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DEFINITIONS

The following defined terms shall have the following meanings ascribed to them throughout this Policy Manual, unless expressly stated otherwise.

“Annual Meeting” shall mean the meeting of Members conducted on the third Tuesday of May of each year.

“Association” shall mean and refer to the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association, formerly Bella Vista Country Club, a not-for-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas.

“Board” shall mean and refer to the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association.

“Bylaws” shall mean those legally adopted bylaws of the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association then in existence.

“Common Property” shall mean that property designated as Common Property in the Declaration filed May 18, 1965 in the public records of Benton County, Arkansas, and such additions thereto as may be made pursuant to Article II of the Declaration.

“Declaration” shall mean and refer to that document dated May 18, 1965 and filed of record in Benton County, Arkansas the same date in Book 373 at Page 08.

“Developer” shall mean and refer to Cherokee Village Development Company, Inc. as described in the Declaration and now known as Cooper Communities, Inc., an Arkansas corporation.

“Director” shall mean and refer to each individual who has been duly elected or appointed as provided in the Declaration, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association.

“Member” shall mean and refer to every person or entity who is a record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in one or more Lots or Living Units, and for any one or more of which the Developer has been paid in full, and shall also mean and refer to the Developer or its successors or assigns, so long as it shall be the record owner of a fee or undivided fee interest in any Lot or Living Unit or until it is paid in full for every Lot or Living Unit which it shall sell.

“Member in Good Standing” shall mean one whose assessments and/or fees to the Association are no more than 90 days past due as determined by Management and whose privileges are not currently suspended.

“Policies” shall mean and refer to those policies contained within this Policy Manual, then currently in effect.

“Policy Manual” shall mean and refer to this manual and the policies then currently in effect.

“Protective Covenants” shall mean the document recorded in Book 373 at Page 8 of the records of Benton County, Arkansas, and amendment recorded at Instrument Record No. 93-08028 on February 8, 1993.
MEMBER ACCESS TO ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

To ensure that the spirit of Bylaw IV.3.F. is followed, thereby ensuring that Members shall be advised of the performance of its Board and management. To also advise the Members of the decisions that are reached and policies adopted in behalf of the Association and its Members. This policy will ensure that Members have appropriate access to information and proceedings of their Association, consistent with the right and need to know, while still enabling the Association to conduct its business and operations to the best advantage of its Members.

I. MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION BOARD

1. All Board meetings shall be announced as far in advance as practical.

2. Regular and special meetings of the Board which conduct the business of the Association shall be announced to the Members and be open to all Members. All formal actions of the Board shall occur only in these meetings, except for those occurring in Executive Session (see I.3 below). The minutes of such meetings shall be accessible to Members.

3. The Board will hold an Executive Session at the call of the Chairperson, the request of the Chief Operating Officer/President, or upon the written request of at least three members of the Board. Executive Sessions are normally used for Association personnel issues, membership discipline, legal issues, and/or other sensitive issues or topics of which the Board needs to be informed or topics on which the Board may need to give direction. Each Director shall be notified of an Executive Session as far in advance as practical. The Corporate Secretary may attend an Executive Session for the purpose of taking minutes. Formal actions by the Board of Directors may be taken in Executive Session subject to the normal quorum and voting requirements.

Executive Sessions are closed meetings and all minutes of such meetings, the materials used in such meetings, and the discussions occurring in such meetings, shall be kept and remain confidential. The subject of or general topics discussed at Executive Sessions shall be reported normally at the next regular meeting of the Board. Any action taken by a vote of the Board at an Executive Session may be reported normally at the next regular Board meeting to include each individual Director’s vote on the topic or by a confirming roll call vote.

4. Work sessions of the Board will be open meetings but no formal actions may be taken at such sessions.

5. The Board may hold discussion sessions that will normally not be open to others. No formal action may be taken at such sessions and minutes will not be recorded.

II. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. All Association Committee meetings shall be announced as far in advance as practical.
2. Meetings of the Audit Committee and the Elections Committee normally will be closed meetings. Meetings of the other Board Committees (Rules and Regulations, Marketing & Communications, and Planning), which develop recommendations for the Board, normally will be open meetings but may be closed at the discretion of the committee chairperson, but only with the concurrence of the Board Chairperson.

3. Meetings of Joint Advisory Committees will be open and minutes will be accessible to Members. Subcommittee meetings developing recommendations for the full committee may be closed.

4. Meetings of Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces, etc. normally will be open but may be closed at the discretion of the committee chairperson. All recommendations emanating from such committees will be accessible to Members.

5. The schedule of all Association meetings, whether open or closed, shall be made widely available in a timely manner. The agendas of all Board meetings shall be widely accessible in a timely manner and as far in advance of such meeting as practical.

III. OTHER MEETINGS

1. Meetings of Association staff, Management, or Directors with other organizations shall be closed, unless mutually agreed to be open.

2. Meetings of Association staff or Management shall not be open unless an exception is made by the Chief Operating Officer.

IV. PRESS ACCREDITATION

For the purpose of assisting in the dissemination of information to the Members, the Chief Operating Officer is empowered to provide media organizations the same access to Association meetings and information as a Member.

V. DOCUMENTS

1. Any document distributed at an open meeting of the Board, an open meeting of a Board Committee, a Joint Advisory Committee, or an Ad-Hoc Committee or Task Force shall be deemed an open document and therefore available to the Members. Whenever feasible, copies of such documents shall be made available to attendees at such meetings.

2. “Books and Records” as cited in Bylaw IV.3.F are defined herein as official Association reports, both financial and otherwise, including documents distributed in accordance with item V.1 above. They shall be made accessible to Members electronically and at the Association general offices during normal working hours. Books and Records shall be made electronically available at www.bvypo.com. Members desiring personal copies of such documents shall be required to pay for the cost of producing copies, except if such should have been available at an open meeting.

3. Working papers prepared by Association staff or Directors normally will not be available to the Members unless they are presented at open meetings (see V.1 above).

4. While financial reports shall be made accessible to Members (see V.2 above), background documentation and accounting files normally will not be made available to other than Association staff or Directors.
5. Most contracts executed by the Association shall be open to inspection by the Members. Excluded will be personnel-related contracts and those that have non-disclosure provisions or other legally sensitive information, as determined by the Chief Operating Officer in conjunction with the Association’s General Counsel.

6. The Association shall not be required to uniquely compile information for a Member unless agreed to by the Chief Operating Officer or the Board. Complying with requests by committees for unique compilations must be approved by Management.

7. Communications between or among Directors, Association staff, or committee members shall be considered private and not accessible to Members, regardless of whether such documents exist in electronic or hard-copy form.

8. Personal information regarding individual Association staff shall be confidential.

9. The Chief Operating Officer or the Chairperson of the Board may, at their discretion, permit a normally-confidential document to be made available to Members.

VI. MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Lists of Members are for the use of the Association only. Such lists will not be distributed to Members or to other parties. However, the Association may utilize and provide lists of Members in the furtherance of Association business. The only information regarding Members to be provided is whether or not an individual is a Member.

VII. ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

1. The Association will follow the normal practice of attorney-client privilege with its staff attorney(s) and with outside counsel. This includes written and oral advice and opinions rendered to the Association, Management, its staff, and the Board, which shall be confidential unless released by the Association at its discretion. Directors shall be considered part of the client body, and shall have confidential access to such advice and opinions.

VIII. ENFORCEMENT

1. If any member of the Association staff, Management, or the Board violates the provisions of this policy the normal proceedings, depending on status, shall be instituted for disciplining the person.
ESTABLISHING, CHANGING, OR RESCINDING POLICIES

PURPOSE:
To establish a uniform method and responsibility for the control of establishing, changing, or rescinding Association policies.

I. DUTIES
1. It is the responsibility of the Rules and Regulations Committee to recommend establishing, changing, or rescinding Association policies. Policy issues of concern may be referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee by the Chairperson of the Board, Joint Advisory Committee, or any individual Director.

2. The Rules and Regulations Committee has the authority to renumber and reorganize Association policies.

II. GUIDELINES
1. Notice of an intent to change, establish, or rescind any policy shall be given via published agenda for two consecutive Board meetings. Upon approval of two-thirds of the Directors, an emergency may be declared and the second agenda notice and vote may be waived.

2. Procedure:
   a. To establish, change, or rescind a policy after notice by agenda has been made, a motion shall be made at two consecutive Board meetings and passed by a majority of the Board.
   b. If an emergency is approved, one notice and vote is required.

3. The Board may adopt resolutions by a majority vote of all Directors, provided that such resolutions have been a part of the regular printed agenda. Adding a resolution to the agenda after it is printed requires the written request of three Directors who are present. Resolutions may express a “sense of the Board” or may direct or approve specific actions. However, resolutions may not be used as a tool to change or create Association bylaws, or to create or amend Association policies.
GUIDELINES FOR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

PURPOSE:

To clearly state and define the purpose, composition, duties, and method(s) to be used by committees appointed by the Board or Board Chairperson.

Association committees are categorized as follows:

a. Board Policy Committees
b. Joint Advisory Committees
c. Operational Committees
d. Special or Ad-Hoc Committees and Task Forces

I. BOARD POLICY COMMITTEES

1. Board Policy Committees are appointed under the authority of the Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 2). Their composition and duties shall be as directed by the Board.

II. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES (JACS)

1. JACs are appointed under the authority of Article VIII, Section 10 of the Bylaws. Their composition and duties are specified in Policy 1.04.

III. OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

Operational Committees are appointed under the authority of the Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 1).

IV. SPECIAL OR AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

1. These committees are appointed by the Board Chairperson under the authority of the Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 1). Members must be a Member in Good Standing. With the concurrence of the Chief Operating Officer, staff support may be provided to the committee.

2. The appointment of such committees and task forces, their mandate, their time frame, and their composition shall be reported promptly to the Board by its chairperson.

3. The removal of a committee member for cause shall follow the procedure outlined for JACs in Policy 1.04.

4. The committee may create appropriate sub-committees to assist in completing their assigned work.

5. The allocation of resources to such committees and task forces, beyond those provided in the existing budget, requires the approval of the Board.
6. Minutes and supporting documents will be kept for each meeting. These will be provided to the Corporate Secretary for inclusion in the monthly Board information. All records, including the committee’s signed final report, and any signed minority report(s), will be kept in the corporate files.

7. At the final meeting of any special committee, the special committee will provide a written report with recommendation(s) to the Board. After studying the report and recommendation(s), the Board will have a discussion and take appropriate action to determine the outcome of the committee’s recommendation(s). Unless further tasks are requested by the Board, the committee will be dissolved.

8. Certain committee meetings are open to the public and comments from Members are welcome. In the interest of time and the effective administration of committee meetings, each committee chairperson has the option and may elect to limit Member input to not less than 3 minutes on any given subject.
AUDIT COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:
The Audit Committee is to ensure that the annual independent audit is performed satisfactorily within the desired scope and is reported appropriately to the Members. The committee will also direct the auditors in any special review or audit deemed necessary.

I. ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENT

1. The Board Chairperson will appoint at least three Members to the committee each June. Members will serve for staggered three year terms. The Treasurer and Controller are ex-officio members without a vote.

2. The committee will elect its chairperson and secretary.

3. Meetings will be held as determined by the committee.

4. Minutes will be provided to the Corporate Secretary and distributed to the Board.

II. DUTIES

1. Be guided by Policy 8.09 in the selection of auditors.

2. Determine when a change of auditors is appropriate, prepare any necessary request for proposal (RFP), and evaluate the responses to effect such a change.

3. Report to the Board as appropriate.

4. Provide the Association Treasurer with assistance and/or guidance as requested.

5. Meet with the auditors prior to the beginning of the audit work to discuss the general scope of the audit and to direct the auditors regarding any special focus or emphasis to be covered by the audit.

6. Meet with the auditors for an exit interview upon completion of the field work to identify and discuss any problems or points of concern identified by the auditors.

7. Inform the Board of any special engagements that the committee requires the auditors to perform in addition to the annual financial audit of the Association.
GUIDELINES FOR FUNCTIONING OF ELECTION COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

To provide the Association an independent resource through which Directors may be elected to the Board, and to establish voting procedures for special situations as might arise at the direction of the Board.

I. DUTIES

1. The committee will supervise the process for nominating Members for Board elections (Nomination by Petition).

2. The committee will oversee the development of a timetable for Board elections and review the election timetable with all individuals involved in the election process. The election timetable shall be finalized no later than five months before the Annual Association Meeting. The timetable will be made available to all staff involved in the election procedure.

In the event of a delayed election, the committee will oversee the development of a timetable for the election process which will provide for an election to occur at the earliest reasonable time. All other duties of the committee will be carried out with allowances for the delayed election process.

3. The chairperson of the committee will receive the list of candidates from the Corporate Secretary at the January meeting of the Board. There must be no prior disclosures of the candidates’ names.

