPA Pilot or Crew Member and

- Submits to CHPA the prescribed application and annual dues, and remits the prescribed annual dues on or about each anniversary of their membership.

Associate Members. Associate Membership may be granted on a selective basis to an individual who is found by the Membership Committee to meet all of the following requirements:

- Is a present or former member of the US Armed Forces during the time periods outlined above for “war veteran” and
- Was not dishonorably discharged from military service; and
- Does not meet the combat helicopter service requirement of Pilot or Crew Member
- Is deemed by the Membership Committee to be of benefit to CHPA by their affinity to combat helicopter aviation
- Submits to CHPA the prescribed application and annual dues and remits the prescribed annual dues on or about each anniversary of their membership.

NON-MEMBERS

Friend of CHPA – Non-Member Friend of CHPA Membership status may be granted to any individual or organization who requests membership and is found by the Membership Committee not to meet the requirements of other categories of membership, and

- Is deemed by the Membership Committee to be of benefit to CHPA by their association and
- Submits to CHPA the prescribed application and annual dues and remits the prescribed annual dues on or about each anniversary of their membership.

Honorary – Non-Member Honorary status may be granted to any individual who is found by the Membership Committee not to meet the requirements of other categories of membership, and

- Is deemed by the Membership Committee to be of benefit to CHPA by their association and
- While not meeting the requirements for other categories of Membership, have demonstrated a profound affinity for the objectives and purposes of the CHPA, or are otherwise distinguishable as compatriots of Combat Rotary Wing Pilots and Flight Crewmembers.
- Awards of Non-Member Honorary status shall be made by unanimous approval of the Board of Directors with no requirement to pay dues.

OTHER STATUSES

The CHPA Board of Directors may establish specific statuses and recognize individuals for acts and/or accomplishments that contribute to the mission and goals of CHPA. These statuses include:

Honorary Members. Honorary Membership may be awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a profound affinity for the objectives and purposes of the CHPA, or are otherwise distinguishable as compatriots of Combat Rotary Wing Pilots and Flight Crewmembers. Awards of Honorary Membership in any category shall be made by unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.

Lifetime Membership. Any current dues paying member in good standing, or new dues paying member who submits an application and the requisite lifetime dues may be recognized as a Lifetime Member.

Posthumous Membership. Family Members, Colleagues, or Friends may nominate and sponsor qualified deceased persons for membership in the Combat Helicopter Pilots (And Crewmembers) Association. Nominated persons must meet the requirements of Pilot Members and Flight Crewmembers (Article III CHPA Bylaws). The fee for this category would be a one-time payment.

Charter Members. Any member who joined and paid dues prior to April 1, 2006, is recognized as a Charter Member.

Founding Members. Any member who donated the specified amount to CHPA, prior to April 1, 2006, is recognized as a Founding Member.

Resignation of Member. Any member, regardless of class, who submits to CHPA a written notice of resignation shall be removed from the current membership rolls. Membership dues are non-refundable in the event of a resignation. A Member who

fails to remit annual dues, and who remains delinquent for 60 days following the anniversary of his membership may be deemed to have resigned and shall be removed from the membership rolls.

Reinstatement. A member who resigns from membership and who meets the membership qualifications and requirements of this Article III may reapply for and be granted membership.

Good Standing. The membership of a CHPA member shall be deemed to be in good standing if the member is not delinquent in the payment of dues.

Revocation of Membership. An individual's membership may be revoked only for good cause. The Board of Directors may decide by unanimous vote that an individual's membership is revoked.

ARTICLE IV Organization

CHPA is organized for the benefit of the individual member.

ARTICLE V Governance

Board of Directors. The property, affairs and business of CHPA shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The Directors shall in all cases act as a Board, and, except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, all of the powers of the Corporation shall vest in such Board, and the Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings as they deem appropriate.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be comprised of 12 members. Six directors are also **Officers of the Corporation**. These are:

- President
- Vice-President for Administration
- Vice-President for Membership
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Chairman of the Board

The Chairman of the Board is one of the Directors and is the immediate Past-President of CHPA. The Chairman of the Board may conduct the meetings of the Board and shall vote only in the event of a tie.

Term. The term for each Member of the Board of Directors shall be two years. The President may not succeed himself. Each Vice-President may be re-elected one time.

The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected for a maximum of three consecutive terms. A Director may be re-elected to a second consecutive two-year term but may not thereafter succeed himself. Because members talented and willing to serve are often in short supply, these term limits may be waived to keep an individual in office for such additional terms as the Board of Directors finds that there are no other qualified and willing candidates and that extending the term would be in the best interest of CHPA. Should the Board find it necessary to waive term limits for these purposes, and in order to maintain confidence of the membership, while that Director or Officer continues the duties of the office, a membership vote will be taken to affirm or deny the Board decision to waive the term limit.

