

#### CONSTITUTION And BYLAWS Of the

### VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (VSDAA) (Formerly Auld Lang Syne Alumni Association)

Established 1955

Staunton, Virginia 24401

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# Constitution

# ARTICLE I NAME AND MOTTO

**Section 1. —NAME—** The name of this Association shall be the Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association (VSDAA).

**Section 2. —MOTTO—**The motto of this Association shall be "*Fiat Lux -* Let there be light!"

### ARTICLE II EMBLEM

**Section 1.** The official emblem of the Association shall be an acorn shape. Outlined on the front of the acorn will be the front of the VSDB Main Building. Encircling the building outline will be scripted "The Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association" and at the bottom, "THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF." The motto "FIAT LUX" will be inscribed at the building's steps.

#### ARTICLE III OFFICIAL ORGAN

**Section 1.** The official organ of this Association shall be "**THE LITTLE ACORN**" newsletter. It shall contain news of the Association proceedings, Alumni news and noteworthy articles. It shall be printed quarterly if possible.

#### ARTICLE IV OBJECT

**Section 1.** The object of this Association shall be to preserve and increase the knowledge imparted to us at our Alma Mater; to continue to extend the good influence of the School and to perpetuate the friendships formed at the School; to promote social and fraternal relations among the deaf of our State and to assist each other and our Alma Mater in every way possible. The word - deaf is defined as people with hearing loss.

#### ARTICLE V MEMBERS MEMBERSHIP

Association membership shall be open to all persons who have shown an active or vital interest in the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind and the Alumni Association, and who have paid membership dues to the Association for the current year in such amount as may be prescribed by the Board or who have become paid life members

**Section 1.**—ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP— Any graduate or former student of the Virginia School for the Deaf at Staunton, Virginia and at Hampton, Virginia, residing either in or outside the state of Virginia may become an active member of the Association by paying the fees prescribed in ARTICLE V, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

Section 2. —ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP— "Associate Membership" is available to family members of alumni, faculty, staff of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, fans, friends, and other non-alumni who demonstrate an interest in the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind The spouse/partner of a member or applicant for membership may become an associate member of this Association upon payment of the fees prescribed in ARTICLE V, Section 2 of the Bylaws. This rule shall also apply to any person residing in Virginia or outside Virginia who did not attend VSD who desires membership in the Association. The said associates shall be entitled to all privileges but may not vote nor hold any office in this Association.

**Section 3.**—**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**— The Honorary members may be elected by a majority vote of the active members present. The term- HONORARY MEMBER shall be confined to persons either deaf or hearing who have benefited the deaf in any noteworthy way. Honorary members as specified in <u>ARTICLE V</u>, <u>Section 3 of the Bylaws</u>, shall be exempted from paying the initiation fee and annual dues. The term of honorary membership shall be effective until the time of the next regular meeting unless otherwise expressly stated.

Section 4. —LIFE MEMBERSHIP— Any active member of this Association may become a Life Member upon the payment of the dues prescribed in Bylaws Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws. This membership is non-transferable. Said Life Members are not exempted from any pertinent assessment as may be ordered by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS from time to time. **Section 5.** Graduating deaf VSDB seniors shall be granted one year's free membership, and they shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the Association.

#### ARTICLE VI OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of the Board shall be drawn from the membership of the Association and must have been Association members in good standing at the time their terms commence and must remain Association members in good standing for the duration of their terms.

**Section 1.** —**OFFICERS**— The elected officers of this Association shall be a PRESIDENT, a VICE PRESIDENT, a SECRETARY, and a TREASURER. The officers shall be elected by ballot at each regular meeting of this Association and shall serve until their successors are duly elected. Together, they serve as the Executive Committee of the Board.

**Section 2. —BOARD OF DIRECTORS**—The Board of Directors shall be constituted as follows: Four (4) elected Officers of the Association (hereafter referred to as "Officers") consist of the PRESIDENT, the VICE PRESIDENT, the SECRETARY, the TREASURER, and the PAST PRESIDENT and UP to three additional Board members who provide needed perspective, expertise or relationship with a key external entity may be appointed by the PRESIDENT with the advice and consent of the approval of the Board of Directors members. The PRESIDENT automatically is Board Chairman.

**Section 3. –ELECTION OF OFFICERS-** Elections for the Officers of the Association shall be held at the Biennial Meeting (Reunion), and terms of office shall begin immediately following the election. The Association Officers shall be elected separately by a plurality ballot vote on the last day of the Reunion meeting by the Association members in good standing present at the meeting. No mail or proxy voting shall be accepted.

