

## **Village Writers' Club Governing Principles (Adopted September 2017)**

1. The name of the organization shall be Village Writers' Club.
2. The purpose of the Club shall be to provide a forum to: (a) exchange writing-related experiences, skills and concerns, (b) motivate production of original writing by its members, (c) improve the writing skills of members, (d) assist members in marketing their work.
3. The Village Writers' Club Bylaws (adopted October 28, 2013) are hereby suspended for a period of one year beginning September 1, 2017 and ending August 31, 2018, and these Governing Principles supercede and replace the Writers' Club Bylaws. Unless members act to vote otherwise, these Governing Principles will become null and void on August 31, 2018, with governing documents of the Club reverting to the Bylaws adopted October 28, 2013.
4. Any person interested in writing may become a member of the organization upon payment of dues as established by the Governing Body.
5. Any member may serve as an officer or chairperson of the organization.
6. The Governing Body of the organization shall consist of the Coordinator of Activities, the Programs Coordinator, and the Financial Coordinator.
7. The officers of the organization shall be as follows:
  - a. A Coordinator of Activities, who for the purposes of all legal matters will be the chief executive officer and who will preside over formal meetings of the organization;
  - b. A Programs Coordinator, who will solicit volunteers to form a Programs Team to organize and execute educational and social programs for the organization.
  - c. A Financial Coordinator, who will solicit volunteers to form a Financial Team to record and report on the financial status of the organization at least quarterly and who will collect, deposit, and distribute the organization's funds in accordance with the governing body.
8. By adopting these Governing Principles, the members of the Club appoint Marlene Kloack to serve as Coordinator of Activities; Millie Lancaster to serve as Programs Coordinator; and John Swinburn to serve as Financial Coordinator for the period September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. A petition signed by twenty-five percent of the membership will be sufficient to call for a vote to remove and/or replace any or all of the Governing Board; in such event, a quorum will rule.
9. The Coordinator of Activities may solicit volunteers to serve other functions for the organization, including minutes and record-keeping, communications, and other functions as he or she deems necessary.
10. Any member is entitled to vote on issues brought before the organization.
11. Honorary non-voting member status may be granted by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the organization. Payment of dues shall not be required of honorary members.
12. These governing principles of the organization may be adopted, repealed, or amended only by a quorum of members voting at any meeting of the organization or by a quorum of members voting by electronic ballot.

13. The organization may be dissolved or merged with another like entity only with the approval of a quorum of members voting at any meeting of the organization or by a quorum of members voting by electronic ballot.
14. The purposes of the organization may be determined or modified only with the approval of a quorum of members voting at any meeting of the organization or by a quorum of members voting by electronic ballot.
15. For the purposes of these Governing Principles, a quorum is defined as at least fifty percent plus one of the membership.
16. The Arkansas Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act shall govern any requirements of law governing activities of the Club not specifically addressed herein.