4. The committee will announce the candidates’ names during the January Board meeting (Bylaws, Article V, Section 1, Paragraph C).

5. If necessary, the committee will conduct a lottery drawing at the February Board meeting to determine the order in which the candidates’ names shall appear on the ballots. In the event the lottery does not take place at the February Board meeting, the lottery drawing shall be held at a public meeting after notice has been given to all candidates of the date and time of the meeting, as soon as practical thereafter.

6. The committee will oversee the process of preparing, distributing, and receiving ballots from eligible Members.

7. The committee will oversee the process of counting and tabulating ballots as outlined in the Bylaws (Bylaws, Article V and X). If the committee is recommending a change from the prior year’s counting
process, the change shall be presented at a Board work session and approved by the Board at the following Board meeting. If the Board takes no action, the change is deemed approved.

8. The committee will meet before the election to perform the following:

   a. Finalize ballot layout, size and tally design.

   b. Review all materials to be published and mailed; the material shall not otherwise be edited (except for length). If candidate resumes are edited for length, the candidates’ approval of the change will be sought (Bylaws, Article V and XI).

9. BALLOT MATERIALS CONSIST OF:

   a. Notice of Annual Meeting

   b. Resumes of candidates

   c. Ballot

   d. Description of vacancies to be filled and the terms of office.

   e. Set forth the names of the candidates.

   f. Appropriate instructions, including but not limited to:

      1) How to identify the candidate(s) for whom a person wishes to vote.
      2) A person may vote for up to, but no more than the number of vacant positions.
      3) Any vote which is qualified or restricted in any way is invalid and will not be counted.
      4) How, where, and when to return the ballot.
      5) Ballots may be delivered in person prior to the start of the Annual Meeting.
      6) Mailed envelopes with insufficient postage will not be accepted.

10. Ballot materials must be mailed or provided electronically at least 30 days prior to the 3rd Tuesday in May of each year. Members in Good Standing (Bylaws, Article I, Section 10) as of March 31 will receive a ballot. Ballots may be cast by mail, electronically, or in person at the Annual Meeting.

11. The committee will ensure the verification of received ballots.

12. The committee will ensure ballots are secured until counted (Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph F).

13. The committee will ensure ballots submitted immediately prior to the Annual Meeting are validated, counted, and added to the total.

14. The committee will oversee the announcement of the election results at the Annual Meeting and present the tabulated results to the Corporate Secretary for recording as a permanent record (Bylaws, Article V, Section 2, Paragraph H).

15. A candidate may request a recount if he/she loses by less than 100 votes. The request must be made to the Corporate Secretary within three (3) business days of the day the results are announced.
16. Fifteen (15) days after the announcement of the election results, unless a recount is requested, all returned ballot materials shall be destroyed.

18. A copy of committee meeting minutes, along with other supporting data, reports and committee recommendations, if any, will be submitted to the Corporate Secretary within twenty (20) working days of the Annual Meeting.
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The Marketing & Communications Committee’s responsibility is to ensure that Members are provided information necessary for understanding issues and opportunities facing the Association, to assist the Association in working with external groups and organizations, and to ensure that Members are informed of Association activities.

I. ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENT

1. The Board Chairperson will appoint at least three Members to the committee each June. The Marketing & Communications Manager is an ex-officio member without vote.

2. The committee will elect its chairperson and secretary.

3. Meetings will generally be held monthly, or as needed.

4. Minutes will be provided to the Corporate Secretary and distributed to the Board.

II. DUTIES

1. Be guided by Policy 6.02.

2. Act as a liaison between the Board and Administration on Association communication activities.

3. Make budget and personnel recommendations regarding communication activities.

4. Ensure that the Members are informed and educated about issues, policies, and activities within the Association.
RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:
The Rules and Regulations (R&R) Committee’s responsibility is to ensure that the Association’s Bylaws and Policies are kept in good order and reflect the will of the Association.

I. ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENT

1. The Board Chairperson will appoint at least three Members to the committee each June. The Chief Operating Officer is an ex-officio member without vote. The Association’s attorney and Corporate Secretary will provide staff support to the committee.

2. The committee will elect its chairperson.

3. Meetings will generally be held monthly, or as needed.

4. Minutes will be taken and maintained by the Corporate Secretary and distributed to the Board.

II. DUTIES

1. Be guided by Policy 1.02 in the creation, amending, and rescinding of Policies, etc.

2. To make recommendations to the Board regarding the Association’s governing documents, including the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, Policies, and any other regulatory documents.

3. To originate action designed to update as necessary the Association governing documents.

4. To assist any Directors who may wish to establish, change, or rescind any parts of the governing documents.

5. To review and update the Board Member Manual as needed.

6. To maintain the Policy Manual.
CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The Charitable Giving Committee’s responsibility is to evaluate charitable requests and determine which charities, if any, will be given a donation by the Association.

I. ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENT

1. The Board Chairperson will appoint at least three Members to the committee each June. The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the Board Chairperson. The Chief Operating Officer is an ex-officio member without vote.

2. The committee will elect its chairperson.

3. Meetings will be held on an as needed basis.

4. Minutes of the meetings will be taken and distributed to the Corporate Secretary and to the Board.

II. DUTIES

1. The committee will evaluate requests for donations using the following set of guidelines:
   a. The requesting entity must be a duly organized, validly existing, non-profit entity in good standing.
   b. The non-profit organization must have an office located in Bella Vista and have a positive direct impact upon the residents of Bella Vista.
   c. Donations may not be made to political or religious organizations.

2. Donations will be limited to $10,000 per organization annually.

3. Each year the Board, in its sole discretion, may budget funds for charitable giving. The committee must stay within the limitations of the budget.

4. A member of the committee, who also serves on the board of an organization requesting a donation, must recuse themselves from any decision regarding the organization for which they serve.

5. Donations for community events, for example a music festival, will be handled separately. Requests for such events will be forwarded to the Chief Operating Officer.

The Board has the authority to grant a waiver of any restriction detailed above.
RESOURCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The Resource and Advisory Committee’s responsibility is to serve the Board as an added resource and offer advice for special projects. The committee will also handle all member disciplinary issues.

I. ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENT

1. The Board Chairperson will appoint at least three Members to the committee each June. The Chief Operating Officer is an ex-officio member without vote.

2. The committee will elect its chairperson.

3. Meetings will be held on an as needed basis.

4. Minutes of the meetings will be taken and distributed to the Corporate Secretary and to the Board.

5. The committee will be comprised of former members of the Board who served in the role of either Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

6. Members of the committee serve at the pleasure of the Board with no term limits.

II. DUTIES

1. The committee will undertake special projects as delegated by the Board. These projects will be of a significant nature where the committee member’s years of experience serving on the Board can be most useful. For example, the Board may delegate to the committee the task of developing a Comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Association.

2. The committee will investigate and provide the Board with a recommendation on member disciplinary issues. Policy 3.01 – Penalizing a Member, provides the procedures by which questionable member conduct will be reviewed by the committee and the committee will take those procedures into account when determining the appropriate response to a member disciplinary issue. The committee will also be responsible for reviewing the conduct of tenants and guests of members that violate Association policies, rules or regulations.
JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

PURPOSE:

To provide for the creation, functioning, and delineation of areas of responsibility for Joint Advisory Committees (JACs) related to amenities appointed in accordance with the Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 10.

I. JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DUTIES

It is the duty of each committee to discuss, analyze and propose solutions for problems/opportunities within its area of concern and to make recommendations to the Administration or the Board. The committees have no authority on their own. Matters for study may originate with the committee, a Member, or be suggested by the Administration, the Board, or the liaison members. Issues for study that may be outside of a JAC’s normal area of concern must first be approved by the Board or Chief Operating Officer to ensure that there is a minimum of duplication of effort with other committees or the Administration.

The JACs also serve as a sounding board for Members to express their concerns and suggestions, some of which may result in studies and recommendations.

II. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Board Chairperson, in consultation with the committee chairperson and the Board, has the authority to appoint members to the JACs (Bylaws Article VIII, Section 10).

2. The number of members on each of the JACs, shall be determined by the chairperson of each committee, in consultation with the Board Chairperson and with the simple majority approval of the Board.

3. Appointments to the committees are to be made in June with terms to begin the following July 1st, with each term being three (3) years. If a committee member cannot complete the three (3) year term of service, it will be the joint responsibility of the Board Chairperson and the Chief Operating Officer to appoint someone to serve the remainder of that three (3) year term.

No employee of the Association may be selected to serve on a JAC that is in their area of employment.

4. Applications for appointment to the JACs will be accepted each year from January 15th through the last day of February. Applications are to be delivered to the Association’s Corporate Secretary and accumulated in a file until the cut-off date of the last day of February, at which time the applications will be forwarded to the Board Chairperson.
The Board Chairperson and the current Board liaison for each respective committee, in consultation with
the chairperson for each respective committee, will choose the applicants to be appointed. All applicants
will be notified of the result of the process and the Board will be informed of the appointees’ names.

III. LIAISONS

1. The Chief Operating Officer shall appoint a non-voting Association employee to act as a liaison to
each JAC. Said liaison shall provide current information to the committee concerning his/her division
and be available for advice on matters of administration, operation, and planning.

2. The Board Chairperson shall appoint non-voting liaison members from the Board to each JAC. Said
liaison members shall provide current information concerning Association matters to the committee and
be available for advice on matters of concern to the Board. They shall report to the Board concerning the
work of the JAC.

IV. COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

1. Each committee will meet on a regular schedule on a monthly basis. Exceptions can be made if agreed
by an individual committee by a majority vote. The Board Chairperson, committee chairperson and/or
the Chief Operating Officer may call a special meeting as needed.

2. Annually, the chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary for each committee shall be chosen by the
committee at their first scheduled meeting in July and will serve in that capacity for a 12-month term.

3. In order for the committee to conduct business, a quorum must be physically present (excluding
proxies) at the meeting. A quorum is defined as a majority of appointed committee members, excluding
liaison members. Committee members may, at their option, choose to provide a written, general or
specific, proxy to another committee member to exercise his/her vote(s) in their absence.

4. Within ten (10) days of each JAC meeting, the committee shall provide a draft of the meeting minutes
to the committee members for review and approval. Once approved, the minutes will be submitted in
electronic format to the Corporate Secretary. The Corporate Secretary will ensure the approved minutes
are posted to the Association’s website within three (3) business days of receipt.

5. Each committee is to maintain a binder with minutes, studies, articles of important ideas, and
suggestions that will be transferred from chairperson to chairperson each year.

6. In accordance with Policy 1.01, all JAC meetings shall be open to all Members.

7. The use of Association staff or other resources by a JAC may occur only with the prior approval of the
Chief Operating Officer and Board Chairperson.

8. Each JAC shall provide an opportunity at each regular meeting for Members to express their concerns
or advance suggestions regarding the amenity.

V. ORIENTATION

1. The Board Chairperson and the Chief Operating Officer shall hold a meeting with the JAC chairmen
as soon as possible after all are appointed for the upcoming year. The major purpose shall be to review
desired and potential committee activities for the year.
2. Each new committee member will be encouraged to attend an orientation for new members jointly presented by the Board Chairperson and the Chief Operating Officer. This presentation will include a general overall orientation of the budget process, the purpose of the JACs, and their members as a whole, etc. At their first meeting, each individual JAC will have a discussion in more detail of what is currently happening in that committee (to get them up to speed), advise what has happened in the past (to eliminate going over the same issues every year), and what the expectations of the committee are for the coming year and their role.

VI. REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Cause for removal shall include but not be limited to the following actions of a committee member:

   a. Unexcused absence from four (4) regularly scheduled meetings within the appointive year.
   b. Failure to go through organizational channels.
   c. Conduct detrimental to the committee or the Association.

2. Initiating action for removal of a committee member shall come from a majority vote of the committee. Initiating action for removal of a committee member may also be made by the Chief Operating Officer or the Board Chairperson.

   a. The committee chairperson, Chief Operating Officer or Board Chairperson shall prepare, in writing, a statement clearly identifying the offending action(s). A copy of the statement shall be provided to the committee member in question.
   b. Written rebuttal of such statement(s) may be offered to the Chief Operating Officer or the Board Chairperson by the member in question or other members of the committee.
   c. In a closed session, the Chief Operating Officer, the Board, and the committee chairperson if appropriate, shall consider the statement for cause. The member in question may be present at his/her discretion.

3. The Board may remove for cause any committee member by a two-thirds vote of the full Board.

VII. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Golf Committee
The committee provides advice and recommendations regarding all facets of the golfing operations and facilities to the Board and the Administration. Each committee member is assigned a golf course for maintenance review on a monthly basis. Annually, the committee will meet with a U.S.G.A. representative for a review of Association golf courses. The committee forwards any policy recommendations to the Board for consideration after interface with the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Golf.

