

BY-LAWS OF

irvingHOMEschoolers

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ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. This organization shall be known as 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.
4. Provide volunteer and community interest.

Mission: **Our mission is to reach out to all homeschooling families - providing resource information, ongoing activities, and support.**

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Section A. **Definition of membership:**

1. Full Member - Family must be actively home schooling at least one (1) child. Each member family will have access to a copy of the by-laws, guidelines, newsletters, email loop, and be allowed to participate in irvingHOMEschoolers sponsored activities.

Section B. Requirements of membership:

1. Members will agree to abide by these by-laws and behavior guidelines adopted by the Board / organization.
2. Members are expected not to 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.
3. 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. Dues are \$20.00 per family per year. 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.
4. irvingHOMEschoolers accounting period will end May 31 of each year.

Section C. A minimum of six (6) 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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section A. Anyone who wishes to serve on the Executive Board which will be made up of the President, V. President, Secretary and Treasurer, must be actively home schooling their children.

If an Executive Board member 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. Terms are two (2) years with a maximum of five (5) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. Officers shall:

1. Check irvingHOMEschoolers email 3 to 4 times per week.
2. For an assigned officer to check the P.O. Box each week.
3. Attend 3/4 of all board meetings.
4. Perform duties as outlined in section B.

Section B. The President shall:

- A 1. Perform the responsibilities outlined in Article IV, Section A.
 2. See that all officers and chairmen fulfill their respective duties.
 3. 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.
- B. Vice-President: The V. President shall act as the aide to the President and shall preside at meetings as needed.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall maintain accurate minutes of meetings. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all official records for irvingHOMEschoolers.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts, disbursements and expenditures for irvingHOMEschoolers.

Section C. The Newsletter Editor shall:

1. Serve as the Editor of 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 present board.

Section B. In order to respect the privacy of members of irving**HOME**schoolers, no one shall give out membership or individual names to people outside irving**HOME**schoolers without express consent of those particular individuals.

Section C. irving**HOME**schoolers 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 irving**HOME**schoolers and/or its members.

Section D. Information and links on the irving**HOME**schoolers website and newsletter does not necessarily indicate endorsement by irving**HOME**schoolers. Information is provided to irving**HOME**schoolers members to assist in homeschooling their children. Members are expected to verify information and choose for themselves on whether information from these links would be useful for their family situation.

Section E. Newsletter Guidelines:

1. The Newsletter shall be limited to information concerning home schooling which may be of interest to irving**HOME**schoolers 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 irving**HOME**schoolers.
3. Home school seminars or services offered by non-profit organizations may be advertised as space permits in the Newsletter or through enclosures.
4. Other business or individuals outside irving**HOME**schoolers wishing to advertise services or products to home schoolers in irving**HOME**schoolers shall be determined by the Newsletter and charged a fee.
5. The newsletter shall be made available for pick up at meetings or emailed.

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/planning meeting shall be determined by the Board and presented to the membership during the May meeting. All expenses must remain within budget unless prior approval is given by a Board vote.

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

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