**Section 4. –TERM-** The term of officers and the Board members shall be eligible to serve for four (4) years or until the next Reunion, provided the next Reunion takes place later than four years.

**A. Term during the National, State, or Local Emergency**: If there is a declaration of national, state, or local emergency, and where the use of technology becomes unavailable and holding the virtual biennial Reunion meeting cannot be held prior to the end of the even year, the officers of the Board of Directors and Board members shall

continue to serve an additional four year.

**Section 5. -Board Vacancies-** Any vacancies occurring in the Board may be filled by appointment by the President, provided that the succeeding President shall serve as a President for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor. The succeeding President shall then be eligible for election or selection for up to a full term following the expiration of the term (four (4) years) of the predecessor.

Section 6. —RESIGNATIONS— A Board of Director or officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Board, or the President of the Association. A resignation shall be effect at the time specified in the notice or, if no time be specified, upon receipt thereof. Acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Resignations must be submitted in writing to the PRESIDENT with statement of reasons therefor. Vacancies (except that of the PRESIDENT) shall be immediately filled by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS until the next election. The VICE PRESIDENT automatically becomes PRESIDENT upon resignation of the latter.

**Section 7. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE-** An Director or officer may be removed, with or without cause, or for failure to abide to the Code of Ethics, carry out their duties, or for other good and sufficient reasons by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board of Directors (not including the President), provided that in each case notice of the proposed removal shall have been given to such Director or officer in writing or by other legally permissible means at least 30 days prior to the taking of such action, and if such proposed removal shall be for cause, such notice shall include a statement of such cause.

#### ARTICLE VII TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE VSDAA (Terms of Dissolution—IRS Requirement)

**Section 1.** It is the intent of the membership that gifts and donations made to VSDAA shall be tax-exempt to the donors in accordance with requirements set forth in the Internal Revenue Code. Upon a decision of a majority of the VSDAA to discontinue operation, the surviving members of the Association shall direct the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, or an officer especially appointed for the purpose to transfer all cash, accounts and assets of the Fund, after payment of any outstanding indebtedness, to the Superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton, to be used in accordance with ARTICLE I—Object of the Constitution, supra, or to any suitable organization whose main purpose is to assist deaf persons.

In the event such a transfer shall occur, that person or those persons transferring such assets shall obtain from the Superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind or other recipient, duplicate receipts for the funds and assets delivered to her/him, one of such receipts to be filed with the District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Richmond, Virginia and the other receipt to be filed among the records of the Treasurer (see ARTICLE 1, Section 4 of the Bylaws) and the VSDAA.

# **BYLAWS**

### ARTICLE I DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at all meetings, regular, <del>or</del> special, or virtual. The President shall enforce order and strict observance of the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS. The President shall sign all orders on the treasury and appoint standing committees on various businesses of the Association. The President shall appoint substitutes to fill any vacancies in the Committees or BOARD OF DIRECTORS with the approval of the Board of the Directors. The President is ex-officio member of each committee.

**Section 2**. The **VICE PRESIDENT** shall perform the duties of the PRESIDENT in case of President's absence or when called upon to do so by the PRESIDENT. In case the PRESIDENT resigns, removes, or dies, the VICE PRESIDENT shall automatically fill the chair. The Vice President shall be chairperson of the Law Committee. The Vice President shall oversee the standing committees.

**Section 3**. The **SECRETARY** shall keep a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Association and shall do all correspondence as may be directed by the PRESIDENT and send the copy of minutes to Little Acorn Newsletter.

**Section 4.** The **TREASURER** shall be the custodian of all the funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues from the members and give receipt for same. The Treasurer shall keep a true account of all the money received or paid. The Treasurer shall not pay any expenses without the approval of the PRESIDENT at any time. The Treasurer shall acknowledge/document contributions in memory of the loved ones or for any cause.

# Section 5. The PAST PRESIDENT'S role shall be served as

guiding/counseling/advising the incoming PRESIDENT during the term of first four (4) years. If the PRESIDENT loses the election, the President automatically becomes PAST PRESIDENT. Unless the person is elected to fill in the other position such as the officers or appointing as the Board member, there will be no Past President. If the PRESIDENT is reelected, the PAST PRESIDENT shall continue as the Past President's role and shall serve for a term of one year, if the President feels as needed. The Past President shall serve as a non-voting officio member of the Board.