2. Lakes Committee
The committee advises the Administration and the Board on matters pertaining to the recreational use of the lakes in Bella Vista. Responsibilities include observing and making recommendations concerning present and future use of the lakes. The committee also will review all aspects concerning the lakes up to the beaches, and any associated amenities such as ramps, docks, marinas, cleaning stations and seawalls.

3. Recreation Committee
The committee assists in developing, updating and making recommendations to the Board and Administration on all facets of the operation of recreational activities, trails and amenities operated by the Association. This pertains to all recreation activities other than Golf and Lakes, but does include beaches
and parks adjacent to the lakes. The committee observes maintenance conditions of facilities and evaluates the current facilities’ needs. They also help plan for the future needs of Members in view of the changing demographics of the Association. Recommending activities to create an interest and participation in all phases of recreation is another area of this committee’s responsibilities.

4. Community Involvement Committee
The committee advises the Administration and the Board on matters pertaining to community involvement. The committee will work to foster and enhance community involvement within the Association by improving awareness and understanding of the social, recreational, and cultural activities available to the Members. They also help plan for the future needs of Members in view of the changing demographics of the Association. The committee will work to incubate new social, recreational, and cultural initiatives throughout Bella Vista, the Association, and even surrounding communities.
NOMINATION BY PETITION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for Members and Associate Members wishing to have their names placed on the ballot for election to the Board.

1. Any Member or Associate Member who is in good standing may petition to have his or her name placed on the ballot for the election of Members to the Board. This nomination process is the only method to gain access to the Board ballot.

2. This nomination process will be under the direct supervision of the Election Committee and the decision of the Election Committee will be final.

3. The petition package shall consist of: 1) a petition statement, 2) Policy 1.10, 3) Policy 1.11, 4) a statement explaining Director fiduciary duties, 5) date of election, 6) a nominating petition which requires the signatures of fifty (50) Members in Good Standing, and 7) date the completed petitions must be returned.

4. Member signatures must be legible, are limited to one signature per lot or living unit, and must be from Members in Good Standing. (The Election Committee's decision in this matter is final.)

5. The Corporate Secretary, under the direction of the Election Committee, shall validate Members’ signatures and the signed petition statement to ensure that petition packages are complete.

6. Candidates shall agree to abide by and sign a statement of compliance with Policy 1.10 and Policy 1.11 as well as a statement of understanding regarding Director fiduciary duties and responsibilities to the organization. All required documentation must be provided to the Corporate Secretary on, or in advance of, the petition due date. Upon the timely presentation of the completed petition statement, valid Member signatures, completed statement of compliance, and completed statement of understanding, the candidate shall be included on the ballot for election to the Board.

7. Upon election to the Board, each elected Director shall sign the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement found in Policy 1.11.

8. Eligible candidates for the Board will be announced at the January Board meeting.
BOARD MEETINGS

PURPOSE:

It is the purpose of this policy to provide for the planning, conduct, and reporting the proceedings of the regular meetings of the Board.

I. BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are called in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws, Article VI, and Policy 1.01. The Board will normally hold its regular meeting at least once each month on a day and time to be set by the Board in order to address general business and take action as necessary.

II. AGENDA

1. The agenda shall be formulated by a committee of three persons – the Board Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, and the Chief Operating Officer. The Board Chairperson will preside.

2. The draft and final agendas for a regular meeting will be formulated on a schedule that permits timely distribution of the agenda and supporting materials to the Board, and the agenda to Members via the Association’s website. The draft agenda will be made available by 3:00pm the Friday preceding the meeting. The final agenda and a packet of supporting materials will be distributed to Directors and the agenda will be posted to the Association’s website at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. The packet provided to the Directors will include supporting materials for any new agenda items requiring action, plus any new material for old business items previously discussed.

3. Any Director may submit to the Board Chairperson a matter to be considered for inclusion on the Board agenda. The agenda committee shall have the authority to refer any submitted item to another committee for study, review, and recommendation, but any such item shall be considered for inclusion on the agenda for the following monthly meeting.

4. Any matter to be considered by the Board at its meeting must be on the agenda. In special circumstances, items may be added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting if there is no objection. If there is objection the item will be included upon the request of three members or a majority vote of the Board.

III. MINUTES

1. A draft copy of the minutes shall be presented at the next Board meeting for approval by the Board. Changes to the minutes may be made by consensus or by a vote of the Board. The final version of the minutes will be approved by vote of the Board. The resulting minutes will be the official record of the meeting.

2. The minutes shall include the voting records of Directors.
3. The approved minutes shall be placed on the Association’s website by the next business day following the meeting at which the minutes were approved.

**IV. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING**

1. Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Simplified version of Roberts Rules of Order (Bylaws, Article XIV).

2. Directors are encouraged to provide written copies of motions they intend to make.

**V. OPEN FORUM**

Time will be provided on the agenda early in each regularly scheduled Board meeting for the conduct of an Open Forum during which Members may address the Board under the following conditions:

1. Each Member normally may speak for a maximum of three minutes.

2. Repetitive statements shall be discouraged to save time. A show of hands may be called for as an indication of support by others present.

3. No personal attacks will be permitted.

4. Questions are encouraged and should be answered by the Directors or Chief Operating Officer when possible. Failing an immediate answer, the answer shall be reported at the next Board meeting.

5. Statements by Members containing errors of fact should be corrected in a non-confrontational manner.

6. Statements of opinion should not be challenged by the Directors, thereby avoiding open debate.

7. Members should be thanked for their interest and contribution.

8. The issues and concerns raised by Members shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.
GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

PURPOSE:

To establish an organizational structure and guidelines for special meetings of Members called pursuant to Article XI, Section 2(B) of the Bella Vista Village POA Bylaws.

I. PROCEDURE

1. Petitioners must obtain a standard petition form from the Corporate Secretary. All petition forms must state the purpose(s) of the desired special meeting, be signed by Member(s) in good standing, and be returned within ninety (90) days in order to be verified and validated.

2. Each Member in good standing is entitled to one petition signature per lot owned.

3. All signatures for a particular petition drive or initiative must be turned in to the Corporate Secretary within a fifteen-day period of each other but no later than ninety days after the initial retrieval of the petition form.

4. The five percent (5%) threshold shall be determined on the date the first signed petitions are received by the Corporate Secretary and is calculated based on the number of the Association’s lots in good standing.

5. All signatures must be verified by the Corporate Secretary to determine if the person signing is a Member, is in good standing, is the owner of the indicated Subdivision/Block/Lot, and to eliminate duplicates or untimely signatures. The Corporate Secretary will determine if the number of verified signatures meets the five percent (5%) threshold requirement.

6. The Corporate Secretary will report the results of the verification process at the next scheduled regular board meeting following the completion of the verification process.

II. MEETING

1. If the five percent (5%) threshold is met, the Board Chairperson shall set the time, date, and location of the special meeting to be held within forty-five (45) days.

2. The Board Chairperson shall cause Notice of the Special Meeting to be mailed to all Members in good standing pursuant to Article XI, Section 3(A) of the Bylaws.

3. If the Board deems a vote of Members is necessary, then the Board Chairperson shall cause ballots to be mailed to all Members in good standing pursuant to Article XI, Section 3(B) of the Bylaws.

4. The Board Chairperson shall preside over the Special Meeting of Members pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(A) in the Bylaws.

III. AGENDA
The Board Chairperson shall set the agenda for the Special Meeting of Members. The agenda is restricted to the purpose(s) listed on the verified petition(s).

IV. TIME LIMITS

The Special Meeting of Members shall be limited to a total of two hours. One half hour shall be given to the designated petitioner representative(s). One half hour shall be designated for the Board, if needed. One hour shall be designated for an open forum, which shall be limited to three minutes per Member.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S ETHICS

PURPOSE:
This Code of Ethics is to establish the basis for conduct expected of Members who have been elected or appointed to serve on the Association’s Board, and thereby to act on behalf of all the Members.

I. INTRODUCTION
The Members expect their elected Directors to exhibit a high standard of ethical conduct and personal integrity in the performance of the Association’s business. Such conduct is essential to warrant Members placing a high level of trust and confidence in the Directors and the Board.

II. ETHICAL CONDUCT
1. Directors serve in order to advance the best interests of the Association and all of its Members. This includes making decisions that protect and enhance the property values of the Members and promote the general welfare of the Association. Directors must have an undivided allegiance to the mission of the Association.

2. In fulfilling this role it is essential, and expected, that Directors shall, both individually and corporately, exhibit the highest standards of ethical conduct. This includes loyalty to high moral standards and placing the interests of the Association ahead of individual or personal interests or gain.

3. Directors are expected to be objective in evaluating personnel, programs, and policies of the Association.

4. Directors are expected to show due diligence in meeting their fiduciary responsibilities and protecting the assets of the Association.

5. Directors shall show respect for the views of others, including other Directors, Association staff, and Members. They should deal fairly and equally with all Members.

6. Directors shall ensure that they, both individually and corporately, act such as to follow the letter, spirit, and intent of all laws to which they and the Association are subject.

7. In dealing with external organizations and agencies, Directors shall act to protect the interests of the Association and its Members.

8. Directors shall always act in a manner that brings credit to the Board and the Association and avoid behavior, or even the appearance of behavior, which brings discredit to their service on the Board or to the Board as a whole.

9. Directors should avoid any conflict of interest. If any exists, it shall be declared openly to the Board in advance of any relevant decision-making.

10. Directors shall adhere to the requirements of confidentiality.
11. Directors shall be aware that they have no power or authority as individual members, but only when acting and speaking as part of the entire Board.

12. Directors shall act and speak in a manner which clearly indicates they have no special privileges or authorities due to service on the Board, but instead have assumed special responsibilities in serving on the Board.

III. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

By following the ethical standards described above, Directors will exhibit standards of conduct that include those enumerated in detail in the Board Member’s Manual, the maintenance of which is the responsibility of the Board Chairperson.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

1. It is the policy of the Association that Directors shall abide by this policy covering ethical behavior in service as a Director.

2. Charges that any Director(s) violated this policy must be presented in writing to the Board Chairperson. If the Board Chairperson is included in the charge, the presentation shall be to the Board Vice Chairperson. If both the Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson are included in the charge, the presentation shall be made to the Chief Operating Officer who shall select a Director to receive the charge and shall present the charge to such Director.

3. The Board shall consider such charges in an Executive Meeting called for that purpose. The Board may take any action it deems appropriate, up to and including removal from office as provided in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 5.

4. The Board shall be the sole judge of whether this policy has been violated by any Director.

5. The disposition of the charges shall be announced by the Board at an open meeting.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Conflict of Interest Policy is to prevent the institutional or personal interests of Directors, officers, and staff from interfering with the performance of their duties to the Association, and to ensure that there is no personal, professional, financial, or political gain at the expense of the Association. This policy is not designed to eliminate relationships and activities that may create a duality of interest, but to require the disclosure of any conflicts of interest and the recusal of any interested party in a decision relating thereto.

I. DEFINITION

A conflict of interest may exist when the interests or potential interests of any Director, officer, or staff member, or that person’s close relative, or any individual, group, or organization to which the person associated with the Association has allegiance, may be seen as competing with the interests of the Association, or may impair such person’s independence or loyalty to the Association. A conflict of interest is defined as an interest that might affect, or might reasonably appear to affect, the judgment or conduct of any Director, officer, or staff member in a manner that is adverse to the interests of the Association. (See attached examples)

II. USE OF INFORMATION

Directors, officers, and staff shall not use information received from participation in Association affairs, whether expressly denominated as confidential or not, for personal gain or to the detriment of the Association.

III. DISCLOSURE AND RECUSAL

Whenever any Director or officer has a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest with the Association, he or she shall notify the Board Chairperson of such conflict.

Whenever any staff member (paid or volunteer) has a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest with the Association, he or she shall notify the Chief Operating Officer of such conflict.

When any conflict of interest is relevant to a matter that comes under consideration or requires action by the Board, or a board committee, the interested person shall call it to the attention of the Board Chairperson and shall not be involved during Board or committee discussion or decision on the matter. However, that person shall provide the Board or applicable committee with any and all relevant information on the particular matter.

Failure by a Director to disclose a conflict of interest is subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in Bylaws, Article III, Section 5. Failure by a staff member to disclose a conflict of interest is subject to the disciplinary procedures provided in the then current Employee Handbook of the Association.
The minutes of the meeting of the Board or its committee shall reflect that the conflict of interest was disclosed, that the interested person was not involved during discussion or decision on the matter, and did not vote.

IV. DISSEMINATION

A copy of this Conflict of Interest Policy shall be furnished to each Director, officer, and staff member who is presently serving the Association or who may become associated with it. A copy will also be kept on the Association website with the other Board policies.

