

Constitution

Grand Strand Golf Director's Association

Article I – Name and Purposes

Section 1: Name: The name of this organization shall be the Grand Strand Golf Directors' Association, an association devoted wholly to golf promotion for hotels, motels, motor inns, condominiums, golf clubs, resorts, theatres and other golf related businesses.

Section2: Purposes: Foremost among the objectives of this Association is, through interaction and education, to improve the understanding and practice of golf promotion in our hospitality industry. This association, therefore, aims to assemble and disseminate information; to encourage and further the practice of good golf marketing; to promote educational and other measures tending toward the accomplishment of these objectives; to carry on educational projects for the dissemination of knowledge about golf promotion and its vital importance in our industry; and to stress the responsibilities and professional standards of golf sales management.

Article II – Membership

Section 1: Types of membership: There shall be two types of membership, those being in the form of Active Member or Associate Member.

Section 2: Active Members: Subject to approval by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, an active membership may be held by the designated golf director at a hotel, motel, motor inn, condominium, independent golf package marketer, golf club resort, golf club or theatre. One person shall be designated as the official representative of each active membership. Membership resides in the hotel, motel, motor inn, or other approved company and it has the right of substitution for the individual designated to represent its membership. If an individual shall leave his/ her position or a member property is 45 days delinquent in payment of annual dues, the membership privileges and benefits of that individual and / or property shall be terminated. Likewise in the event that they should no longer be associated with the golf industry or if they should misrepresent the Association in any way. If an approved individual pays their annual dues themselves, that membership resides with the individual and not their place of business.

Section 3: Associate Members: Subject to approval by the Executive Committee, an associate membership may be held by an individual who is not associated with a hotel, motel, motor inn, condominium, independent golf package marketer, golf club resort, golf club or theater but is associated professionally with the golf industry. This membership resides with the property unless the individual should pay their own dues and carries with it the privilege of attendance at all official Association gatherings and

inclusion in all distribution of materials made available to the general membership. As with active members, the rights and privileges and benefits of that individual and / or property shall be terminated if the individual is 45 days delinquent in payment of annual dues or in the event that they should no longer be associated with the golf industry or if they should misrepresent the Association in any way.

Section4: Participation: All members, both Active and Associate shall be required to participate in the business and activities of the Association. There are Committees from which the members are required to choose for participation. Every member of the Association must participate in some way in order to maintain their membership standing. If a member fails to do so for one full membership year, their membership renewal the following year can be denied on the basis of non-participation by the Board of Directors.

Article III – Privileges of Members

Official Privileges of Active Members: Active members shall have all the privileges of the Association, including voting and holding office.

Associate Members: Associate members shall have the privilege of attendance at all association gatherings and rights to all printed/emailed materials distributed to the general membership. They can also hold the position of Secretary or Treasurer and can vote during the election of the Executive Committee.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1: Manner of Payment: Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of August each year. The Association’s fiscal year shall commence on August first and conclude on July thirty-first. The grace period for delinquent payment shall end September fifteenth.

Section 2: Amount of Dues: Dues of Active Membership shall be established by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Section 3: Delinquent Dues: Any member who is delinquent in dues beyond forty five (45) days is no longer considered a member in good standing, thereby forfeiting all membership benefits, and becomes subject to removal from the membership rolls. Once again the grace period for delinquent payment shall end the fifteenth of September.

Article V – Meetings

Section 1: Admission to Meetings: Admission to meetings of the Association shall be limited to members in good standing. Business associates of Active members, representatives of the press, and guests, may be admitted **ONLY** with prior approval by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Section 2: Regular Meetings: The Association shall schedule and conduct monthly meetings of its Active and Associate members to be held on the first Wednesday of each month whenever possible. If the first Wednesday is unavailable, the second Wednesday will be substituted.

Section 3: Quorum: A majority of the official representatives of Active members present shall constitute a quorum to transact any business. Likewise, a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum in the transaction of their official business.

Section 4: Interim Action: In the interim between meetings, the Board of Directors along with the Executive Committee, may submit any matter to a vote of the membership by mail, and a majority of the votes received shall be considered the official act of the Association.