Section 6. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall have full charge of the business of this

Association between meetings. It shall have the power to process/update the Constitution and By-Laws upon recommendation of the full Law Committee, and change date or place, of the next scheduled convention, if necessary. It shall serve as advisory board in the hearings of members or officers who are judged in violation of this Constitution and Bylaws. The Board has the power to approve or to rescind any disciplinary recommendation.

# ARTICLE II STANDING COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The **STANDING COMMITTEES** shall consist of LAW, AUDITING, REUNION, LITTLE ACORN NEWSLETTER, CARDINAL BOOSTER FUND, HALL OF FAME and AD HOC. BASS ENDOWMENT FUND. Each COMMITTEE CHAIR except LAW shall be appointed by PRESIDENT with an approval of the Board members.

**Section 2.** The LAW COMMITTEE shall consist of 2 MEMBERS who work with VICE-PRESIDENT who is the CHAIR of COMMITTEE. Their duties are to analyze and make recommendation on changes of the CONSTITUTION and-BY-LAWS to the BOARD OF DIRECTOR and the Members during the general meeting.

**Section 3.** The **AUDITING COMMITTEE** shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the PRESIDENT, whose duty it shall be to audit the reports of the TREASURER each 6 months and report of the REUNION COMMITTEE Business Manager.

**Section 4.** The **REUNION COMMITTEE** shall consist of five (5) members in a good standing. They are appointed by the President with an approval of the Board members. The committee shall select its own Chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Any vacancy shall be filled by the President with an approval of the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term. The duty of the committee is to help prepare the reunions at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton in accordance to the Reunion Policies/Criteria.

**Section 5.** The **LITTLE ACORN NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE** shall consist of five (5) members in a good standing. They are appointed by the President with an approval of the Board members. The committee shall select its own Editor, Secretary and Business Manager. Any vacancy shall be filled by the President with an approval of the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term. The duty of the committee is to help develop the newsletters of our alma mater, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in accordance to the Little Acorn Newsletter Policies/Criteria. The committee shall meet three or four times a year.

**Section 6**. The **CARDINAL BOOSTER FUND COMMITTEE** shall consist of five (5) members in a good standing. They are appointed by the President with an approval of the Board members. The committee shall select its own Chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Any vacancy shall be filled by the President with an approval of the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term. The duty of the committee is to help the deaf sports program or athletes of our alma mater, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind and extracurricular activities in accordance to the Cardinal Booster Policies/Criteria.

**Section 7**. The **HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE** shall consist of seven (7) members. Four or five members must be Hall of Fame inductees to serve on the committee. The rest of the members (2 or 3) must be a regular or associate member of VSDAA. The committee shall meet three or four times a year. The duty of the committee is to screen and nominate selected candidates for enshrinement in accordance to the Hall of Fame Policies/Criteria. The inductees shall be awarded at a luncheon/banquet in conjunction with the VSDAA reunion or any VSDB sport event.

**Section 8**. AD HOC COMMITTEES – The Board shall have the authority to appoint one or more Ad Hoc meeting from year to year if the Board deems it necessary. The President shall appoint all members and the chairperson(s) of ad hoc committee(s) and may include Association members who are not currently on the Board.

# ARTICLE III Affiliate Organizations

Two categories of organizations are recognized by the Board: Association Affiliates and Educational Affiliates.

Section 1. Association Affiliates are organizations that represent alumni clubs, students as future alumni/alumnae, and organizations otherwise granted these classifications by the Board.

A. Association Affiliates – The following organizations are recognized as Association Affiliates:

VSDB Museum (1980)

VSDB Foundation (1999?)

The Bass Endowment Fund (1940) formerly known as Alumni Endowment Fund

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Bass Endowment (1956)

Virginia Education Fund for the Deaf (VEFD) (1964)

And any organization recognized as an Association Affiliate, in accordance with Article, III, Section 3, below.

Section 2. Educational Affiliates are organizations representing the degree granting entities of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

A. Educational Affiliates – The following Educational Affiliates are recognized:

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (1839)

And any other representatives of a degree granting entity recognized as an Education Affiliate, accordance with Article III, Section 3, below.