V. CERTIFICATION

As administered by the Board Chairperson, each Director shall complete a certification of agreement with the Conflict of Interest Policy and disclosure of any known conflicts of interest upon his or her election or re-election to the Board and annually thereafter. As administered by the employee in charge of Human Resources, each senior staff member shall complete such a certification upon his or her employment and on an annual basis thereafter. All certifications shall be reviewed by the Board as appropriate.
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Examples

A conflict of interest may exist if a Director, officer, staff member, or close relative

• Has a business or financial interest in any third party dealing with the Association. This does not include ownership interest of less than five percent (5%) of outstanding securities of public corporations.

• Holds office, serves on a board, participates in management, or is employed by any third party dealing with the Association, other than direct funders to the Association.

• Derives remuneration or other financial gain from a transaction involving the Association (other than salary reported on a W-2 or W-9 or salary and benefits expressly authorized by the Board).

• Receives gifts from any third party on the basis of his or her position with the Association (other than occasional gifts valued at no more than $50, or if valued at more than $50, the gift is made available in a team space or common area for others to share — e.g., fruit baskets, boxes of candy, etc.). All other gifts should be returned to the donor with the explanation that Association policy does not permit the acceptance of gifts. No personal gift of money should ever be accepted.

• Engages in any outside employment or other activity that will materially encroach on such person’s obligations to the Association; compete with the Association’s activities; involve any use of the Association’s equipment, supplies, or facilities; or imply the Association’s sponsorship or support of the outside employment or activity.
CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ____________

I have read and understand the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association’s (the “Association”) policy on conflict of interest. As part of the Association, I understand that this policy on conflict of interest applies to me.

I understand that I am expected to conduct business in accordance with the letter, spirit, and intent of all relevant conflict-of-interest laws and the Conflict of Interest Policy and to refrain from any illegal, dishonest, or unethical conduct. I understand that if a situation arises where it is difficult to determine the proper course of action, the matter should be discussed openly with the Board and/or with the Board Chairperson or Chief Operating Officer for advice and consultation. Furthermore, I understand that this document may be amended at any time.

In compliance with the Association’s Conflict of Interest Policy, the positions that I or an immediate family member hold within the community are as follows: ______________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Business and professional activities in which I or an immediate family member hold as an owner, officer, board member, partner, employee, or other beneficiary position as of ____________:

Name of Business/Organization    Position Held/By Whom
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

Other not-for-profit organizations with which I or a family member is associated and which might reasonably expect to apply for a donation from the Association:

Name of Organization    Position Held/By Whom
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

Other activities that may produce a possible conflict of interest:
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

I will promptly inform the Board Chairperson or Chief Operating Officer of the Association of any material change that develops in the information contained in the foregoing statement.

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Type/Print Name   Signature   Date
REGULATION OF COMMON PROPERTY-LAKES

PURPOSE:

To provide for the regulation and management of the Bella Vista lakes as multiple use lakes serving the diverse interests of Members to include boating, fishing, swimming, and other approved water sports in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

I. AUTHORITY

The authority for this policy is the Declaration, Protective Covenants, and Bylaws of the Association. The Association also has the responsibility to comply with any additional laws or regulations imposed by state or federal agencies.

II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

All lake use regulations regarding boating, skiing, swimming, litter, and fishing are contained in the Bella Vista Fishing, Boating, and Water Regulations Booklet.

III. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Any watercraft constructed to provide permanent sleeping facilities or constructed with a permanently enclosed kitchen for food preparation or with bath or toilet facilities is prohibited on Bella Vista lakes.

Use of seaplanes or personal watercraft (jet-skis, and/or water scooters) is prohibited on Bella Vista lakes.

IV. NUTRIENT ADDITIONS

If nutrients are added to Bella Vista lakes, such nutrients must meet state and federal regulations for use on waterways.

V. LAKE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Association will maintain the lakes on an on-going basis. In so doing, the Association will rely on the experience, advice, and recommendations of its staff in the Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Department.

VI. ENFORCEMENT

Bella Vista lakes will be staffed with both lake rangers and law enforcement personnel. The lake rangers are responsible for enforcing Association rules, regulations, and lake use policy. Local law enforcement is responsible for enforcing the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations as well as the Arkansas Criminal Code. These two entities will work cooperatively while functioning within the above-described parameters.
FACILITY RESERVATIONS AND FEE POLICY

PURPOSE:
To provide for the manner in which Association facilities are rented by Members and guests.

I. FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENT
A list of facilities for rent may be obtained from the Membership Services Office.

II. FACILITY RESERVATIONS
1. Only a Member or an official Association committee (refer to the Bylaws, Article VIII) may sponsor a function at a facility.
2. Reservations require the sponsor to enter a facility rental agreement.
3. Fees will be paid pursuant to the facility rental agreement.

III. FEES FOR ORGANIZATION USE OF FACILITIES
It shall be the policy of the Association that when organizations other than Members use Association facilities, the event must be sponsored by a Member or a recognized committee of the Association and that a facility use fee be charged for the activity. Such fees will be established by the Association and shall be subject to approval by the Board, be made generally known, and fairly applied. The Board delegates the authority to waive fees (see Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2C) for an organization’s use of Association facilities to the Chief Operating Officer should he/she deem the intended use of the facility to be beneficial to the Members.

IV. FACILITY RESERVATIONS AND PRIORITY
It shall be the policy of the Association to safeguard the rights of Members by granting them, in general, priority over guests in the use of facilities. The Association cannot guarantee that a Member will, in every instance, be granted use before a guest, and it is not the desire or policy of the Board to do so. Instead, it is the intent of the Board to provide a coherent system of priorities based on criteria such as membership, availability in terms of time order of request for appropriate use and, economics. Regularly scheduled groups may be pre-empted by paying groups.
GOLF CART REGISTRATION

PURPOSE:

To permit and control the use of privately owned golf carts on Bella Vista golf courses.

I. GOLF CART REGISTRATION

Registration with the Membership Services Office is required for all privately owned golf carts used on Bella Vista courses.

II. PAYMENT OF FEES

Golf cart registration fees are due annually. Such fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. If a Member has registered a golf cart previously, the entire yearly fee must be paid regardless of date of registration. The fee is pro-rated on an annual basis for first time registration only.

III. PER ROUND FEE IN LIEU OF REGISTRATION

Members with privately owned golf carts that do not wish to pay an annual registration fee may opt to pay a per round fee instead.

IV. MANNER OF REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL

Registration or renewal may be done in person at the Membership Services Office, by mail, or electronically. Registration stickers will be issued through each golf course pro shop.

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

In order to obtain golf cart registration, a Member must:

1. Be a Member in Good Standing; and

2. Hold a current Photo I.D. Card.
BOAT REGISTRATION AND MOORING LEASE AGREEMENT

PURPOSE:

To describe the requirements to operate a privately owned or leased boat on Bella Vista lakes or adjacent shorelines and/or to store the same in an Association owned slip.

I. BOAT REGISTRATION

Registration with the Membership Services Office is required for all boats located, moored, stored, or operated on or above Association lakes or adjacent shorelines. Boats requiring registration are listed on the current Association fee schedule.

1. Payment of Fees – All registrations end on December 31 of the year for which the registrations were purchased. Registration after March 31 is subject to a penalty as listed in the current Association fee schedule. First time boat registration is prorated quarterly with no penalty. Registration fees are not refundable and not transferable between boat owners (seller to buyer).

2. Late Penalty Fee – Any boat located, moored, stored, or operated on or above Association lakes or adjacent shorelines that does not have a current year registration sticker after March 31st of each year will be assessed a late penalty fee for boat registration. Lake rangers and other authorized Association personnel will provide the Membership Services Office with a list of violators. The late penalty fee is to be collected by the Membership Services Office at the time of boat registration.

3. Requirements for Registration –

   a. In order to obtain annual or temporary boat registration, a Member must:

      i) Present a current State Registration Certificate;
      ii) Be a Member in Good Standing;
      iii) Present a current Photo I.D. Card;
      iv) Show proof of ownership or provide a signed and notarized boat lease agreement.
      v) Sign an agreement to abide by the Association’s rules and regulations as well as state and federal law when registering any boat.

   b. In order for a guest to obtain temporary boat permits, the following conditions must be met:

      i) Present a current State Registration Certificate;
      ii) Present a current guest card;
      iii) The Member sponsoring the guest must be a Member in Good Standing.
      iv) Sign an agreement to abide by the Association’s rules and regulations as well as state and federal law.
4. **Manner of Registration or Renewal** – Registration or renewal may be done in person, by phone, electronically, or by mail.

**II. MOORING AND LEASE AGREEMENT**

1. **Term** – All mooring and lease agreements are for an annual period (January 1 through December 31). The lease is not assignable nor shall the space be sublet.

2. **Fees** – All lease fees as provided on the Association schedule of fees for marina slips, shoreline mooring, and rack storage are due no later than March 31st of each year. If lease fees are not received by March 31, the lease is terminated in accordance with the lease agreement.

3. **Penalties** – Lease fees not received by the due date will be assessed penalties.

   *A copy of this policy and a copy of the “Bella Vista Fishing Boating and Water Sports” regulations will be given with each boat registration and/or mooring lease agreement.*
REGULATION OF COMMON PROPERTY – HUNTING

PURPOSE:
To provide for the regulation and management of Association Common Property as multiple use property serving the diverse interests of Members to include walking, biking, hunting, and other approved outdoor activities in a safe manner for all Members and in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

I. AUTHORITY
The authority for this policy is the Declaration, Protective Covenants, and Bylaws of the Association. The Association also has the responsibility to comply with any additional laws or regulations imposed by local, state or federal agencies.

II. GENERAL REGULATIONS
Every Member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Properties. Every Member and guest shall adhere to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations while on Common Property.

III. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Common property which is designated and designed for a particular purpose/amenity (i.e. golf course, swimming pool) should be used by Members for that particular purpose and/or for activities that do not interfere with the intended amenity.

Members and guests should not engage in any conduct on Common Property that may put other Members and guests in physical danger. Members and guests should exercise caution and remain aware at all times that others may be utilizing that area of Common Property as well.

Children should be accompanied or supervised by adults while utilizing Common Property and amenities.

Hunting is prohibited on Association owned private property, unless pursuant to a valid lease agreement with the Association. The Arkansas / Missouri property owned by the Association is private property not designated as Common Property.

Hunting with a firearm is strictly prohibited on all Common Property and amenities. (Bella Vista City Ordinance 2007-12 and 2007-15)

Hunting by Members with a bow and arrow or cross bow is only permitted on areas of Common Property that are at least 50 yards away from all homes, trails, golf courses, pavilions, parks, lakes, ball courts, buildings, streets, facilities or amenities.

All hunting activities must be in conformance with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations, including the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission regulations. Hunters should be aware of their surroundings at all times and watchful for other people and hunters in the area.
IV. ENFORCEMENT

Association rangers and staff are responsible for enforcing Association rules, regulations, and policies. Local law enforcement is responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local laws and regulations. These two entities will work cooperatively while functioning within the above-described parameters.
MEMBER CONDUCT

PURPOSE:

To provide for the manner in which individuals shall treat Members, guests, visitors, and staff of the Association.

I. IN GENERAL

Bella Vista is a haven for families seeking peace, tranquility, natural beauty and exceptional recreational opportunities. To preserve that environment, the general rule to follow is the Golden Rule – behave toward others as you would want them to behave toward you.

Every Member and guest shall treat all other Members, guests, visitors and the staff of the Association with courtesy and respect. Insulting, lewd, vulgar, impolite or harassing conduct, language, and behavior are expressly prohibited.

Every Member and guest shall treat the physical properties of the Association and other Members with due care and respect and shall not knowingly cause damage to any of them.

In all matters involving safety of persons or property, or other emergencies, every Member and guest shall obey the instructions of responsible members of the staff of the Association.

Every Member and guest shall follow and comply with all of the Association’s Policies and Bylaws.

Harassing conduct contrary to this requirement will subject the person(s) to suspension of membership privileges in accordance with Article VIII, Section 3(C) of the Declaration and Article IV, Section 2(E) of the Bylaws.

Every Member shall inform his/her guests of all provisions of this Member Conduct Policy.
REGULATION OF COMMON PROPERTY – CUTTING TREES

PURPOSE:
To provide for the regulation and management of the clearing of Common Property, including the cutting of trees on Common Property.

I. IN GENERAL
The preservation of trees on Common Property is critical to maintain the aesthetics and natural beauty of Bella Vista and to protect property values for all parties. Trees are vital to maintaining the environment by stabilizing soils, minimizing water runoff, protecting native flora in the shaded understory and supporting wildlife. Standing dead trees and downed trees are of particular value to wildlife and will generally be left in place due to their ecological value and because of the unavoidable additional disturbance caused by their removal.

II. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
It is a violation of Arkansas State law (A.C.A. §18-60-102) and this policy to cut down, remove, prune or damage a tree or vegetation located on Common Property without first obtaining a written Common Property Permit from the Maintenance and Construction Division of the Association. Please contact the Maintenance and Construction Division if a tree poses an immediate safety hazard to any person or property. Violations of this policy by those who are not Members, may be pursued through local law enforcement agencies.

In the event of damage or removal of trees from Common Property in violation of this policy, the Board authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to take one or more of the following actions:

1. Require payment in the amount of $250 per tree for every damaged or removed tree greater than 3” in diameter, as measured at the base of the tree trunk.

2. Require payment in the amount of up to $2,500 if the number of damaged or removed trees cannot be determined.

3. Require the replanting and maintenance of new trees including size, location and species. Individuals violating this policy may be required to incur the cost of up to eight (8) foot tall trees as measured from the base of the tree trunk to the top of the tree.

4. Require removal any downed trees or debris with related costs becoming the responsibility of the individual violating this policy.

5. File a criminal complaint against the individual violating this policy with the proper legal authority.

6. Pursue any legal remedy authorized by law.
REGULATION OF COMMON PROPERTY – TRAILS

PURPOSE:
To provide for the regulation and use of paved and unpaved trails located within the Association.

I. VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

No gas or electrically powered vehicles (except maintenance vehicles or emergency vehicles) shall be driven or operated on any trail, with the exception that powered wheelchairs or other devices designed for and used by persons with disabilities shall be permitted.

II. USAGE RULES

Users of trails shall follow the requirements of any signage posted on the trail, including, but not limited to, stop signs, yield signs, or other traffic/pedestrian control measures.

III. HOURS OF TRAIL OPERATION

Trails shall open at 5:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. each day.

The Chief Operating Officer, or the Chief Operating Officer’s designee, may cause trails to be closed at any time for purposes of public safety, repair, or special event. Members shall be advised of any such special closure by available and reasonable means, including, but not limited to, appropriate signage.

No person may use or be present on any trail when it is closed, unless such presence or usage is by reason of an approved special event. This prohibition shall not apply to persons crossing a trail while on a city street or other public right-of-way.

IV. SPECIAL EVENTS

During any permitted special event, the vehicle restrictions and usage rules provided for in this policy, shall not apply to any segment of trail for which a special event has been permitted.
REGULATION OF COMMON PROPERTY – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE:

To provide for the regulation of changes to and use of unimproved Common Property.

I. IN GENERAL

The preservation of the natural environment of Common Property is critical to maintain the aesthetics and natural beauty of Bella Vista and to protect property values for all parties. As a general rule, unimproved Common Property is to remain and be preserved in its natural state. Exceptions to this general rule, including the regulation of changes to and use of Common Property, is the sole responsibility of the Association.

II. GENERAL REGULATIONS

Every Member shall have a right and easement of enjoyment in and to the Common Properties. Therefore, the exclusive use of Common Property by one individual Member or group of Members is prohibited. This prohibition includes the placement of permanent structures, driveways, pathways or any other improvements on Common Property. Every Member and guest shall adhere to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations while on Common Property.

III. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Members may request an application for a permit to make modifications to Common Property. This request shall be made and all required paperwork submitted to the Maintenance and Construction Division of the Association. Any changes made to or use of Common Property without a written permit from the Association, or in accordance with current policy, shall be considered a violation of this policy.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

In the event of damage, use of or modification to Common Property in violation of this policy, the Board authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to take one or more of the following actions:

1. Require that the modifications be removed and the Common Property returned to its previous state as determined by the Association.

2. Require that all remediation work meet the work and design quality standards as determined by the Association and communicated to the transgressor.

3. Require that all costs for such remediation be borne by the person(s) making the modifications.

4. Require that all work meet/pass the quality standards and inspection by the Association.

5. File a criminal complaint against the person(s) making the original modifications with the proper legal authority.

6. Pursue any legal remedy authorized by law.
PENALIZING A MEMBER

PURPOSE:

To provide for the enforcement of Association Rules and Regulations.

I. IN GENERAL

It shall be the policy of the Association that, prior to suspension of the enjoyment of the rights of any Member, otherwise known as membership privileges, for any infringement of its rules and regulations and violations of the Declaration or Protective Covenants, the Board will allow the Member the right of appeal to the Board and the Member shall be notified in writing of such right of appeal. Article VIII, Section 3(c) of the Declaration, Article IV, Section 2(E) of the Bylaws. The Board authorizes the Chief Operating Officer or his/her designee to temporarily suspend membership privileges until the Member has been notified in writing of their right of appeal and the time period for appeal has expired.

Examples of circumstances that can lead to the suspension of membership privileges include, but are not limited to:

1. The Member’s assessment payment is ninety days past due on any lot owned.

2. The Member owns property which has been determined by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) to be in violation of the Declaration, Protective Covenants, or Association rules and regulations or Policies.

3. The Member is delinquent for any payments due to the Association.

4. The Member violates Association rules and regulations or Policies.

II. GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

1. The Chief Operating Officer shall inform the Member of the rule, regulation or policy which the Member violated, the action taken, and the right of the Member to appeal the decision to the Board.

2. The Member shall have five (5) days after receiving notice of the charges to respond to the charges in writing or to request an appeal before the Board. If no appeal is made, the decision of the Chief Operating Officer shall be final.

3. If the Member requests an appeal before the Board, the Board shall set a hearing during executive session of the next regular Board Meeting. During executive session, the Board shall, unless the Board requests additional information regarding the incident, make its ruling as to what punishments, if any, will be given to the Member, and inform the Member in writing of said punishment, including a letter of reprimand or suspension of membership privileges up to a maximum of thirty (30) days.

4. The Chief Operating Officer shall maintain a file of all such infringements and letters of final decision.

III. GUEST OR DEPENDENT ACTIONS ARE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY
Guest actions and dependent actions’ are the responsibility of the Member sponsor. Penalties will be against the Member to the same extent as if the Member had committed the violation.

**IV. TENANT ACTIONS ARE THE LANDLORD’S RESPONSIBILITY**

Tenant actions are the responsibility of the respective Member landlord. Penalties will be against the Member to the same extent as if the Member had committed the violation.
APPEAL PROCEDURE

PURPOSE:
To describe the procedure to be used by the Board on those occasions when a Member appeals to the Board a suspension of membership privileges in accordance with Policy 3.01.

I. PROCESS
1. The Board will set a hearing date and time during an executive session at which a quorum of Directors must be present.

2. The Chief Operating Officer shall notify the appellant (the Member appealing the decision) of the date, time, and location of the hearing.

3. The appellant shall provide a basis for the appeal in writing to the Board at least ten (10) days before the hearing date. If written documentation is not received, as required, the appeal is deemed dismissed and a final affirmative decision is handed down in favor of the Association.

4. The Chief Operating Officer shall provide written documentation to the Board in support of his decision at least five (5) days prior to the hearing date.

5. Each party will be provided a copy of all documentation provided by the opposing party upon receipt by the Board.

6. Neither party is allowed to contact the opposing party’s potential witnesses at any time, in any manner, or for any reason.

7. If the appellant cannot attend the scheduled hearing, then the hearing will be conducted based upon the written correspondence on the date scheduled.

8. The Corporate Secretary shall record the proceeding and issue minutes to the Board after transcription.

II. CONDUCT OF HEARING
1. The hearing and decision-making shall be conducted in executive session. The Board Chairperson shall preside and may vote regarding the decision. A quorum must be present.

2. At the hearing, each side will be given thirty (30) minutes (including rebuttal time) to present its case.

3. Each side can present up to three speakers.

4. The appellant presents first, followed by the Association.

5. No cross examination of witnesses is allowed by the other party, and the regular courtroom rules of evidence and procedure do not apply to this proceeding.
6. At the end of the presentations, the appellant may use whatever time is remaining, of their thirty (30) minutes, to rebut the Association.

7. Following that, the Association may use whatever time is remaining, of their thirty (30) minutes, to rebut the appellant.

8. Following the presentations and rebuttals, the Board is free to ask questions of both parties.

9. Both parties shall limit their replies to answering the questions presented.

III. DECISION

1. After the question and answer period, both parties shall be informed that a written decision will be issued, normally within ten (10) calendar days.

2. Both parties will be excused and the Board will discuss the appeal during a continuation of the executive session.

3. A majority vote of those Board members present for the appeal is required to accept or deny an appeal.

4. The Board Chairperson will record the decision of the Board, the reasons for the decision, any corrective actions that need to be taken, etc.

5. The Board decision is final and binding on all concerned. It shall be communicated to the appellant and the Association in writing by the Board Chairperson.

IV. OTHER

The appellant may, in writing, waive the right to an in-person hearing as described above. In that event, the Board will consider the appeal based only on the written documentation, and will render its decision as outlined above.
IDENTIFICATION CARDS

PURPOSE:
To describe how various forms of member identification may be obtained and the benefits of each.

I. MEMBERSHIP CARD

1. How Issued
Members receive a membership card annually. Provided the Member’s account is in good standing, membership cards may also be issued at the Membership Services office during business hours.

2. Benefits
A membership card allows for the use of amenities at the current membership rate.

3. Multiple Lot Owners
Members who own multiple lots may elect to receive fewer than one membership card for each lot.

II. PHOTO ID CARD

1. How Issued
Members may purchase a photo ID card at the Membership Services office during regular business hours. The Member must provide proof of property ownership at the time of purchase. Members with active photo ID cards may renew by mail or internet provided they are in good standing.

2. Benefits
A photo ID card allows for the use of amenities at the discounted, photo ID rate.

III. 30-DAY IDENTIFICATION CARDS

1. How Issued
Members may obtain a 30-day identification card at the Membership Services office during regular office hours. After regular business hours on weekdays and some weekend hours, the card may be purchased at Riordan Hall, the Country Club Pro Shop, Metfield, Branchwood, Scotsdale Pro Shop, Kingsdale Pro Shop, Tanyard Creek Pro Shop, and Highlands Pro Shop.

2. Benefits
A 30-day identification card allows for the use of amenities at the photo ID rate as long as such amenities are not based on annual registration. Refer to the current fee schedule for a list of those amenities with
annual registration requirements.

Monthly or 30-day registrations must end no later than the expiration of the 30-day identification card. Refer to the current fee schedule for a list of those amenities with monthly registration requirements.

IV. RECIPROCAL IDENTIFICATION

A member from a sister Cooper Community, Inc. development may enjoy the use of Association amenities at a reduced rate provided he/she can provide either a paper membership card along with an additional form of photo identification or a photo membership card to staff at Membership Services, one of the pro shops, or the marina.
MEMBERSHIP CARDS

PURPOSE:

In order to enjoy membership privileges, an owner of Bella Vista property shall establish membership rights and obtain a membership card by presenting a copy of a recorded deed in that owner’s name or contract for purchase made with that owner. All membership cards shall be issued in the name as it appears on the presented legal documents.

I. GUIDELINES

Only two principal membership cards will be issued per Bella Vista property. However, additional non-principal membership cards may be issued in certain circumstances as provided below. In the event of a property owner owning more than one lot or living unit, only one set of membership cards will be issued.

The spouse of a sole property owner will be issued a membership card upon completion of a signed request, which will remain in effect until the property owner provides a cancellation notification to the Association.

Non-principal membership cards may be issued to adults, over the age of 18, residing at the principal residence. To qualify for a non-principal membership card, individuals must reside with the principal property owner and possess government issued identification listing the address of the property as their residence. A non-principal membership card must be renewed on an annual basis.

II. CORPORATE OWNED

Membership cards for company- or corporate-owned property will be issued each year to that entity’s named designee and spouse with dependent card privileges, or to two people not married with no dependent card privileges. The designee must be an employee of the company or corporation. The designated member may be changed once during the year. All cards of the previous designated member must be surrendered. A copy of the certificate of incorporation, or company equivalent, is required along with a form designating those individuals to enjoy the rights of enjoyment of the Common Properties. “Company” is defined as an association of individuals formed for a specific purpose.

III. UNRELATED PROPERTY OWNERS

Individual membership cards will be issued in separate names where legally designated property owners are NOT legally married but reside in the same household. However, only two member cards will be issued, unless otherwise provided for herein. (See above.)
IV. DEPENDENT CARDS

The application of all dependent and sole owner spouse cards must be completely filled out and signed, including the necessary documentation (age, residence, support, etc.) prior to dependent card issuance. It is necessary to request those cards each year. Guests may accompany a property owner or dependent holding a valid membership card. Guest cards cannot be issued from a dependent card holder.

V. REPLACEMENT MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A fee shall be levied to cover clerical, administrative, and supply costs on requests for temporary, or replacement membership cards. Misleading or false verification of age, residency, or support requirements are cause for loss or suspension of membership privileges as determined by Management with the approval of the Board.

