

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE SAMOSET CAMPS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SCAA)**

To further common purposes, the undersigned founders agree to form an association under these Articles of Association:

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the Samoset Camps Alumni Association (SCAA).

## **ARTICLE 2: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Association shall be the Samoset Council Service Center at 3511 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476. The Association may have such other offices as may from time to time be designated by its board of directors.

## **ARTICLE 3: PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Association shall be as follows:

- (1)** To promote social activities for the members of the Association so as to sponsor fellowship among former and current staff members and friends of Samoset Council Camps.
- (2)** To disseminate information about the members and Council Camps by means of such devices as mailing lists, newsletters and updates on SCAA activities so to encourage communications between members and keep members informed about the current status of Samoset Council Camps.
- (3)** To be of service and support, financially and otherwise, to Samoset Council Camps as deemed appropriate by the members, specifically to assist in providing for program enhancements to all areas of scout camping.
- (4)** To provide for staff scholarships to those staff members who demonstrate leadership and who are enrolled in post secondary education.

## **ARTICLE 4: POWER**

The Association shall be an unincorporated association and shall be part of the Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America ("Samoset Council"). The Association shall have all powers necessary to accomplish its purposes under these Articles.

## **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP**

**(1) Staff Members.** All persons who have served or are serving on the staff of any Samoset Council Camping Operation shall be eligible to become members of the SCAA provided that they pay their lifetime membership or annual dues and satisfy any other requirements imposed by the board of directors.

**(2) Other Members.** Other persons, including campers, whom the board of directors determines by a majority vote have made a significant contribution to Samoset Council camps shall be eligible to become members of the Association provided that they pay their lifetime membership or annual dues and satisfy any other requirements imposed by the board of directors. The board may also select honorary lifetime members and waive dues and other requirements for such members.

**(3) Voting by Members.** Each active member shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Association. Proxy voting is permitted.

## **ARTICLE 6: DUES/DONATIONS**

The annual dues required for membership shall be determined annually by the board of directors. The board of directors may establish special dues for certain categories of members. Dues are initially established at the rate of \$25.00 per year for charter members. However, dues for current staff

members of Samoset Council Camps are waived. The Association may also establish programs to allow its members to make special donations to Samoset Council camps as deemed necessary and appropriate.

#### **ARTICLE 7: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(1) Association Funds.** All dues, contributions, and other funds received by the Association will be deposited into the bank account of Samoset Council. The SCAA will receive periodical accounting reports from Samoset Council regarding its account balance.

**(2) Expenditures.** The SCAA will have the right to spend for its authorized purposes the entire amount in its account with Samoset Council, minus a reserve for its outstanding debts. To make any expenditure of such SCAA funds, a Samoset Council check request must be signed by (a) the SCAA president or treasurer and (b) one of the authorized check request signers, preferably the Samoset Council Camping Executive. A check will then be issued from the SCAA's account.

**(3) Petty Cash Fund.** The SCAA may establish a petty cash bank account. Such account may only be funded as set forth above in subparagraph (2) and its balance may never exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Checks from the petty cash bank account may be signed either by the president or treasurer.

#### **ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS**

**(1) Annual Meeting.** There shall be an annual meeting of the SCAA at a time to be determined by the Board of Directors. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the board of directors. Notice of the meeting will be provided to all active members at least twenty (20) days before the meeting. Business at the meeting shall include the election of certain officers, election of members of the board of directors, and such other business as shall come before the meeting.

**(2) Other Meetings.** The board of directors may call such other meetings of the SCAA as it deems necessary provided at least seven (7) days notice of such meeting is given to the members.

**(3) Quorums.** A majority of the board shall be the quorum requirement for conducting business at any meeting of the SCAA. A quorum for action at board of directors meetings shall be at least one-half its members.

#### **ARTICLE 9: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**(1) Governed by Board.** The SCAA shall be governed by a board of directors. The board shall have Seven (7) members. The board of directors will consist of five (5) elected directors, the president, and the president-elect, or Seven (7) directors in total. The terms of the elected board members will be three (3) years. The election of the elected board members will be staggered so that three (2) members will be elected each year. The current Crystal Lake Scout Reservation Director will be an ex-officio member of the board of directors.

The Association will strive to have broad representation on the board of directors so that all eras of staff members will be represented on the board.

**(2) Initial Board Members.** The initial board of directors will be created with two one-year seats, two two-year seats, and three three-year seats to institute the staggered arrangement.

The initial board of directors will be as follows:

**One-Year Terms**

**Two-Year Terms**

**Three-Year Terms**

**(3) Board Operating Procedures.** A majority of the board shall be the quorum requirement for a board meeting. The board will act by a simple majority of the members present at a meeting. The board may fill vacant board positions and elected offices until the next annual meeting of the SCAA.

#### **ARTICLE 10: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**(1) Elective Officers.** The elective officers of this association shall be a president and president-elect. The

president-elect shall be elected at the annual meeting. The president in any year shall be the person elected the president-elect in the previous year.

The initial president shall be determined at the 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion of Camp Tesomas and shall serve an initial 2 year term. The president-elect shall be selected at the second annual meeting of the SCAA.

**(2) Appointed Officers.** Each year the president shall nominate and the board of directors shall appoint from the board a secretary, a treasurer, a vice president-social, a vice president-membership/information, a vice president-service and support, and such other officers as the board deems appropriate.

**(3) Committees.** The Association will have the following standing committees:

**Social and Reunion Committee**

**Membership and Information Committee**

**Service and Support Committee**

**Staff Scholarship Selection Committee**

Each of the above committees will be chaired by the vice president responsible for the particular committee's activities. Chairs shall be responsible for recruiting committee members from among the SCAA membership. The board of directors may establish such other committees and appoint committee chairs as it deems appropriate.

**ARTICLE 11: BYLAWS**

Bylaws for the SCAA may be adopted and amended by a majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the members or by a majority vote of the board of directors.

**ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

These Articles may be amended, in whole or in part, by a majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the members or by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.

**ARTICLE 13: DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the SCAA, its property shall be distributed to Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**FOUNDERS**

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ANDREW NELSON, SCAA Committee Chair

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TODD SACKMANN, 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Chair

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SCOTT DOMINO, Camping Executive

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DICK AMELSE, Reunion Committee Member

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RICK RADLOFF, Reunion Committee Member

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THAD BROCKMAN, Reunion Committee Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND FUNCTION:

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MIKE MCCARTHY, SCOUT EXECUIVE, SAMOSET COUNCIL, BSA