Section 3. Recognition of Additional Affiliate Organizations

In accordance with standards adopted by the Board from time to time, additional Association and Educational Affiliates may be recognized by the Board through petition by the prospective affiliate. Such petition must include a copy of the organization's articles, constitution and/or bylaws, if any, submitted to the President of the Alumni Association not less than sixty (60) days before the meeting of the Board at which the petition will first be considered.

The President shall distribute copies of the petition and supporting materials to each member of the Board, which can either accept or reject the petition, or seek additional information from the proposed affiliate before voting on the request. Approval of an entity as an Association Affiliate or an Educational Affiliate shall be officially recognized by inclusion in the Bylaws of the Association, without regard to the normal process for Bylaws amendment outlined in Article VIII.

Section 4. Review of Organizations; Rescission

The Board may review the status of any organization in accordance with standards adopted by the Board from time to time. The articles, constitution, and bylaws, if any, of any such organization, and any amendments thereto, shall be subject to the review and

approval of the Board, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Failure to submit such materials may constitute grounds for suspension or removal of affiliate status. Reorganization of any such organization may be rescinded upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members voting.

Deletion: The BASS ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE shall consist of five (5) members in a good standing. The terms of these shall be six years on a sliding scale of 2-4-6 years from the start. They are appointed by the President with an approval of the Board members. The committee shall select its own Chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Any vacancy shall be filled by the President with an approval of the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term. The duties and powers of the FUND Committee are: to secure each year from all available sources contributions to the FUND as unrestricted gifts; to determine from time to time the methods of solicitation and publicity calculated to secure the largest number of donors and to maintain their interest in the support of the FUND from year to year; to select and appoint agents who shall solicit contributions to the FUND in their respective districts; and to make such Bylaws and regulations as are necessary to carry out its purpose.

# ARTICLE III IV Meetings

# Section 1. REUNION: Association Meeting Dates and Times.

A. The Biennial meeting of the Association (hereafter referred to as Reunion) shall meet every two years in even years. The place and date of the meetings, either regular or special, or virtual of the Association shall be decided upon by the membership at its regular meeting or the decision may be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

B. Quorum - The quorum of fifty percent (50%) plus 1 of the Board of Directors and at least fifteen (15) members in good standing are required to hold the Biennial meeting.

**Section 2.** The order of the Biennial Business for each session of a regular session shall be:

- 1. Call to the order with an opening of Invocation
- 2. Communications
- 3. Reading of Minutes
- 4. Financial Report
- 5. Reports of Officers (Reports shall be published or posted before the official

meeting is being held.)

- Reports of Committees

   (Reports shall be published or posted before the official meeting is being held.)
- 7. Unfinished Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Election of Officers (Every 4 years)
- 10. Oath of new officers (Every 4 years)
- 11. Announcements
- 12. Adjournment with benediction

**Section 3.** Each session of the Association shall be opened with an invocation by a layperson to the deaf, if one is present, otherwise someone may be selected by the PRESIDENT.

**Section 4.** Upon election, the officers of this Association shall make the following pledge before taking office: "I WILL BE LOYAL TO OUR ASSOCIATION AND I PLEDGE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN ELECTED, SO HELP ME GOD".

**Section 5.** –Virtual Reunion Meeting During Declared Emergency- If there is a declaration of national, state, or local emergency, the Biennial Reunion, through the use of technology available, may be held virtually. During the virtual biennial meeting and election of officers, they shall be held.

# Section 6. Board Meetings

A. The Board chairperson shall have the power to call a regular, special, emergency or electronic Board meeting at such time and place as deemed necessary, to consider such business as, in his judgement, requires the Board's presence.

B. The Board meetings shall be in such as other place within the meeting.

C. The Board shall hold at least three (3) regular meetings a year, which shall be held before the end of December (14) days prior to the upcoming meeting.

D. The Regular Board meetings shall be open to the public.

E. The quorum of fifty percent (50%) plus 1 of the Board of Directors excluding the Past President in good standing are required to hold the Board meetings including the

electronic or conventional means.

F. The Executive Board meetings shall be limited to the Association officers and the Board members.

G. The Executive Sessions where circumstances warrant, i.e. when discussing the matters of sensitive, personnel, or litigious nature shall be open limited to the Association officers and the Board members.

H. The Board, standing committees, special committees, and subcommittees of the Association may conduct its business by electronic or conventional means including mail, telephone, fax, computer, telephone conference, electronic communication means or other appropriate means, provided that all members have access to the information and/debate through one or more of the means listed.