VI. DELEGATION OF MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

The purpose of this section is to provide an opportunity for a seller using a land contract to delegate the amenity usage of the property to the purchaser. Before membership cards can be issued to a land contract purchaser, the owner of record must complete and sign an Association form thereby delegating the membership amenity rights of the property to said purchaser. Membership cards for individuals purchasing a lot on contract will be issued each year to the individual(s) purchasing the lot. The membership privilege may be changed once during a twelve-month period. All cards of the previous purchaser must be surrendered. All other policies apply as to who can receive cards and how many cards are allowed per lot.
GUEST POLICIES

PURPOSE:

To define the conditions under which non-members of the Association may be allowed access to fee-based Association amenities.

I. GUESTS

1. A guest is a person who is not a Member of the Association and who desires to have access to the fee-based Association amenities on a temporary basis.

2. There shall be only three categories of guests permitted to have access to the fee-based amenities:
   
   a. Those who are “regular guests” of a Member of the Association. By virtue of its ownership of property, the Bella Vista Property Owners Association is a Member with the authorization to sponsor “regular guests”.

   b. Those who qualify as “reciprocal guests” by virtue of being a member of one of the other Cooper Communities, Inc. (“CCI”) developments covered by an agreement between the Association and CCI.

   c. Those who are “participant guests” by virtue of being invited/permited to participate in a specific Association-sponsored or Association-sanctioned event at a specific facility. Such events must have the formal approval of the Association, normally through a contract signed by Management. Examples are golf tournaments, fishing tournaments, tennis tournaments, gun tournaments, etc. which often include participants who are non-members.

II. ACCESS TO ASSOCIATION AMENITIES

1. Guests may gain access to Association amenities by virtue of possessing a current, valid guest card. Guests possessing a valid guest card shall have access to fee-based Association amenities at the then current guest rates.

2. The Association may elect to sponsor a regular guest in order to provide access to fee-based Association amenities. In those situations, a guest card may not necessarily be issued to the regular guest.

3. Guest cards may be issued and valid for up to one (1) year from the date of issuance.
TEMPORARY PARKING OF VEHICLES

PURPOSE:

To provide for the aesthetic appeal of Bella Vista by describing the regulations that shall apply to the temporary parking or storage of vehicles and property on Association property.

Parking on non-Association owned properties, including residential properties and streets, is regulated by ordinance of the City of Bella Vista.

I. PARKING

1. There shall be no overnight parking on Association property other than as provided in section 2 below.

2. In order to provide temporary parking for Members and Members’ guests where sufficient area is not available at their home, the following regulations shall apply:

   a. Overnight parking for unoccupied cars, pickups, RVs, and SUVs may be allowed at Association owned parking facilities only with available space and a permit.

   b. Free temporary parking permits, for Members and Members’ guests may be obtained through the Membership Services office and Riordan Hall. This permit will have an expiration date, not to exceed seven (7) days from the date of issue, and must be visible at all times. These permits are for unoccupied vehicles only. Failure to comply with these regulations for an overnight parking permit will be strictly enforced by towing of the vehicle at the owner’s expense.

3. The parking of semi tractors and trailers on Association property is normally prohibited. The sponsoring Division may authorize such parking at Association-sanctioned events or activities for a limited period.
SUSPENSION OF WATER SERVICE
FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS

PURPOSE:

To provide for the collection of assessments from delinquent accounts by suspending water service for nonpayment of Association assessments.

I. IN GENERAL

It shall be the policy of the Association that prior to suspension of water service of any Member for nonpayment of assessments, the Member will be notified, the Board will allow the Member the right of appeal to the Board and the Member shall be notified in writing of such right of appeal. (Article VIII, Section 3(E) of the Declaration & Protective Covenants, Article IV, Section 2(E) of the Bylaws).

Circumstances that can lead to the suspension of water service include, but are not limited to:

1. The Member’s assessment account is sixty (60) days or more past due on any lot or combination of lots owned by the Member and the Member is not in a payment arrangement for the payment of the past due assessments.

2. If the Member fails to honor a previous payment arrangement for the payment of past due assessments, the suspension of water service will take place immediately, provided the account is still sixty (60) days or more past due.

II. GUIDELINES FOR SUSPENSION OF WATER SERVICE

1. The Member shall be informed in writing of the delinquent assessment account and be given thirty (30) days to pay the past due amount or make a payment arrangement for the past due amount.

2. If the Member fails to pay the delinquent assessments in full or set up a payment arrangement for the past due amount, then the Member shall be informed in writing that their water service will be suspended as of a specific date, and the Member will be informed of their right to appeal the decision to the Board.

3. The Member shall have five (5) days after receiving notice to respond in writing or to request an appeal before the Board. If the delinquent assessment account is not brought current, no payment arrangement is made, and no appeal is made, the decision to suspend water service shall be final.

4. If the Member requests an appeal before the Board, the Board shall set a hearing during executive session of the next regular Board meeting. During executive session, the Board shall, unless the Board requests additional information regarding the incident, make its ruling as to the suspension of water service to the Member, and inform the Member in writing of said ruling.

5. The Chief Operating Officer shall maintain a file of all such letters of final decision.
6. Payment arrangements will consist of monthly payments to be made by the last day of each calendar month according to the terms of the agreed upon payment arrangement. Should the terms of a payment arrangement not be met water service will be suspended without further notice.

7. If water service is suspended, the Member will be responsible for the standard disconnect/reconnect fees that apply.
CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL POLICY

PURPOSE:
To implement a policy to comply with Arkansas Department of Health requirements to promote cross connection control which will provide for the protection of the public potable water supply, to isolate at the service connection any actual or potential pollution or contamination within the Member’s premises and to provide a continuous, systematic and effective program of cross-connection control.

I. AUTHORITY

In compliance with the Arkansas Department of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Public Water Systems, Section VII.E, the Bella Vista Water Department finds it necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the people served by the Association to adopt cross-connection control standards which establish the requirements for the design, construction and maintenance of connection to the public water supply. These standards are supplemental to and do not supersede or modify the Arkansas State Plumbing Code (ASPC) and its latest revisions under which the Bella Vista Water Department operates. This policy pertains to commercial and industrial establishments as well as certain residential units (such as those involved in commercial operations, or having sprinkler systems, or having in-ground swimming pools, etc.).

II. CRITERIA

The Bella Vista Water Department’s Cross-Connection Control Program: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is hereby incorporated into this policy by reference. The Bella Vista Water Department will evaluate the hazards inherent in supplying a consumer’s water system. When a hazard or potential hazard to the public water system is found on the consumer’s premise, the consumer shall be required to install an approved backflow prevention assembly (BPA), or an air gap, at each public water service connection to the premise in accordance with the Bella Vista Water Department requirements. The type of BPA shall depend on the degree of hazard involved, which shall be described in the SOP.

III. NON-COMPLIANCE – SERVICE TO BE DISCONTINUED

The Bella Vista Water Department shall provide the consumer written notice of any violation of this policy. If the violation(s) are not corrected as required in the notice, the water supply will be refused or discontinued. In emergency situations when the public potable water supply is being contaminated or is in immediate danger of contamination, the water service shall be discontinued without written notice.

IV. CONSENT TO ENTER

In the course of meeting its responsibilities and obligations under the regulations of the Arkansas Department of Health and under this policy, the Bella Vista Water Department shall have the right to inspect the water connections of any water consumer. Each consumer, as a condition of the continued delivery of water to his/her premises, shall be considered as having stated his/her consent to the entry upon his/her premise by the Bella Vista Water Department, the Arkansas Department of Health, and/or the plumbing inspector for the purposes stated herein.
EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE POLICY

PURPOSE:
To describe the process by which exterior maintenance is performed and charged when the Member fails to do so.

I. AUTHORITY

Article XIII of the Declaration authorizes the Association or the Developer, in its discretion, to provide exterior maintenance for any buildings or grounds not properly kept by the owner of the lot or living unit. The cost of clean-up may be assessed against the lot or living unit and be charged as part of the annual assessment. The cost can be collected by foreclosure of the continuing lien against the property.

The goal of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is to identify problem properties without proper exterior maintenance and to require cleaning of the property. This goal shall be achieved by following a procedure of identifying problem properties, making contact with the property owner to notify them of the violation of the Declaration and Protective Covenants, to require the owner to clean up the property at his/her own cost, and failing that effort, cleaning the property by the Developer, and adding the cost of cleaning to the annual assessment by the Association. The Association delegates the authority to enforce this policy to the ACC.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning indicated:

1. "Building and grounds" shall mean any improvements or grounds on any Lot or Living Unit and shall include Common Property areas adjoining lots such as lake front areas between a lot and the water's edge, seawalls, boat docks, slips and boat houses or such other parcels of Common Property which have been permitted to be used by the owner of an adjoining Lot or Living Unit.

2. "Exterior maintenance" includes paint, repair, replace, and care for roof, gutters, downspouts, exterior building surfaces, trees, shrubs, grass, walks, and other exterior improvements for building and grounds. In instances where normal exterior maintenance of buildings or improvements is not economically feasible, exterior maintenance may include demolition of the building or improvement.

3. "Lot or Living Unit" shall be defined as set forth in the Declaration and shall include buildings and grounds and appurtenances thereto for the purposes of this policy.

III. PROCEDURE

The procedure shall be as follows:

1. The ACC shall identify lots not maintained properly. Identification of problem lots shall be by complaints to the ACC office or discovered during routine ACC inspections.
2. The ACC staff shall investigate and shall determine if there is a violation and the extent of the violation.

3. If a violation is found, the ACC shall identify the owner of the lot and shall notify the owner of the alleged violation in writing, and inform that the violation must be corrected within a period to be determined by the ACC.

4. If the violation is not cured within the period allowed by the ACC notice, the ACC shall refer the matter to the Association for suspension of membership privileges and the Developer for clean-up.

5. The Chief Operating Officer may, upon notice by the ACC, suspend membership privileges. The Developer or the ACC may make arrangements for an independent contractor to perform the work necessary to provide for the proper exterior maintenance of the property.

6. The Developer or ACC shall give notice to the owner that the authority under Article XIII has been exercised and that the owner is obligated to pay the cost of the exterior maintenance. The Developer or ACC shall notify the Association of the cost of maintenance and the cost of maintenance shall be included in the owner’s annual assessment, and shall serve as a continuing lien on the property pursuant to Article XIII.

7. Upon collection by the Association, the cost of the maintenance shall be paid to the Developer.
OFFICIAL POA PUBLICATION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

To describe the individuals and department responsible for Association publications and the dissemination of official Association information.

I. GUIDELINES FOR ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

1. The Board shall be responsible for all official Association publications and social media.

2. The Association web site, bellavistapoa.com will be utilized to inform Members of newsworthy Association business and other matters; e.g., Board of Directors’ meeting agendas and minutes, Association policies, budgets, and monthly financial information. Management will be responsible for keeping information on the web site current.

3. The Chairperson of the Board or the Chief Operating Officer, or their official designee, shall be the only ones to issue press releases about Association activities.

4. Correspondence, emails, or social media received by all Directors should be coordinated with the Chairperson of the Board so only one reply is given. The Chairperson or his/her designee will make the reply.

5. Correspondence, emails, or social media received or observed by individual Directors shall be handled by them with the following understanding:

   a. Responses or postings are clearly identified as being a personal opinion and not necessarily that of the Board. If the Board has taken a position, the individual Director should also provide that information (particularly if it differs from their own point of view).

   b. If the responses or postings deal with administrative matters, the Director is encouraged to forward it to the Chief Operating Officer, or his/her designee. It is the responsibility of the Chief Operating Officer, or his/her designee, to determine if a response or posting is warranted. If a response or posting is issued, the Director shall receive a copy.

   c. Whenever possible, the response or posting will be consistent with the message(s) which have been previously distributed by the Association.

6. Financial Statements, Minutes, reports, agendas and other documents will be made available via the Association’s website.
THE BUDGET

PURPOSE:

To describe the process for determining and setting an annual budget for the Association.

I. GUIDELINES FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET

Each year the Chief Operating Officer and the Board shall establish guidelines to be used in budget preparation. The Chief Operating Officer, by no later than November 1, shall submit a proposed budget to the Board. Budgets shall be based on simple cash flow (SCF). SCF is calculated by taking the net income, adding back depreciation and any reserve funds, then subtracting capital and debt service.

Total proposed expenditures shall not exceed the sum of total anticipated revenues and carry-over balances from previous years in the Chief Operating Officer's proposed budget.

The Board shall determine and announce the place and time of the budget workshop(s) for Board budget review.

The budget shall be finally adopted not later than the regularly scheduled December meeting of the Board. Should the Board take no final action on or prior to its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in December, the budget as submitted by the Chief Operating Officer shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Board. The Board may amend the budget at its discretion during the fiscal year.

Should circumstances warrant a delay in the submission and/or adoption of the annual budget, the Board, by two thirds vote of those Directors present, may approve such delay.

