

**WISCONSIN COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION  
AND  
WISCONSIN COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

**CONSTITUTION**

*ARTICLE I – NAME AND TYPE*

**Section 1 - Name:** The name of the Association shall be the “Wisconsin County Highway Association Inc.,” a not for profit corporation.

**Section 2 – Affiliation:** The Wisconsin County Highway Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, shall be in cooperation with the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**Section 3 – Address:** The Association’s principal office shall be located at *22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 900, Madison, WI 53703*, but meetings may be held at any other place designated by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

*ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND POLICY DETERMINATION*

**Section 1 – General:** The Association is a *not for profit corporation*, non-partisan association of county governments in the state of Wisconsin organized for the purpose of protecting and furthering the common interests of county governments in performing the governmental function of constructing and maintaining highways. The Association’s policies shall be determined by the Board of Directors and by the vote of the Member Counties of the Association at annual or special Association meetings.

**Section 2 – Specific:** The association is organized for the following purposes:

- A. To solve problems common to county governments relating to the construction and maintenance of highways.
- B. To allow the Member Counties of the Association to receive the benefits of improved service and reduced costs through cooperative efforts, such as publishing a magazine, holding Association meetings, and conducting educational and training services for county highway commissioners and committee members.
- C. To provide information to the state Legislature for the development of sound legislation affecting county highways.
- D. To promote harmonious relations between its Member Counties and other public officials and the people they represent.

- E. To create and develop county highway construction and maintenance standards and specifications that will serve the needs of modern transportation.
- F. To formulate and recommend changes in county highway policies as occasion requires to improve administration methods in carrying out the provisions of the law.
- G. To provide advice to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on administration of the state highway maintenance program consistent with the intent of Section 84.07(1), Wisconsin Statutes.
- H. To serve as the initial point of contact for a county highway department concerned with existing Wisconsin Department of Transportation policy, issues or matters of mutual concern.
- I. To represent all county highway departments for negotiation of rates and terms of state payments for county labor, equipment, materials and other costs required for maintenance of state highways consistent with the intent of Section 84.07(2), Wisconsin Statutes.
- J. To complete the annual negotiations with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on rates and terms of payments for maintenance of state highways by August 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the effective year.
- K. To encourage Individual Members to perform the duties of county government office (Commissioners and Committeemembers) in a manner that will reflect a sense of responsibility as administrative officers in the public interest and to participate in matters of civic betterment and welfare.
- L. To transact and carry on any business as may be necessary for the betterment and welfare of the Association, and to call and hold meetings at such times as may be deemed necessary to obtain the expressed opinions and judgement of its members in establishing and carrying out the policies of the Association.
- M. To enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the business and purposes stated.

**Section 3 – Cooperation with Wisconsin Counties Association:** The Association shall cooperate with the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) for the purposes of professional enrichment, information sharing and enlargement of the issue orientation of elected policy makers. The Association shall provide advice to the WCA Board of Directors in the development of WCA policy.

*ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES*

**Section 1 – County:** Any county of the state of Wisconsin which is a member of the WCA may become a Member County of the Association upon payment in full of annual dues. The Association dues shall be established by action of the Board of Directors for each ensuing year, subject to majority approval by vote of the Member Counties at the annual summer conference of the Association. Association dues shall be paid by each Member County not later than January 31 of each year.

**Section 2 – Individual:** Individual membership in the Association shall be limited to those persons who are either a highway commissioner elected or appointed under Section 83.01, Wisconsin Statutes, or a highway committeemember elected or appointed under Section 83.015, Wisconsin Statutes, in a Member County of the Association.

**Section 3- Associate Member:** Associate membership in the association shall be limited to agencies, businesses, and individuals who share an interest of our goals and missions in promoting transportation. Associate members, shall not have voting rights in any association business. Association dues shall be paid by each member not later than February 1 of each year based upon a fee schedule determined by the board of directors.

**Section 4- Executive Director:** The Executive Director shall be a non-voting member of the association. There will be no dues associated with this membership.

#### *ARTICLE IV – DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS*

**Section 1 – Divisions:** The Association shall be divided into divisions for Association purposes.

- A. Commissioners: Individual membership in the Commissioners Division shall be limited to persons holding the office of county highway commissioner or the individual serving in the comparable position as designated under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 83.
- B. Committee members: Individual membership in the Committee members Division shall be limited to those persons who are highway committee members or the individual serving in the comparable position as designated under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 83.