Qualification. Only Pilot or Flight Crewmembers in good standing, who have been Pilot or Flight Crewmembers for one or more years, whether or not consecutive, may serve on the Board of Directors.

Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be convened at a time, place and date to be determined by the Chairman of the Board, President, or a Vice President, in that order. Other meetings may be called by the President or by any two directors other than the President. Any action which could be taken at a regular meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, by hard copy or electronic means, setting forth the action so taken is given by each of the Directors. Any such consent shall be inserted in the minute book as if it were the minutes of a Board meeting. Directors shall be permitted to attend either in person, or telephonically, or by such other electronic means as may be practical and available.

Notice and Waiver. The President or other two directors calling the meeting shall give notice of the date, place, and time of the meeting at least two days and not more than one month prior to the scheduled date and time of the meeting. Notice may be by U.S. Mail, telephone, fax, electronic mail, in person, or by any method reasonably calculated to ensure timely receipt by the member. A Board Member's attendance at, and participation in, a meeting, with or without notice, shall be deemed a waiver of notice

Meetings to be Open. To the extent reasonably practical, meetings of the Board shall be open to all members of CHPA, provided each interested member, at least one week in advance of the meeting, notifies the President or a designated officer of his interest in attending either in person or telephonically. The officer shall make a good faith attempt to accommodate requests by members to attend meetings of the Board, but shall not be required to use extraordinary measures or incur unreasonable expense to accommodate large numbers of members so requesting. The Board may authorize the expenditure of a reasonable sum to make teleconferencing available to members interested in attending telephonically.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting shall be made available to all members. Meetings shall be recorded either in written form or electronically. These recordings shall be made available to all members, after signing in to the web site, on the CHPA web site.

Quorum. The attendance of six directors at any Regular or Special meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business; provided, however, that should vacancies result in the number of directors being less than six, then the presence of all of those directors is required to constitute a quorum. The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board.

Adjournments. Any meeting convened where a quorum is not present may be adjourned to a date and time to be announced at the meeting.

Election of Directors. The Directors of the Corporation shall be voted upon and elected at the Annual Meetings held in odd-numbered years. Each Pilot and Flight Crewmember shall have one vote in selection of each director. Voting may be in person, by proxy, or through any other manner approved by the Board consistent with these bylaws, including electronic voting.

Nominations and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws and the procedures, not in conflict with these bylaws, adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors and approved by the members.

Resignation. A director may resign by written notice to the Board of Directors. Any director who fails to attend two consecutive regular meetings of the Board, or three regular meetings in any six-month period, and fails to show good cause for such absence, may, at the discretion of the Board, be deemed to have resigned.

Any director who ceases to be a Pilot or Flight Crewmember of CHPA and, upon notice thereof, fails to reapply and obtain membership within thirty days, shall be deemed to have resigned as a Director effective at the expiration of the thirty days

Removal. A director may be removed either for cause or for no cause by a majority vote of the members at any Annual or Special meeting. A Director may be removed from office for cause upon the majority vote of the remaining Directors.

Vacancies and Interim Directors. When a vacancy on the Board of Directors occurs the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement Director/Officer who meets all qualifications for the Office to which the appointment is made. Appointments to complete a term of less than one year shall not count toward the two-year term limit. Appointments to complete a term of one year or more shall count toward the two-year term limit.

Reimbursements. Directors and any other members are authorized to commit CHPA expenditures or incur expenses reimbursable by CHPA only by pre-approval of the President, who is responsible for deciding on CHPA spending priorities. Accordingly, any such reimbursement shall require the President's approval. The Treasurer shall report on any such expenses and reimbursements in the regular monthly Treasurer report.

Conflicts of Interest and Related Party Transactions. Generally, the Board of Directors shall attempt to avoid entering into contracts or transactions on behalf of CHPA where the Board knows, or reasonably should know, of any pecuniary interest in the transaction, whether direct or indirect, by a Director or his family member, or a past Director or his family member. Nevertheless, such a transaction will be permissible following the policy addressing Board conflicts approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of CHPA shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Conventions. CHPA will hold an annual national convention of the members at a convenient location, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Special Meetings. Special meetings of CHPA may be called either by the Board of Directors or upon written petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the CHPA's Pilot and Flight Crewmembers then in good standing, and may be held at any location designated by the Board of Directors, or may be held without a physical meeting location, with information disseminated and voting taken by electronic means to encourage wider participation by members.

Costs. CHPA shall pay the costs of convening and conducting the Meetings. Members shall bear their own travel, lodging and other personal costs of attendance. CHPA shall not levy any fee for admittance of a member to the Annual Meeting.