The Chief Operating Officer shall strictly enforce the provisions of the budget as specified in the Board action adopting the budget. He/she shall not authorize or approve any expenditure unless there are monies available in the budget.

Management shall maintain a Budget Manual, which outlines procedures, forms, calendar of events, etc., in order to effectively implement this policy and develop an annual budget for approval by the Board.
INVESTMENT POLICY

PURPOSE:
To create and set forth the investment policy for the investment of funds held by the Association.

I. INTRODUCTION

It shall be the policy of the Association to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the organization.

II. INVESTMENT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

1. THE PRIMARY INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION is to achieve reasonable long-term growth on a total return basis that exceeds the rate of inflation by at least 2% to provide for the ongoing maintenance and capital improvements of Association Common Property, outside of its normal day-to-day operational expenses. Since the preservation of principal is the foremost objective of this investment policy, the investment goal shall be long-term, allowing for higher total returns that are still within the guidelines of this policy.

2. THE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES employed are designed to preserve the principal, to protect the assets’ long-term purchasing power against inflation, and to provide income to fund the above objectives.

3. THE BOARD will retain an outside investment manager (Investment Manager) with the responsibility of investing the funds. The Board will outline investment guidelines to the Investment Manager, and review and affirm, or adjust those investment guidelines on at least an annual basis. Any change in the previously established investment guidelines will be communicated by the Board to the current Investment Manager. The Investment Manager will be chosen on the basis of competitive bidding in accordance with current Association policies for bidding and contracting.

III. INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

1. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

   a. The investment objectives of the Association are: Growth and Income with preservation of the invested principal. Investments shall be in cash or cash equivalents, conservative equities, bonds, and/or mutual funds that will provide for growth and income.

   b. Risk Tolerance will vary according to respective investment portfolios as described below.

   c. No undue market risk and no speculation or aggressive investments shall be undertaken with the assets of the Association. The prudent man rule will apply with all investments of assets.
2. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS

For the purpose of managing investment risk and to optimize investment returns within acceptable risk parameters, the following funds will be created and held as separate investment pools. On at least an annual basis, the Board in conjunction with Management will review and establish the appropriate dollar amount of each of the following four funds. The Investment Manager will then adjust as necessary existing portfolio investments to reflect the determined balances in each fund. This annual review will take place following the completion of the annual financial audit of the Association’s books and records.

a. Operating Fund:
Sixty (60) Day Non-Discretionary Operations, Current Capital, Water Principal Bond Payment. This is primarily a cash and cash equivalent fund for “current” needs. Risk tolerance is low risk. Any investment will be made with a minimum level of risk relative to its respective benchmark.

b. Short-term Reserve Fund:
Emergency Needs (Floods, etc.), Water Line Replacement, Capital < 2 Years, and Committed Reserves. This is primarily a fund for a term greater than 1 year but less than 2 years. Risk tolerance is low risk. Any investment will be made with a minimum level of risk relative to its respective benchmark.

c. Intermediate Reserve Fund:
Free, Unrestricted Reserves - This is primarily a fund for a term greater than 2 years, but less than 5 years. Risk tolerance is moderately conservative with regard to these investment assets. At the same time the Directors recognize prudent investing requires taking reasonable risk in order to raise the likelihood of achieving targeted investment returns.

d. Long Term Reserve Fund:
Capital, undefined, for a term greater than 5 years. Risk Tolerance assumes this portfolio will be managed in a manner to seek higher returns with some volatility. The volatility of this fund will tolerate standard deviations between 5% and 10% in any given year, although it is the intent of this fund that the Members would not willingly accept losses as often as three out of ten years to achieve higher returns. The Long Term Reserve Fund will be managed in a manner that seeks to minimize principal fluctuations over the established time horizon and is consistent with stated objectives.

3. INVESTMENT POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

a. The performance of the Investment Manager will be measured at least annually against general market indices, the performance of other similar funds, and the results of other comparable professional investment managers with similar objectives.

b. The Board will direct the Chief Operating Officer to maintain the relationship with the Investment Manager and to provide investment performance reports to the Board in the format customarily used by the Investment Manager.

c. The Chief Operating Officer shall initiate policies and procedures to implement Board investment policies and guidelines and enable monitoring of fund composition and performance.

d. The Chief Operating Officer and the Board will cooperatively review the purpose and objectives of the Association Investment Policy for any changes on at least an annual basis. If changes to the Investment Policy need to be made, recommendations will be submitted to the Board for action.
e. The Director of Finance & Administration shall recommend a financial institution designated as the main Association depository for the Board’s approval. The Director of Finance & Administration shall review this recommendation annually with recommended changes as appropriate. Funds deposited in the main Association designated depository for current operations such as Operating Account, Payroll Account, Health and Insurance Accounts, etc. may exceed the FDIC insured limits.

IV. DEFINITIONS

1. PRINCIPAL is the original net invested amount of each of the contributions.

2. PRUDENT MAN RULE is how men of prudence, discretion and intelligence manage their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income, as well as the probable safety of the capital to be invested and behave in a similar fashion.

3. INCOME is the amount of dividends and/or interest received on the investments.

4. APPRECIATION/DEPRECIATION is the amount of market gains/losses on the original investment principal.
ASSESSMENTS, FEES AND OTHER REVENUES

PURPOSE:

To set forth the manner in which assessments, fees and other revenues of the Association are expended.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Assessments will be collected and expended in accordance with the Declaration.

2. The costs of water services will be covered by water service rates and fees.

3. It is the responsibility of Management to prepare a fee schedule prior to approval by the Board. Fees may not be waived except by action of the Board or Chief Operating Officer.

4. Fees may be changed by the Board at any time. Fees may also be changed by action of the Board or the Chief Operating Officer for promotions, specials, or any other consideration.

5. The Board may establish fees for approved uses of the Common Properties.
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INDEMNIFICATION

PURPOSE:

To set forth the resolutions of the Association with regard to the indemnification of officers and directors.

I. RESOLUTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR DEDUCTIBLES

RESOLVED, that the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association assume the responsibility for payment of any and all deductible (retention) amounts which may be payable under its corporation reimbursement and Directors' and Officers' liability insurance policy, and also responsibility for any self-insured participation limit.

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR EXPENSES OF LEGAL ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association shall indemnify any and all Directors and Officers of the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association against expenses (including attorney's fees) judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement and any and all other claims and expenses actually and reasonable incurred by the Director or Officer as long as said expense is made in connection with or arising out of any action threatened, pending or completed, suit or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than in action by or in the right of the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association) or in any way arising out of actions taken on behalf of the Director or Officer acting in good faith and in a manner reasonable to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association and in conjunction with, or arising out of, the business of, scope of enjoyment of, and actions of said Director or Officer in the performance of his or her duty to the corporation.

Indemnification provided for herein shall be applicable only as to actions taken, acts done, or failure to perform acts which are within the scope and authority and capability of the Director or Officer with the Bella Vista Village Property Owners Association.
GIFTS AND DONATIONS

PURPOSE:

It shall be the policy of the Association to provide the opportunity for appropriate gifts and donations to be received in the name of the Association.

I. GUIDELINES FOR GIFTS AND DONATIONS

The giving of gifts, money, or other items of value, can be as satisfying to the giver as it can be to the recipient. There are, however, times and circumstances when accepting a gift can carry obligations not immediately recognized.

The Chief Operating Officer will review this policy for gifts and donations with all donors.

1. The Association encourages gifts and donations which will be used for the benefit of Members.

2. Gifts and donations may be designated as supplemental resources for implementing presently scheduled facilities or activities. In the event this action is not practical or is untimely, the gifts and donations may be relegate to the general fund.

3. Non-monetary gifts which require present or future non-scheduled expense will require a planned method through which these expenditures will be funded.

4. Gifts or donations for non-planned facilities or activities may be relegated to the general fund.

5. Prospective donors must sign a copy of this policy to indicate that it has been explained to them. The signed copy will be kept on file should there be a donation.

6. The Board will be advised of any action by the Chief Operating Officer.
PROCESS AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A REQUEST FOR THE USE OF COMMON PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM LEACH FIELD FAILURE

PURPOSE:

To set forth the policy of the Association with regard to requests for the use of Common Property as a septic system leach field.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Common Properties are those properties reserved and intended to be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of all Members and their guests. Therefore, the granting of the exclusive use of Common Property for the benefit of a single or limited number of Members is a significant event.

The decision to license use of Common Property is reserved to the Board whose decision is final.

This policy in no way affects the ACC’s authority and responsibility for managing the building permit and inspection process.

Members and builders are reminded that the decision to install a septic system in ground of questionable soil morphology or on a lot too small for the home may cause serious and expensive consequences. In all cases the responsibility for any problems remains with the Member and the builder. The Member and builder are required to follow the attached process and documentation plan to support a request of assistance involving Common Property.

All requests for use of Common Property will be addressed to the Bella Vista Maintenance and Construction Division who will receive all documents, and verify all necessary information before the Administration makes a recommendation to the Board. The Association will provide an application form along with all documentation requirements.

The information and recommendation will be given to the Board at the first available Board meeting after all the information has been gathered and verified by the Administration. The Board will take appropriate action at the following Board meeting.

A reasonable fee may be charged for licensing the use of Common Property.
USE OF COMMON PROPERTY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the use of Common Property and to promote the aesthetic values of Bella Vista.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The Board reserves the right to approve or disapprove any installation, activity on, or use of Common Property. Such approval shall require the execution of a license or right of entry permit. Disturbing or damaging any Common Property by unauthorized persons is prohibited.

2. Solicitation on or use of Common Property for commercial or other private enterprises is prohibited without Board approval and written permission by the Chief Operating Officer.

Exceptions are short-term booth rentals for fairs, etc., which must be scheduled with the building managers.
DOCK AND BOATHOUSE POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the rights, obligations, and authority of adjacent private property owners, the ACC, the Association, and the City of Bella Vista as it concerns Common Property relative to shorelines and lakebeds.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Common Property belongs to all Members collectively and normally may not be used exclusively for private purposes (Policy 8.03.1). The use of Common Property along the shoreline and in the lakebed may be approved for private purposes by the Association as the owner of the property. Permission to use such Common Property for construction and use of a dock or boathouse may be granted by the Association.

2. Design and construction of docks and boathouses are subject to the specifications and approval of the ACC (Declaration Article XII, Protective Covenants Paragraph 9). A permit to construct must be obtained from the ACC and the City of Bella Vista, and any other applicable permits must be secured prior to the commencement of construction.

3. The owner(s) rights, with respect to their dock or boathouse, shall pass to successive owners.

4. In permitting the use of Common Property for constructing docks or boathouses, the Association does not relinquish title to such Common Property.

5. The Association shall assign a dock number to each lake lot that has or could have a dock or boathouse constructed on it. This number will serve as a permanent method of identification for all docks and boathouses existing or potentially being constructed. Upon approval of the completed dock or boathouse, the Association will issue an ID number sign that must be displayed on the lakeside of the dock or boathouse.

II. MAINTENANCE

1. It is the Member’s responsibility to provide maintenance for any dock or boathouse attached to their property (see Policy 4.02).

2. The Association, in coordination with the City of Bella Vista, may periodically conduct inspections from the water of docks and boathouses. If it is determined that a safety issue exists, such issue will be handled directly between the City of Bella Vista and the Member.

3. If it is determined that any maintenance issue exists, such issue will be handled directly between the ACC and the Member.

4. If a Member notifies the Association of an issue involving a dock or boathouse, the Association will refer the Member to the appropriate authority, either the City of Bella Vista or the ACC, for follow-up.
MAINTAINING OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the manner in which certain Association documents are retained.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Original financial documents and technical drawings may not be removed from the Association’s administrative offices. Inspection of any such documents by Members shall be governed by Policy 1.01.
CONDUCTING A BUSINESS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to describe the restrictions on business use of residential property.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

In accordance with Section 20 of the Protective Covenants, the practice of any profession or the carrying on of any business is prohibited within residentially zoned areas. Upon suspected violation of this prohibition, the Association shall notify the offending Member by mail of the suspected violation. If the activity continues for more than one (1) week following notification, the Member shall be subject to the administrative procedures outlined in Policy 3.01 – Penalizing a Member.