### ARTICLE IV V EXPENSES

**Section 1.** The expenses of this Association shall be: First, for postage and printed matter; Second, for rent of a hall for meetings, if necessary; and Third, for other things as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

# ARTICLE VI DUES

**Section 1.** The dues of Active Members shall be decided by the Board of Directors in accordance with cost-of-living adjustments.

**Section 2.** The dues of Associate Members shall be decided by the Board of Directors in accordance with cost-of-living adjustments.

**Section 3.** Honorary Members as specified in ARTICLE V, Section 3 of the Constitution, are exempted from paying all fees and dues.

**Section 4.** The dues for Life members shall BE DECIDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. All dues from the Life members shall be put into money market and accrued interest used for expenses listed in Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution. (Committee has a question about the term: money market.)

Section 5. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS are empowered to order an extra assessment

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of two dollars (\$2.00) and not more than five dollars (\$5.00) to be levied upon the members of record in any one year, should there exist conditions to warrant same. (Committee recommended it to be deleted.)

**Section 6.** Failure to pay dues for one year shall cause the Association to drop from its rolls any delinquent member. Said delinquent members may at any time rejoin the Association by applying as a new member and paying fees prescribed in ARTICLE V of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association.

#### ARTICLE VIII MERGER

**Section 1.** This Association shall not be merged with any other Association, except on a 3/4 vote of ALL members. A mail ballot shall be used in order to contact all members. Such mail ballots shall be opened and counted only in the presence of the full BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

#### ARTICLE VII IX Amendments

#### Section 1. Amendments

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present. Amendments must be presented to the Law Committee in writing within 90 days for consideration and proposal to the members of the Association. Any amendments recommended by the Law Committee shall be presented to the Board, for tentative passage between general meetings. Members of the Board shall not make any amendments. The revised amendments must be in writing and brought before the members of the Association for approval within 90 days prior to the general meeting.

# **Section 2. Suspension**

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These bylaws may be suspended for a specific purpose by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the general Reunion members present and voting.

# **Section 3. Editing Changes**

The Secretary is permitted to make corrections of non-substance errors in spelling, grammar, or numbering without amendments, subject to the approval of the Board.

#### ARTICLE X Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and Members; Insurance

Section 1. Indemnification - The Alumni Association shall indemnify its Directors and Officers to the maximum extent permitted by law. Without limiting the foregoing, the Alumni Association shall indemnify, to the fullest extent, authorized or permitted by law, any person, and such person's heirs and legal representatives, who is made or threatened to be a party to any action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) whether brought against, by or in the right of the Alumni Association or otherwise, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Alumni Association or such person served on any formally constituted advisory body or committee of the Alumni Association or the Board, or any such person served at the request of the Alumni Association as a trustee, shareholder, member, officer, director, employee or agent of any other corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, association, or any other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Alumni Association and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Liability Insurance - Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification provided to any person described in Section A above shall be only in excess of any valid and collectible insurance or other source of indemnification available for the benefit of such person, including, without limitation, any benefit available under any insurance of the Alumni Association, and no rights of subrogation are intended to be created hereby. Notwithstanding any limit or indemnification under applicable law, the Alumni Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person described in Section A above against any liability asserted against her or him or

incurred by her or him in any capacity or arising out of her or his status as such, whether or not the Alumni Association would otherwise have the power to indemnify under the circumstances.

# Article XII Inclusion

The Association does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all alumni, members of our staff, volunteers, and vendors.

# Article XIII Dissolution

# **Section 1. Dissolution of Assets**

A. In the event that the Association is dissolved, after payment of all debts and liabilities, remaining assets shall be distributed to the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB) for specific purposes serving to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing students as designed by the Board of Directors.

B. The Association may not be dissolved except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Alumni members present and in good standing at the meeting called for this purposed, provided notice of such meeting shall have been sent to membership thirty (30) days in advance.

C. Upon the affirmative vote of majority of the Board Directors and approval by twothirds (2/3) vote of the ALL-Active members of this Association, this Association shall be dissolved. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# **CERTIFICATE BY SECRETARY**

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association (VSDAA); that these Amended and Restated bylaws are The Bylaws of this organization as adopted by the affirmative vote of the members present at the VSDAA Business Biennial Meeting, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_ in a location of \_\_\_\_\_\_, Virginia.

**VSDAA Secretary** 

Date

[Our emblem (the acorn) is shown for the purpose of reading the lettering inscribed.] Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association The Virginia School for the Deaf

