

**Bylaws of  
CONCORDIA GYMNASTIC SOCIETY  
(Concordia Turners)**

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# **ARTICLE 1- MEMBERSHIP**

## **SECTION 1**

Candidates for admission to membership must be not less than eighteen (18) years of age. They must be of good moral character, and must be citizens of the United States or Canada, or must be lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens as soon as legally possible.

## **SECTION 2**

An applicant shall apply for membership in this Society on a regular application blank provided for that purpose which will be acted upon in the order of receipt. Such applications must be signed by a member of the Society in good standing and be submitted to the Membership Committee for its recommendation. The Board of Directors shall finally approve or disapprove all applications.

## **SECTION 3**

Request for membership must be accompanied by the payment of dues and fees in the amount established by the Board of Directors at the time of application by the prospective member.

## **SECTION 4**

Adult Membership is confined to one person having full privileges and use of facilities and the right of voice and one vote in any membership meeting. (Absentee voting is prohibited.)

## **SECTION 5**

Family Membership provides for a member and a spouse/partner member living in the same household. Such members and their unmarried children under the age of 21 years shall have full use of the facilities not inconsistent with the Rules and Regulation. Family Membership extends all the rights and privileges of membership including the right of voice and one vote each for the member and spouse/partner in any membership meeting. (Absentee voting is prohibited.)

## **SECTION 6**

Memberships are neither transferable nor refundable.

## **SECTION 7**

Honorary membership shall be conferred by the Board of Directors to any individual or family members in good standing after twenty-five (25) years of continuous membership from the date of acceptance.

## **SECTION 8**

Honorary Members dues shall be one-half (1/2) the annual dues in effect and they shall be obligated the same as other members and shall have full privileges of the Society. All Honorary Members shall be liable for assessments.

### **SECTION 9**

Life-Membership shall be conferred on any member in good standing after a continuous period of forty (40) years. Life-Members shall be exempt for the payment of dues, but otherwise they shall be obligated the same as other members and shall have full privileges of the Society. All Life-Members shall be liable for assessments.

### **SECTION 10**

The unmarried surviving spouse or the unmarried minor children of a family membership, under the age of twenty one (21) or a child of a non-member, while said child is under 18 years of age, may be accepted for classes or activities by the Board of Directors at reduced dues or no dues depending upon the circumstances of the case, consideration being given to the benevolent and educational purpose of the Society.

## **ARTICLE II - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 11**

The meeting of the General Membership shall be held on the first Friday in the month of February. Notice of the meeting shall be sent to the General Membership at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

### **SECTION 12**

Special meetings shall be held at the call of the Board of Directors or the President. Special meetings may be called on written request to the Secretary, of five (5) members, which request must state the purpose of the meeting. The date of this meeting will be held not earlier than twenty (20) and not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the written request by Secretary. Notice of special meetings shall be sent to the General Membership at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting and must state the purpose of such special meeting.

### **SECTION 13**

The Board of Directors shall meet at least ten (10) times each calendar year. A majority of the elected directors will constitute a quorum.

### **SECTION 14**

General Membership meetings and special meetings shall be called to order at 7:30 P.M.

### **SECTION 15**

Roberts Rules of Order insofar as they may be consistent with the Constitution and By-laws shall govern the procedures at all General Membership and directors meetings unless suspended by majority consent.

### **SECTION 16**

A quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) members and all questions shall be decided by a majority vote, except on by-law amendments (See Article XV).

## **ARTICLE III - Board of Directors and their duties.**

### **SECTION 17**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, one representative of the Senior Men's Class, one representative of the Actives' class, and one representative of the Wednesday Night Ladies' class and one representative of the Parents' Club. The Directors-at-large shall be elected and hold office for a term of two years or until their successor has been duly elected and inducted into office. The representatives of the Senior Men's class, Actives' class, Wednesday Night Ladies' class and the Parents' Club shall be elected and hold office for a term of one year or until the successors have been duly elected and inducted into office.

### **SECTION 18**

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and funds of the Society and shall have full authority to determine all matters affecting the management and welfare of the Society, but all within the framework of the Constitution and By-laws. The Board of Directors in office at the time of adoption of these by-laws as amended shall establish as soon as possible the Rules and Regulations concerning members, guest of members, sections as that term is used in these by-laws, operation, gymnasiums and such others as they may deem necessary to properly manage the affairs and funds of the Society. Any and all such Rules and Regulations at any time may be changed or rescinded, or new ones adopted by any Board of Directors then in office. Should any additional Rules and Regulations be adopted or any existing ones are amended or rescinded, a notice of such change shall be in our regular publication and on our bulletin board. Rules and Regulations adopted by any Board of Directors shall remain in full force and effect until such time that a subsequent Board of Directors shall amend or rescind same. A copy of the latest Rules and Regulations shall at all time be posted in a place or places where same can be readily seen by all members.