Voting Rights. Only Pilot and Flight Crewmembers shall have the right to vote. Each Pilot and Flight Crewmember shall have the right to cast one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

Speaking Rights. All members have a right to attend the Annual Meeting. Every Member in attendance has a right to speak on issues to be voted upon by the Members.

Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided, written or printed or electronic notice of each meeting of members, whether annual or special, from the president, vice-president or secretary, stating the time when and place where or electronically how it is to be held, as well as the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be served upon each member.

Quorum. At the annual meetings or a duly called and noticed special meeting, the members present and those represented by votes submitted by means approved by the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Voting and Acting. At any meeting, Annual or Special, duly noticed and at which a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of (a) for elections of directors, a plurality; (b) for amendments to the bylaws, a two-thirds majority, and (c)-for all other business, a simple majority, of the members voting shall constitute an act of the Members of CHPA.

Adjournments. Any meeting, Annual or Special, at which a quorum is not present, may be adjourned by a vote of the majority of the members present.

ARTICLE VII Conduct of Elections

The Board of Directors shall establish all reasonable policies for the conduct of elections including procedures for in-person and electronic nominations, member sponsored proposals, voting, quorums, majority voting, agenda items, required notices to members, and any other administrative policy and procedures that are applicable to Elections.

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Establishment of Committees. The Board of Directors, as a matter of administrative procedure, may establish and constitute such committees as it determines are beneficial and appropriate to the goals and the purposes of the CHPA. The following standing committees are required.

Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall chair the audit committee. The committee shall interview firms that may potentially perform the annual financial audit, if any, for the corporation, and submit reports and recommendations to the full Board for action. In the event the Audit Committee or the Board determines that the cost of the audit is prohibitive, then the President may appoint three non-board members, including at least one former President, to review the financial position of CHPA. The audit committee shall be responsible for the scheduling and coordination of the audit, reviewing the preparation and filing of the corporation's tax returns, and related matters.

Governance Committee. The Secretary, or in the Secretary's absence a Board-designated representative, shall chair the governance committee. The committee shall be responsible for overseeing governance matters, including: maintaining the minute books, member ledgers, and other corporate records; ensuring that the corporation complies with annual and special reporting requirements of the District of Columbia; and ensuring that the corporation's activities comply with federal and state laws and regulations governing the operation of a not-for-profit Veterans Organization.

Membership Committee. The Vice-President for Membership shall Chair the Membership Committee. The committee shall be responsible for devising, and

recommending for adoption by the full Board, insofar as is not inconsistent with these bylaws, the forms and procedures for application and admission to membership in the CHPA; and programs designed to identify and solicit qualified individuals to become members.

Election Committee. The Chairman of the Board shall chair the election committee. The committee shall be comprised of at least three members. The committee shall be charged with oversight of the election process and shall propose policies, forms and procedures for adoption by the Board of Directors that are not inconsistent with these bylaws. No candidate for office may serve on the election committee.

Veterans' Service Committee. The Vice-President for Administration shall serve as the chair of the Veterans' Service Committee. This committee will direct all Veterans' Service functions of the Corporation.

Presidents Committee. The Presidents Committee is comprised of all previous Presidents of CHPA. The purpose of the Presidents Committee is to advise and assist the current President in the effort to attain the goals and objectives of CHPA. The Presidents Committee shall meet once a year at the Annual Meeting. The Presidents Committee shall be chaired by the longest serving member of the committee.

Executive Committee. The Officers, as defined in Article IX serve as the members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the board of directors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, and is subject to the direction and control of the full board.

Other Committees. The Board may, from time to time, establish and constitute such other committees as it determines are beneficial and appropriate to the goals and the purposes of the CHPA.

Membership on Committees. With the concurrence of the membership, the Board of Directors may appoint any member in good standing to serve on a committee. Each committee member shall have a vote on the business of the committee on which they serve. A committee member may be removed from a committee by a vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX Officers

President. The president shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the corporation and serve as chairman of Annual and Special meetings of members, and in the absence

of the Chairman of the Board as chairman of Regular and Special meetings of the Board of Directors.

Qualifications. The president shall have been a Pilot or Flight Crewmember of CHPA for at least three years.

Manner of Election. The president shall be elected by a plurality of the membership votes cast at the Annual Meeting of CHPA.

Term of Office. A president shall serve a two-year term, and may not succeed himself except as provided in ARTICLE V.

Vice-President for Administration. The Vice-President for Administration shall serve as chair in the absence of the President at any meeting at which the President would serve as Chair. The Vice-President for Administration shall be responsible for the administrative function of CHPA and shall serve as the primary liaison with the Management company if such a Management company is employed by CHPA.