The observance of the following indications, which typically result from activities conducted for remuneration on residential property, shall be sufficient to proceed under this policy:

- Increased traffic
- Parking on other than an ACC approved driveway
- Persistent odors or fumes
- Noise
- Visible parking of a commercial vehicle
- A sign or signs indicating an activity for remuneration
- Employment of help for other than on-site domestic service or personal or health care for the residents of the premises
- Visible storage of merchandise for sale or resale
- Garage sales occurring more frequently than once a year, or offering for sale items from more than three other households, or lasting for more than three consecutive days
- Any other indications which may give rise to suspicion that an activity is being conducted for remuneration on residential property

This policy is not meant to preclude Members from working from home or from maintaining an office in their home, provided the indications mentioned previously are not evident.
STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURES MANUAL

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this policy is to provide for the drafting and maintenance of a procedures manual by Association personnel.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES
In the interest of business efficiency and service to the Members, the Board mandates that Management develop, maintain and annually review a detailed Standard Operation Procedures Manual (SOP), including procedures used by personnel in the Corporate Headquarters and procedures used by each Division of the Association.
ENGAGEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to describe the criteria and process for selecting individuals or firms providing professional services to the Association.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Individuals or firms providing professional services, such as architects, auditors, engineers, surveyors or other state-licensed individuals or consultants who must personally stamp and sign his or her work, should not compete on the basis of cost only. Selection should also be based on:

- Personal qualifications of the individual providing professional services
- Qualifications of the firm
- The ability to provide the services in a timely, competitive manner
- Prior history of successful services performed, provided the firm or individual has been previously engaged by the Association

To further promote the interest of fair dealing, the selection of professional service providers shall be made by the department manager requesting the professional services, in conjunction with one or more of the following individuals: the Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel, Maintenance and Construction Director, Golf Operating Manager, Golf Maintenance Manager, Recreation Manager, or Director of Finance and Administration.
ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to describe the criteria and process for selecting individuals or firms providing contract services to the Association.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

It is the policy of the Association to select contractors on a competitive bid basis for services that are expected to cost $25,000 or more. Typically, three (3) bids are required, unless a bid waiver is sought from and approved by vote of the Board. Selection should be based on:

- Cost
- Qualifications of the firm
- The ability to provide the services in a timely, competitive manner
- Prior history of successful services performed, provided the firm has been previously engaged by the Association

To further the interest of fair dealing, the selection of contract service providers shall be made by the department manager requesting the contract services, in conjunction with one or more of the following individuals: the Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel, Maintenance and Construction Director, Golf Operating Manager, Golf Maintenance Manager, Recreation Manager, or Director of Finance and Administration.
PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND EQUIPMENT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to describe the criteria and process for the procurement of goods and equipment for the Association.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

It is the policy of the Association to procure goods and equipment on a competitive bid basis for purchases that are expected to cost $25,000 or more. Typically, three (3) bids are required, unless a bid waiver is sought from and approved by vote of the Board. Selection should be based on:

- Cost
- Supplier’s reputation for service
- Brand reputation for quality and service
- Delivery in a timely, competitive manner
- Warranty terms

To further the interest of fair dealing, awarding of the purchase contract shall be made by the department manager requesting the goods and equipment, in conjunction with one or more of the following individuals: the Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel, Maintenance and Construction Director, Golf Operating Manager, Golf Maintenance Manager, Recreation Manager, or Director of Finance and Administration.
GUIDELINES FOR LEASING OF ASSOCIATION ASSETS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the conditions under which Association assets (land, buildings, facilities, equipment, etc.) may be leased to a public or private entity. The power to lease assets rests with the Board (Bylaws Article IV Section 2.B).

I. PROCEDURE

1. Any leasing initiative that affects the amenities or the privileges of Members must be approved in advance by a vote of the Board.

2. The Chief Operating Officer shall submit a written recommendation to the Board for such a leasing initiative and include a full evaluation of the potential impact on the Association and its Members, including operations, finances, access, services, etc.

3. If the leasing is to involve providing access to other than Members and their guests, the written recommendation must specifically document the pros and cons, and the conditions under which property will be leased.

4. Upon approval of leasing by the Board, the Chief Operating Officer may proceed to solicit prospective lessees. The Board delegates the authority to execute a leasing agreement to the Chief Operating Officer.

5. The Chief Operating Officer shall report to the Board upon entering into any lease agreement. Further, the status of each lease operation shall be reported semi-annually.

II. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR LEASES

1. Leases normally may be executed for no more than one year, but with the right of renewal.

2. Due diligence investigation of the prospective lessees shall be conducted and documented.

3. The selection process shall provide for open and free competition by prospective lessees. The latter shall be prohibited from contacting Directors or staff to promote their applications. Such contact may warrant the rejection of the application.

4. Adequate provision shall be made for termination of leases.

5. Leases shall clearly define the premises being leased and the purpose of the lease.

6. The obligations of the Association and the lessee regarding responsibilities (legal, regulatory, operational, insurance, financial, etc.) shall be clearly specified.

7. Appropriate financial security arrangements shall be required of the lessee in order to protect the Association.

8. All leases shall involve a thorough review by legal counsel.
III. CONDUCT DURING THE TERM OF THE LEASE

1. The Chief Operating Officer shall be responsible for monitoring the lessee and ensuring that the Association and lessee meet all of the terms of the lease agreement.

2. The Chief Operating Officer shall report to the Board in advance regarding his intent to renew a lease agreement. The Board shall be provided an opportunity for input prior to lease renewal.

3. The Chief Operating Officer shall inform the Board of issues which arise that may lead to a termination of the lease agreement.

4. The Chief Operating Officer normally will take the initiative in terminating a lease agreement, and will report such termination to the Board. However, in circumstances that the Board determines to be unusual, the Board may direct the Chief Operating Officer to terminate a lease for cause.
APPROVAL AND CHANGE OF JOB SCOPE PROCEDURES
FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth approval mechanisms, limits, controls and reporting for expenditures on major projects. The projects may be for any purpose and may include capital expenditures or expense for construction, renovation or other action impacting assets of the Association.

I. APPLICATION

This policy will apply to all expenditures exceeding $250,000 on an accumulative basis for any single project to construct, renovate, or acquire assets as described above. Projects may not be subdivided to avoid application of this policy.

II. PROJECT SCOPE

Before beginning a project as described herein, the Association will prepare a document describing the scope of the project.

III. APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

Capital projects normally must be approved by the Board during the regular budget consideration process. Any project not covered in the current year’s budget will require Board approval. Any request for Board approval must include an assessment of impact on the current year’s budget and also any ongoing impact on succeeding year’s budget(s). This information should be in the project scope case for all projects.

IV. PROJECT CONTROL

The Association shall be responsible for control of all projects approved under this policy. Financial records will provide accurate accountability for each project and will also provide tracking to confirm any significant cost savings projected by the project scope.

Any change in the conceptual scope of a project as presented and approved by the Board (change in components of project for cost or configuration) must go through the approval required herein for a new project. Any immediate changes approved by the Chief Operating Officer will be reported to the Board no later than the next Board meeting. The Chief Operating Officer will develop and utilize a common form for approval of changes.

All acquisitions for elements of each project will follow applicable bidding and purchasing procedures. Monthly reporting will be provided on all approved projects until completion. Budget review meetings will include information and progress reports as appropriate on status of projects.
Overruns may be permitted on a project without additional Board approval if the cumulative overrun does not exceed 10% of the total project funding. The Chief Operating Officer will inform the Board of a project’s potential cumulative overrun.
OPERATIONS BEYOND THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF BELLA VISTA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the conduct of business by the Association outside the geographic boundaries of Bella Vista.

I. AUTHORITY

The Chief Operating Officer is vested with the authority to permit the participation of Association entities in operations beyond the geographic boundaries of Bella Vista. Such permission will be based on responsible business practice coupled with an evaluation of the benefit that will accrue to the Members.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Operating Officer may, at his or her discretion, devise standard operating procedures, forms or other means by which the requirements of sound business practice and benefit may be demonstrated; any such requirements should be designed so as to facilitate use by Members and staff.
AUTHORITY TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the guidelines for entering into employment agreements by the Association.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

All employment agreements are to be approved by the Board prior to their execution. Upon approval by the Board, the Chief Operating Officer is authorized to enter into such employment agreements on behalf of the Association. The Chief Operating Officer’s employment agreement shall be approved solely by the Board.
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the guidelines for use of Association logos.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Association utilizes various logos which are typically filed with the State of Arkansas for protection against unauthorized use. The Association’s registered service marks may only be used with the written permission, and then only to the extent of and within the scope of the permission granted. Any use of an Association service mark that does not comply with such permission and this policy is not authorized. The Association restricts the use of its name and service marks to avoid confusion that can arise when the name and service marks are used so as to create the false impression of a connection to or endorsement of the Association.

Changing the appearance of a service mark or adding something to it does not grant authorization to use the revised service mark without the Association’s permission.

To request permission to use a service mark, please email the Marketing Department at info@bvpoa.com. If permission is granted, the Association will provide written notification of the scope of permission and what use of the service mark is allowed.

The appropriate use of these logos shall be at the discretion of the Chief Operating Officer in conjunction with the Marketing Department manager.
VOLUNTEERISM

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this policy is to set forth the guidelines for providing volunteer service to the Association.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES
Volunteering provides Members with an opportunity to share their expertise and interest in serving their community and promoting the legacy of Bella Vista.

1. The community benefits by receiving a service or expertise that saves time and money, and enhances the attributes of the Association.

2. The volunteer benefits by gaining a voice, involvement, empowerment, ownership, self-satisfaction, and socialization.

II. OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE
1. Board of Directors – Elected by Members.

2. Joint Advisory Committees (JAC’s) – Interested Members volunteer and the Chief Operating Officer and Chairperson select Members for the Recreation, Golf, Lakes, and Community Involvement committees.

3. Task Forces and Other Committees – Appointed by Chairperson or Chief Operating Officer.

III. VOLUNTEER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Volunteers are viewed as an altruistic and valuable resource, not entitled to remuneration.

2. Volunteers will be treated as co-workers with the right to effective training and supervision.

3. Volunteer position descriptions with an application process and consistent assignment procedures will be followed.

4. Volunteers will not replace paid employees.

5. The health and safety of volunteers will be a priority, and they will not perform hazardous duties.

6. Volunteers will be expected to perform to the best of their ability and remain loyal to the goals and procedures to the end date of service.

7. No person who has a conflict of interest with any activity or program whether personal, philosophical or financial shall be accepted as a volunteer.
8. Volunteers performing certain duties may be required to sign a waiver and indemnification agreement with the Association.

9. Volunteers performing certain duties that require working with children will be asked to undergo a background check prior to volunteering.

Areas not covered by this policy or other governing documents shall be brought to the Board for resolution based on the specifics of the situation.
BOARD ELECTION AND POLITICAL CANDIDATES /USE OF FACILITIES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the conditions under which Association facilities and Common Property may be used for Board election and political activities.

I. ASSOCIATION ROLE IN CAMPAIGNING

1. Neither the Board nor Management shall endorse any candidate running for the Board or for any other political/elected office.

2. The Association may sponsor forums for candidates for election to the Board in Association facilities. All eligible candidates must be invited to participate. The Association may not sponsor forums for candidates for election to any other political/elected office.

II. CAMPAIGNING ON ASSOCIATION FACILITIES

Qualified candidates for the Board may utilize Association facilities for the purpose of campaigning for election to the Board. Such practice shall be in conformance with the following:

1. Approval must be granted by the manager of the facility where the campaigning is to take place and shall not interfere in any manner with the regular operations of the facility.

2. Campaigning shall be limited to the distribution of flyers, brochures, cards or other forms of informational material. Speeches, political signs, or any other form of overt or conspicuous campaigning is not allowed.

3. All campaigning will be conducted in a courteous manner.

4. Such campaigning may occur at an event in an Association facility only with the permission of both the manager of the facility where the campaigning is to take place and the sponsor of the event.

III. USE OF ASSOCIATION FACILITIES BY CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL/ELECTED OFFICE

1. Any Member may rent an Association facility for purposes of holding a political event.

2. No political signs, posters, or other forms of conspicuous campaign materials may be affixed to or placed upon Common Property such as buildings, parking lots, playgrounds, lake facilities, parks, golf courses, or roadside entrances to facilities that are on Association property. Unattended vehicles which are identified with political signs or other campaign material (except bumper stickers) may not be parked on Common Property. All political signs must comply with the current zoning ordinance of the City of Bella Vista, Arkansas, as amended.
DEFINITION OF A DEPENDENT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the definition of a dependent for purposes of utilizing Association amenities.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A Member may claim as a dependent:

1. A ward or relative within the first degree of kinship or guardianship for whom the Member provides more than 50 percent of living costs and whose legal address is the Member's home, and who is:

   a. Single and eighteen years of age or younger, or

   b. Single and a full-time student (12 credit hours) not more than 24 years of age, or

   c. According to a doctor's notarized statement, incapable of self-support or in need of such physical assistance as to nullify independent living.

2. An adult child or spouse of an adult child and the children thereof who resides temporarily with the Member while the adult child or spouse of the child is actively serving in a branch of the armed forces of the United States. Documentation of proof of service in the United States armed forces will be required.

In all cases, official documentation of the facts will be required. Such documentation may consist of driver's licenses, current voter registration cards, proof of school enrollment, the dependent's birth certificate, etc.