Article VI – Voting

Section 1: Voting Privilege: The voting privilege shall be confined to the Official representative of Active members and Associate members in good standing. If said official representative is unable to be present, he/ she may authorize in writing a representative of the same property to become the acting official representative and vote in his/her stead at the meeting.

Article VII – Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1: Nominations: On April first, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Board of Directors shall publish to the membership of the Association, its recommendations for new officers. After such publication and until the end of May, any nominations from the Active or Associate membership shall be proposed in writing and sent to the Board of Directors and such nominees shall present qualifications, background, and evidence of availability and willingness to serve, if elected.

Section 2: Election Procedure: In the event of a contest for any office, the procedure shall be that thirty (30) days before the July meeting, an official ballot containing the names of all the nominees shall be sent from the Board of Directors to all Active and Associate members. These ballots must be returned by being posted not later than midnight of the designated day prior to the July meeting, in accordance with instructions contained on the ballot.

A majority of the vote cast shall be required to elect. When the contest is between two candidates for an office, those having the highest number of votes will be declared elected.

Section 3: Ballot Count: The Board of Directors shall determine the manner in which the ballots shall be counted and prescribe such rules and regulations not otherwise provided for in this constitution, as in their discretion, may seem proper in conducting the election.

Article VIII – Officers

Section 1: Number: The officers of this Association shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second-Vice President, and a Secretary each of whom shall be elected for a two year term.

Section 2: Qualifications: Each elected officer must be, irrespective of his/ her title, actively engaged in golf sales and devote the major part of his/ her time to that phase of the business. Each elected officer shall be an Active or, in the case of the office of Secretary, an Associate member in good standing. If he/ she shall leave the golf sales business for a period of ninety consecutive days, a vacancy in his/ her office shall thereby occur.

Section 3: Term of Office: The officers shall hold office commencing at the close of the July meeting and shall continue until their successors shall be elected and installed.

Section 4: Successive Term of Office: There shall be no limit in the number of times an officer may succeed himself/ herself, except that the President may hold only one two year term.

Section 5: Compensation: All elected officers shall serve without monetary compensation.

Article IX – Executive Committee

Section 1: Composition: The Executive Committee shall consist of the following four officers: the President, who shall chair the Executive Committee, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President and the Secretary.

Section 2: Authority of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee along with and pending approval of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the proper governing of the affairs of the Association, and have the authority to revoke memberships with justifiable cause, to act upon resignations, and to fill vacancies within the membership occurring by illness, death, resignations, or removals.

Section 3: Meetings of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee and Board of Directors shall meet when necessary during the course of the membership year apart from the regular monthly meetings. A meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors may be called by a majority of its members. A special meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors may be called by one-third of the Active membership

by written request filed with the Secretary thirty days in advance of the requested meeting date.

Section 4: Quorum: A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. In case of a tie vote, balloting of all members of the Executive Committee shall be continued until a majority decision is reached.

Section 5: Interim Action: In the interim between the meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the President may submit any matter to a vote of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors by mail, and a majority vote of those voting in writing shall be considered as official action.

Section 6: Reversal of Action: Any action of the Executive Committee may be revoked or overruled at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors or of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the Active and Associate members of their official representatives present and voting.

Article X – Duties of Officers

Section 1: Duties of the President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and of the Executive Committee. He/she, along with the consent of the Board of Directors shall appoint all standing and special committees, he/ she shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees; he/ she shall perform such other duties and functions as custom and parliamentary usage required.

Section 2: Duties of the Vice Presidents: The Vice Presidents shall assume the duties of the President at the latter's request and in his absence shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the President and the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Each Vice President shall be charged with the duties and responsibilities so delegated to him/her.

Section 3: Duties of the Secretary: The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of membership meetings and Executive Committee/ Board of Director meetings. The Secretary shall mail to the membership the Summary of Action of the membership meetings and the Executive Committee/ Board of Director meetings no later than ten days prior to the next membership meeting. Upon completion of the Association's website, minutes will be posted online within 7 days following any official meeting.

Section 5: Duties of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors: The duties of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors shall be to administer the affairs of the Association.