Vice-President for Membership. The Vice-President for Membership shall serve as the Chairman of the Membership committee. The Vice-President for Membership shall serve as chair in the absence of the President and the Vice-President for Administration at any meeting at which the President would serve as Chair.

Qualifications. Each vice-president shall have been a Pilot or Flight Crewmember of CHPA for at least three years.

Manner of Election. The vice-president shall be elected by a plurality of the membership votes cast at the Annual Meeting of CHPA.

Term of Office. A vice-president shall serve a two-year term, and may succeed himself one time except as provided in ARTICLE V.

Secretary. The secretary shall keep the corporate minute books and membership records, issue notice of meetings as directed by the President, and either serve as, or arrange for services of, a recording secretary at all annual and special meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall preside over meetings of the governance committee.

Qualifications. The Secretary shall be a Pilot or Flight Crewmember of CHPA for a minimum of one year.

Manner of Election. The Secretary shall be elected by a plurality of the membership votes cast at the Annual Meeting of CHPA.

Term of Office. A Secretary shall serve a two-year term, and may succeed himself for a maximum of three terms except as provided in ARTICLE V.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer and shall be responsible for the financial and accounting records of the corporation, preparing of budgets, collecting and receiving dues and other receipts of the corporation, management of the corporation's bank and investment accounts, and reporting to the Board at each regular meeting of the Directors. He shall preside over meetings of the Audit Committee.

Qualifications. The Treasurer shall be a member of CHPA for a minimum of one year. The Treasurer should be experienced in classifying accounting transactions, preparing financial statements and solving problems with same.

Manner of Election. The Treasurer shall be elected by a plurality of the membership votes cast at the Annual Meeting of CHPA.

Term of Office. A treasurer shall serve a two-year term, and may succeed himself for a maximum of three terms except as provided in ARTICLE V.

Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors may preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall succeed to the office immediately upon completion of his term as President. The Chairman of the Board shall vote at Board meetings only to break a tie. He shall preside over meetings of the Election Committee.

General Counsel. At its discretion, the Board may hire an attorney to serve as General Counsel for the organization. At the Board's discretion, General Counsel may attend Board meetings as an ex-officio member. General Counsel may participate in any committees as directed by the Board; however, such participation shall only be in an ex-officio capacity.

Vacancy. Should the Office of President become vacant the Vice-President for Administration shall complete the Term. If such vacancy occurs more than one year prior to the end of the term, the person assuming the office of President shall not be eligible to seek election to the President at end of the Term. If any other Officer or Regional Director position becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall, at its next regular or special meeting, select a duly qualified member to serve until the next annual meeting.

Execution of Corporate Instruments. Any officer of the corporation, acting within the scope of his duties and with the authorization of the Board of Directors, shall have the power to execute specific corporate instruments or documents, or to sign the corporate name. All checks and drafts on banks or other depositories of funds to the credit of the corporation, and withdrawals of funds from investment accounts, shall be approved in advance by two officers so designated by the Board whenever the value of such transaction exceeds \$5,000. The Board shall, from time to time, establish

controls and procedures for the protection and preservation of the corporation's liquid assets.

ARTICLE X Indemnification

General. Every Director or Officer of the corporation and his executors, administrators and estate shall be deemed indemnified and saved harmless, out of the funds of the corporation, from and against:

- All costs, charges and expenses whatsoever that the director sustains or incurs arising out of any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him, or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him, in or about the execution, in good faith, of the duties of his office or in respect of any such liability; and
- All other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs of the corporation, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own willful neglect or default.

Insurance. The corporation shall carry sufficient indemnification insurance as is currently available and can be reasonably afforded by the corporation.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

Power of the Members to Amend. The members shall have the power to amend these bylaws by two-thirds majority vote of the membership voting at a meeting where the proposed amendment is properly brought before the membership.

No Power of the Board of Directors to Amend. The Board of Directors shall not have the power to amend these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII Fiscal Year and Financial Reporting

Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year.

Availability of Financial Information. The Board of Directors shall disclose to the membership the financial records of the corporation, to include at a minimum all tax returns and schedules filed by the corporation, and: Balance sheet; and Statements of Profit & Loss; and Contracts with a value or potential value equal to or greater than \$2,500.

Dissemination of Financial Information Required to Be Disclosed. The Board of Directors shall establish a policy for the dissemination of Financial information. This policy shall be in effect upon approval by a majority of the membership.

ARTICLE XIII
Miscellaneous Provisions

The captions contained in this document are for convenience only, they are not a part of this document and are not intended in any way to limit or enlarge the terms and provisions contained herein. Use of a term in the masculine gender includes the use of the feminine gender and vice versa. Use of a term in the singular includes the plural and vice versa. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of these by-laws to be a violation of any statute, regulation or the common law, that provision is stricken with the remainder of the by-laws remaining in full force and effect.