### **SECTION 19**

The Board shall designate all appointed officials, employees, committees, except such as shall be appointed by the President of the General Membership in accordance with the

Constitution and By-Laws; shall grant diplomas and certificates of merit; shall sit in a judicial capacity as a court of first instance to hear and give decisions in all cases where grievances have been made.

### **SECTION 20**

The office of any member of the Board of Directors shall be declared vacant upon absence, without excuse, from four (4) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 21**

Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the President of the Society, with ratification by the Board, until a replacement can be elected at the next General Membership meeting. Notice of such election for the unexpired term of office shall be sent to the membership in writing and published in the regular publication and on the bulletin board at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting, except when a Director is serving an unexpired term is elected as an Officer on the Board of Directors, then his resignation from the unexpired office shall become automatic and the office shall be declared vacant; such vacancy shall be filled by election at the General Membership meeting wherein it occurs.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

### **SECTION 22**

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been duly elected and inducted into office.

### **SECTION 23**

The President shall preside at all General Membership meetings and the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall countersign all important letters, all contracts, certificate diplomas, power of attorneys and all papers authorized by the Board of Directors bearing the Seal of this Society; and shall be ex-officio member of every committee appointed by the Board of Directors, or elected by the General Membership Meeting. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for by the Constitution or By-Laws, may call Special meetings of the Board of Directors; shall be the general representative of the Society, unless the Society by By-Laws otherwise provides. All bonds of officers and employees shall be made out in the President's name, and shall be kept in the President's files after having been approved by the Board of Directors. All records of all elective and appointive officers, representatives and employees shall be open to the President for inspection at all times. The President shall have general supervision over the elective and appointive officers and general affairs of the Society, and shall provide a report to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting setting forth the activities of the office, reviewing the condition of the administration and making recommendations for the advancement of the Society.

### **SECTION 24**

The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President, and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall also make a report to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.

### **SECTION 25**

The Secretary shall keep and preserve a record of the proceeding of the Society and the Board of Directors, including an attendance record of the members of the Board of Directors and Officers; shall be custodian of the Seal; shall sign and affix the Seal to all certificates, diplomas, commissions, letters, power of attorney and all other papers requiring the Seal; and shall make a report to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.

### **SECTION 26**

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all the funds, bonds, notes, securities and evidences of property belonging to this Society, and which property, excepting money, shall be placed in a safe deposit box bearing the Society's name; shall receive a copy of all deposit slips; shall authorize payment of all bills and shall keep a record of the receipts and disbursements, and shall make a written report to the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting. The Treasurer shall also make a report to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.



## **ARTICLE V – ELECTION AND INDUCTION OF OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 27**

At the Annual General Membership Meeting there shall be elected by secret ballot the following:

FOR A TWO YEAR TERM

Uneven Years  
Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Three Directors-at-large

Even Years  
President  
Secretary  
Two Directors-at-large

FOR A ONE YEAR TERM

Section Representatives

### **SECTION 28**

Candidates for office receiving the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

### **SECTION 29**

In the event of a tie vote for any office, a re-ballot of this office will be held immediately. In the event of a deadlock, the President will cast the deciding vote.

### **SECTION 30**

Other appointive officers as may be required shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its first meeting after the election. All appointments shall expire with the term of the Board making the appointments except those under written contract. Appointive officers have no voting rights on the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 31**

In order to more effectively pursue its objectives, this Society may establish Sections for the purpose of carrying on any branch of its activity. Any group of not less than fifteen (15) persons desiring to further any of the purposes stated in our Constitution may form a Section by making formal application to the Board of Directors stating the purpose and reason for establishing such a section. After approval by the Board of Directors, each Section so approved shall adopt Rules or By-Laws, any modification of which shall be sanctioned by the Board of Directors. Any Section that falls below membership of 15 persons may retain representation by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 32**

No person shall be admitted or permitted as a member of any Section unless and until they are a member in good standing in the Society.

### **SECTION 33**

Any Section or part of same which desires to use the name of this Society with their own external occasion, must first secure the permission of the Board of Directors of this Society.

### **SECTION 34**

Each Section shall make an annual report at the annual meeting of the General Membership and also to the Board of Directors at each of its meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI – APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING AND ELECTION COMMITTEE AND PROCEDURE**

### **SECTION 35**

As the September Board of Directors Meeting, there shall be appointed by the President a Nominating Committee and an Election Committee. The names of the members of these committees shall be announced to members of the Society.

### **SECTION 36**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to contact qualified members of the Society, as provided under Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution, to receive their consent to be a candidate for an office on the Board of Directors of the Society and Officers to be elected. This committee shall submit their list of candidates to the Election Committee on the first Thursday of the month of December.