Section 6: Vacancy in any Executive Committee Position: In the case of resignation, incapacity, or if incumbent leaves the business for a period of ninety consecutive days, it shall be the authorized duty of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee to fill such vacancy, pending the next annual election.

Section 7: Removals: The Executive Committee and Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote, may remove any officer from his/ her office for failure to perform his/ her duties, or other sufficient cause.

Article XI – Board of Directors

Section 1: Members: Members of the Board of Directors, in order to remain in Active status, must be in attendance at a minimum of 50% of all monthly membership meetings and 75% of all meetings of the Board of Directors. If a Board member does not wish to comply with these attendance requirements, they will be moved into a Non-Active role. As a Non-Active member of the Board of Directors, the member will continue to retain their lifetime membership in the Association along with the right to vote in general membership elections and will continue to receive all printed/emailed information that is distributed to the general membership population. They will, however, be barred from participation in official Board of Directors meetings, decisions, rulings or any other official Board of Directors business. Should the Non-Active Board member resume their active participation in the Association, their Active Board status can be reinstated upon unanimous decision of the Active members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Administrator: The Board of Directors shall be chaired by an Active Administrator. The Administrator is responsible for overseeing all of the business of the Association. The Administrator shall correspond and file all such reports as required to maintain the Charity standing of the Association with the South Carolina Secretary of State's office. The Administrator shall be responsible for filing all Federal Income Tax Returns for the Association. The Administrator shall also maintain the database of the membership, provide all correspondence not required of the Secretary, preside over all Board of Directors meetings, maintain the Association website, provide information about Association activities to the media, disseminate membership information to individuals expressing an interest in becoming a member, design forms for all needs of the Association, and act as substitute for any member of the Executive Committee upon request of the President and Board of Directors during that officer's absence.

Article XII – Annual Charity Challenge Golf Tournament

Section 1: Tournament: The Association will conduct an annual golf tournament, preferably on the first or second Saturday of June, the purpose of which will be to raise money for a charity nominated by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and approved by the membership. Members of the Association will serve on Committees charged with collecting prizes for the tournament raffle, selling hole sponsorships, gathering donations for bags to be given to participants in the tournament, and with the actual running of the tournament. All proceeds from the tournament along with an approved donation from the Association treasury will be distributed to the chosen charity at the Association's July monthly meeting.

Article XIII – Scholarships

Section1: Scholarships: The Board of Directors and Executive Committee will administer college scholarships for deserving students. Each scholarship is granted in the amount of \$10,000 payable in four annual installments of \$2,500. to the college that the student will be attending. Recipients are selected each time an established scholarship becomes available. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee will accept requests for scholarships beginning April first or as soon after as possible when an established scholarship will be coming available the following Fall semester. It will be a decision of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee whom the recipient shall be and an announcement will be made to the membership. Requests for scholarship for the children of members will be given first priority. Additional scholarships will be added, as the treasury will support them.

Addendum To By laws Grand Strand Golf Director's Association

Change in status of associate members

A motion has been made to raise the dues of those associate members not affiliated with a property carrying a full active membership from \$75.00 annually to \$150.00 annually.

Along with this increase in cost will go voting privileges and the capacity to serve if elected as secretary or treasurer of this association. In the event of a tie vote in any future election, only a full active member tally can decide a final outcome.

Addendum, to Association By Laws

The executive board has elected to modify the original By Laws of the association to include the establishment of a Board of Directors. These Board of Directors members will enjoy a lifetime membership in this association. The Board of Directors is currently made up of those individuals who worked to form this association. Additionally, new directors will be added in one of two ways:

- (1) An individual who has served the association as its president for two consecutive years will, upon completion of his/her term, be automatically installed to the Board of Directors.
- (2) By special vote of the Board of Directors, an individual may be elected to the Board of Directors who does not fit the previous requirements.

Prorating of Annual Membership Dues

Effective August 1, 1992, annual membership dues will be prorated on a semi-annual basis for those properties or individuals who wish to join six months or more after the beginning of the association's fiscal year. The breakdown of applicable dues will be as follows:

- August 1 – February 1 = 100%
- February 1 – July 31 = 50%