

# FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County (FCACC).

## ARTICLE II – DESCRIPTION

### SECTION 1. PURPOSES

- A. To promote the opportunity for individuals to determine the type of funeral or memorial service they desire
- B. To promote the opportunity for individuals to educate themselves about the availability and costs related to obtaining funeral or memorial services
- C. To provide guidance in achieving the foregoing and to promote other activities pertaining to the care, and/or disposition of human remains
- D. To provide information about appropriate end-of-life-related legislation that lowers the cost of funeral services or enables the deceased and their families to have the burial arrangements of their choice

### SECTION 2. OPERATION AS A TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

FCACC is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Funeral Consumers Alliance, Inc., and is incorporated in the State of Illinois.

#### A. Compliance with Tax Exempt Status

The FCACC will operate as an organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and will not engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity that would invalidate its status as a tax-exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

#### B. Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of FCACC, assets remaining after payment of all liabilities shall be distributed to such charitable organizations eligible for contributions under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as may be directed by the Board of Directors. Preference shall be given to another organization having similar purposes that could continue serving FCACC's purpose, or to the Funeral Consumers Alliance, Inc., or to a charitable or

educational organization. No part of such distribution shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Board of Directors of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County. If the Board of Directors should fail to make such designation, the same shall be distributed to such organization as may be designated in appropriate proceedings by the Court having jurisdiction in Champaign County, Illinois.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1. GENERAL

FCACC shall have no members.

#### SECTION 2. SUPPORTER LIST

FCACC may maintain a list of individuals who support the organization by financial or other contribution.

### ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

The management and administration of FCACC, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be by a nine-member Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 2. TERMS

Directors shall serve staggered three-year terms. Terms of directors shall coincide with the fiscal year of the organization. No director may serve more than two full consecutive elected terms. After an absence of one year from the Board, a person may be elected to serve again.

#### SECTION 3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Directors shall be elected at a meeting of the Board of Directors during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Nominations for membership on the Board may come from any Director or supporter of FCACC. The President of the Board shall provide to the Board the list of all nominees for new Directors prior to the said meeting.

#### SECTION 4. REMOVAL OF A DIRECTOR

Any director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the nine Board directors. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without prior notice shall be cause for removal.

#### SECTION 5. VACANCY

Whenever a vacancy exists, the remaining directors may elect a successor to serve the unexpired portion of the term.

#### SECTION 6. REMUNERATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Board members shall serve without pay. Expenses incurred by a director may be reimbursed upon approval by the Board.

#### SECTION 7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES/PERSONNEL

The Board may, at its discretion, appoint committees and employ special personnel and define their respective responsibilities.

#### SECTION 8. MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall meet at minimum three times per fiscal year.

#### SECTION 9. QUORUM

At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of all elected directors must be present to constitute a quorum for business to be conducted. A quorum shall suffice to approve actions subject, however, to any contrary provision in the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws.

### ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

#### SECTION 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Officers of FCACC shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Board.

#### SECTION 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Officers shall serve for a period of one year. Any officer may be removed from such position by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the nine directors at a regularly called Board meeting.

### ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the nine directors at any regularly scheduled or duly called meeting of the Board. The President of the Board shall furnish said directors, at least 14 days prior to the meeting, a full explanation of the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE VII – REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County shall have and continuously maintain a registered agent and a registered office in Champaign County in the State of Illinois. The registered office is the physical address where the registered agent shall accept and receive formal notice and government communications on behalf of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County shall be January 1 to the following December 31.

Summary of adoption of original bylaws and amended dates:

Adopted on Jan. 22, 1975

Amended on April 23, 2001

Amended November 12, 2017

Amended November 14, 2021