### **SECTION 37**

Recognized sections shall submit to the Nominating Committee on the first Thursday of the month of December the names of one or more individuals as representatives of their respective classes to stand as candidates for membership on the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 38**

Additional nominations may be made by any five (5) members of the Society who can vouch for the consent of the candidates and must submit such nominations in writing, to the Nominating Committee on or before the first Thursday in the month of December.

### **SECTION 39**

The Election Committee shall consist of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to receive the list of candidates for the Board of Directors and Officers of the Society from the Nominating Committee. They shall have a complete list of such candidates published

in the next issue of the Society's newsletter or by separate mailing to the General Membership. They shall prepare ballots listing all candidates together with the office for which they have been nominated. At the Annual Meeting of the General Membership they shall hand one ballot to each qualified member as he or she enters the meeting hall. After voting has ceased, this Committee shall take the ballots from the ballot box, count them and submit in writing to the meeting, the results of the election.

#### **SECTION 40**

A member to be qualified to vote must be a member in good standing.

#### **SECTION 41**

Polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. on the date of the Annual Meeting of the General Membership. The Chairman of the Elections Committee shall announce to the meeting at 7:50 P.M. that the voting will close promptly at 8:00 P.M.

#### **SECTION 42**

The ballots after the election shall be sealed in an envelope or container and placed in a secured location for twelve (12) days, to give a candidate an opportunity to contest the election.

#### **SECTION 43**

Any defeated candidate may file a petition to recount the votes within five (5) days after the election, which petition must set forth the reason for a recount, must be signed by five (5) members in good standing, and served on the President or Secretary, after which and within seven (7) days thereafter, the Board of Directors shall meet to determine if a recount is necessary and if so, they shall recount the votes immediately at the same meeting and in the presence of the defeated candidate.

### **ARTICLE VII – FISCAL YEAR – DUES – FEES**

#### **SECTION 44**

The fiscal year shall begin with the first (1st) day of April and end with the thirty-first (31st) day of March.

#### **SECTION 45**

If deemed appropriate, an initiation fee may be charged prospective members. The amount of any fee shall be recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 46**

The amount of dues and fees may be different for groups of members based on date of continuous membership in the Society and shall be determined by the Board of Directors and ratified at the next General Membership meeting. In addition to regular dues and fees, District and National per capita taxes shall be paid annually.

## **SECTION 47**

All Honorary Members shall pay the current National and District per capita taxes on January 2nd of each year.

## **SECTION 48**

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, an assessment of no more than \$150.00 may be levied on all members of the Society, regardless of their membership status, by the General Membership at its meetings, and when so levied, shall be due and payable within three (3) months. The Board of Directors shall recommend the assessment and have it published to the General membership at least ten (10) days prior to the General Membership meeting in which it will be acted upon.

## **SECTION 49**

After proper investigation, the Board of Directors may defer the payment of dues or assessments on insolvent members, or exempt them for a reasonable length of time.

## **SECTION 50**

All membership fees and dues shall be used for the purposes of the Society. In the event that the amount of revenue on hand from all sources ever exceeds what is necessary to properly carry on the education program of the Society, the membership fees and dues shall be reduced accordingly. However no member shall have a proprietary interest in any of the properties of the Society.

# **ARTICLE VIII – TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

## **SECTION 51**

Members desiring to resign shall present a request in writing, and shall pay all arrearage to date, before the resignation can be acted upon; and when it is granted, a letter will be issued.

# **ARTICLE IX – SUSPENSION FOR CAUSE**

## **SECTION 52**

All members, whose quarterly dues or assessments are thirty (30) days delinquent, shall be notified in writing by the Membership Committee and shall be denied privileges of membership.

### **SECTION 53**

All members whose quarterly dues or assessments are sixty (60) days delinquent shall have their name submitted to the Board of Directors for suspension. If suspended, all Society rights and privileges and those of the family shall be forfeited.

### **SECTION 54**

All members who have been suspended shall have their name removed from the membership roll and cannot again become a member of this Society except by special action of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE X – COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

### **SECTION 55**

Any officer or member of this Society or any class or section of this Society may be removed from office, or be admonished, reprimanded or expelled on being guilty of either: Willfully violating the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulation of this Society or such conduct as is likely to bring Society into public disrepute.

### **SECTION 56**

Any member having grounds for grievance or complaint under section 55 of these By-Laws, shall file each such complaint, written in duplicate, with the Board of Directors, signed by the complainant, setting forth the facts relied on to sustain the charge.

### **SECTION 57**

The Secretary of the Society shall give notice, in writing, not less than thirty (30) days in advance to all parties concerned of the time and place of hearing, and at the time of giving notice shall furnish the accused a written copy of the complaint filed against him or her.

