

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §19-4-8

## §19-4-8. Bylaws.

Each association incorporated under this article, must, within thirty days after its incorporation, adopt for its government and management a code of bylaws, not inconsistent with the powers granted by this article. A majority vote of the members or stockholders, or their written assent, is necessary to adopt such bylaws. Each association, under its bylaws, may provide for any or all of the following matters:

- (a) The time, place and manner of calling and conducting its meetings;
- (b) The number of stockholders or members constituting a quorum;
- (c) The right of members or stockholders to vote by proxy or by mail or both; and the conditions, manner, form, and effect of such votes;
- (d) The number of directors constituting a quorum; and, if authority therefor is given in the articles of incorporation, the total number of directors;
- (e) The qualifications, compensation, duties and term of office of directors and officers; time of their election and the mode and manner of giving notice thereof;
- (f) Penalties for violation of the bylaws;
- (g) The amount of entrance, organization and membership fees, if any; the manner and method of collecting the same; and the purposes for which they may be used;
- (h) The amount which each member or stockholder shall be required to pay annually or from time to time, if at all, to carry on the business of the association; the charge, if any, to be paid by each member or stockholder for services rendered by the association to him and the time of payment and the manner of collection; and the marketing contract between the association and its members or stockholders which every member or stockholder may be required to sign;
- (i) The number and qualifications of members or stockholders of the association and the conditions precedent to membership or ownership of common stock; the method, time and manner of permitting members to withdraw or the holders of common stock to transfer their stock; the manner of assignment and transfer of the interest of members and of the shares of common stock; the conditions upon which and time when membership of any member shall cease; the automatic suspension of the rights of a member when he ceases to be eligible to membership in the association; the mode, manner and effect of the expulsion of a member; the manner of determining the value of a member's interest, and provision for its purchase by the association, at its option, upon the death or withdrawal of a member or stockholder, or upon the expulsion of a member or forfeiture of his membership, or, at the option of the

association, the purchase at a price fixed by conclusive appraisal by the board of directors, or at the election of the board, such property interests may be sold at public auction to the association itself, or to any person eligible to membership in such association and the proceeds of such sale paid over to the personal representative of such deceased member, or to the member withdrawing or expelled, as the case may be.

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