### **SECTION 58**

A majority of the full Board of Directors shall determine the verdict as to guilt or innocence of the accused on each specification of the charges.

### **SECTION 59**

If the verdict be “Guilty” the penalty shall be immediately fixed and announced by the Board of Directors and it is mandatory that the Board of Directors shall put the verdict into affect without undue delay, by removal from office, or by admonition, reprimand, suspension or expulsion, or by imposing such other penalty as the case may require.

### **SECTION 60**

An expelled officer or member shall lose all rights and privileges of this Society, its classes and sections, and shall not again be eligible for membership in the Society.

## **ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES**

### **SECTION 61**

Except as otherwise stated in the Constitution or By-Laws, the committees names in the following section shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at its meeting following the annual meeting of the General Membership.

### **SECTION 62**

The Membership Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, the Chairman of which shall be a member of the present Board of Directors. All applications for membership in the Society shall be submitted to this committee for investigation and their findings shall be reported to the Board of Directors. This committee shall serve as an instruction and ceremony committee for new members. Membership drives shall be under the jurisdiction of this committee. This committee shall study methods for improving the membership of the Society. They shall report monthly to the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 63**

The Ways and Means Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, the Chairman of which shall be a member of the present Board of Directors. This committee shall consult with the Business Manager on methods of conducting general operations of the Society and its real property. This committee shall study methods to improve the Society's financial condition. They shall report their findings to the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 64**

The Athletics and Activities Committee shall be composed of a chairman who shall be a member of the present Board of Directors, two (2) members-at-large and two (2) members from each of the accredited Sections of the Society. The scope of this committee shall be to plan and advance the competitive activities of the Society through its various Sections and Classes. This committee shall also perform such other function with regards to physical activities as assigned by the Board of Directors. This committee shall report to the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting and shall also make a report to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.

### **SECTION 65**

The Construction and Maintenance Committee shall be composed of a chairman and two (2) members. This committee shall consult with the Business Manager and Physical Instructor regarding any necessary repairs. They shall be authorized to make any necessary repairs of an emergency nature. Any major repairs or replacements must be first submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. This committee shall study ideas to improve the use of the building and its facilities. They shall report their findings monthly to the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 66**

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three (3) members. They shall conduct either a monthly or a quarterly audit of the Society's books. They may hire a qualified auditor to conduct such an audit, if approved by the Board of Directors. They shall report their findings to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may order an audit with full report to be made when in its judgment it is for the best interest of the Society.

## **SECTION 67**

The Cultural and Publicity Committee shall be composed of three (3) members. This committee shall study and promote activities having an educational value to the Society. This committee shall submit to newspapers or any other publication, material of interest or value for the betterment of the Society. This committee shall submit to the Board of Directors their recommendation for the office of Editor of the Society's publication. This committee shall report regularly to the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 68**

The Board of Directors shall appoint committees to conduct any affair they deem necessary to carry out the fund raising or commemorative functions of the Society. All affairs put on by the Society or Sections thereof shall be paid solely by charges made to those desiring to attend.

## **SECTION 69**

The Board of Directors may appoint any other committee they deem necessary to carry on the work of the Society not otherwise provided for.

## **SECTION 70**

Only members of this Society shall be appointed on any committee of the Society, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws. The first named member appointed to any committee shall be its Chairman. When a committee is elected by the General Membership, such members shall elect their own Chairman. The Chairman of a committee shall secure the name and address of each member of his committee, and shall set a time and place of the committee meetings, taking into due consideration the ability of the members to attend. The Chairman of the committee shall promptly present his committee report, in writing, to the body responsible for its appointment.

# **ARTICLE XII – MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ASSOCIATIONS**

## **SECTION 71**

The President may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, on vote of the General Membership, associate this Society with any State or National Association or Associations doing similar related work, as long as said Association is an exempt one

within the purview of Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or such section as it may be amended.

## **ARTICLE XIII – EXPENDITURES, CONTRACT AND GIFTS**

### ***SECTION 72***

No expenditures shall be made, except on the authority of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall enter into no contract or agreement of a sum in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for improvement; Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for ordinary repairs; Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for emergency repairs; and Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for Society promotional activities, without the approval of the General Membership.

### ***SECTION 73***

No contract shall be made without the authority of the Board of Directors. No contract entered into shall be for a period of more than three (3) years without the approval of the General Membership.

### ***SECTION 74***

The Society may receive gifts and bequest, which gifts and bequest shall be used in furtherance of the educational and charitable purposes of the Society.

## **ARTICLE XIV -AMENDMENTS**

### ***SECTION 75***

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any regularly called meeting of the Society, provided the call of such meeting shall set forth in detail such changes as are proposed and that members of the Society are notified of these changes at least 10 days in advance of said meeting.