**Section 2 – Districts:** The State of Wisconsin shall be divided into Districts for Association purposes. The Association shall allocate each county into a district as designated by the Wisconsin County Highway Association Board of Directors, and as follows

<b><u>Northwest District</u></b>	<b><u>West Central District</u></b>	<b><u>Southwest District</u></b>	<b><u>South Central District</u></b>	<b><u>North Central District</u></b>
Ashland County	St. Croix County	LaCrosse County	Columbia County	Iron County
Bayfield County	Dunn County	Monroe County	Dodge County	Vilas County
Burnett County	Chippewa County	Juneau County	Dane County	Forest County
Barron County	Eau Claire County	Vernon County	Iowa County	Price County
Douglas County	Clark County	Crawford County	Jefferson County	Oneida County
Polk County	Pierce County	Grant County	Lafayette County	Lincoln County
Rusk County	Pepin County	Richland County	Green County	Langlade Cty.
Sawyer County	Buffalo County		Rock County	Florence Cty.
Taylor County	Trempealeau County		Sauk County	
Washburn County	Jackson County			
<b><u>Central District</u></b>	<b><u>Northeast District</u></b>	<b><u>Southeast District</u></b>		
Marathon County	Marinette County	Washington County		
Shawano County	Oconto County	Ozaukee County		
Wood County	Door County	Waukesha County		
Portage County	Kewaunee County	Milwaukee County		
Waupaca County	Outagamie County	Walworth County		
Adams County	Brown County	Racine County		
Waushara County	Winnebago County	Kenosha County		
Marquette County	Calumet County			
Green Lake	Sheboygan County			
Menominee	Fond Du Lac County			
	Manitowoc County			

**ARTICLE V – ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

**Section 1 – Funds:** The funds of the Association shall be used only for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Association incurred in carrying on the affairs of the Association. The funds may include, but are not limited to: Association dues, conference and training fees, and the sale of publications, materials and services. If any assets of the Association are to be distributed during the existence of the Association or upon its dissolution, the assets must be distributed only to Member Counties. No part of the Association’s earnings may inure to the benefit of any private interest.

**Section 2 – Depository:** The Executive Committee shall designate the depository of Association funds.

**Section 3 – Annual Report:** The Treasurer shall prepare a general written income and expense statement for the preceding year ending December 31 which shall be published and made available at the annual winter conference.

**Section 4- Annual audit:** The Treasure shall do or cause to have done an annual audit of the association funds with an independent auditor for year ending December 31 and completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year.

## *ARTICLE VI – REGULAR MEETINGS*

**Section 1 – Annual Winter Conference:** An Association regular meeting shall be held in Wisconsin in conjunction with a winter conference scheduled for that purpose during the month of January and held at the place and time approved by the Executive Committee.

**Section 2 – Annual Summer Conference:** An Association regular meeting shall be held in Wisconsin in conjunction with a summer conference scheduled for that purpose during the month of June and held at the place and time approved by the Executive Committee.

**Section 3 – Division Meetings:** Commissioner Division and Committeemembers Division regular meeting may be held in conjunction with the winter and summer conferences at the call of the presiding officer, as specified in Article X, Sections 7 and 9.

## *ARTICLE VII – SPECIAL MEETINGS*

Special meetings of the Association may be held at any time and any place within the state of Wisconsin upon call of the President of the Association or the Executive Committee or by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, and it shall be the duty of the President to call such special meetings at any time upon request in writing signed by twenty or more Individual Members. Such meetings may also be decided upon as to time and place at the regular annual meeting.

## *ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM AND VOTING RIGHTS*

**Section 1 – Quorum:** A majority of the Member Counties entitled to vote at an Association meeting shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of business. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Association unless a quorum shall be present.

**Section 2 – Voting Rights:** Each Member County shall have one vote at regular and special Association meetings of the Member Counties which shall be cast by the official representative of the county. A majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the Member Counties present in person at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted on by the Member Counties. Individual Members shall not have any voting rights at any meeting of the Member Counties.

**Section 3 – Official Representative:** The official representative of the Member County shall be the Chair of the County Highway Committee. The Chair of the County Highway Committee may designate an alternate official representative by written notice to the Secretary of the Association prior to the beginning of the meeting at which the alternate is to vote.

**Section 4 – Official Division Representatives:** The official committeemember division representative shall be the Chair of the County Highway Committee. The official commissioner division representative shall be the County Highway Commissioner. Each County Member shall be entitled to one vote at any Division meeting. Alternates may be designated by the Chair of the

county Highway Committee by written notice to the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting at which the alternate is to vote.

*ARTICLE IX – ORDER OF BUSINESS AND PROCEDURE*

**Section 1 – Order of Business:** The regular order of business for the annual and special meetings of the Association, unless directed otherwise by a majority of those present, shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by the President.
2. Roll call of Member Counties by county.
3. Minutes of last meeting.
4. Approval of the agenda.
5. Report of the Board of Directors.
6. Report of the resolutions committee.
7. New business.
8. Election of officers.

**Section 2 – Procedure:** The procedure of all meetings shall conform to Roberts’ Rules of Order. The manner of voting at regular and special meetings shall be by voice vote unless a roll call is requested.

*ARTICLE X – OFFICERS, ELECTION, DUTIES AND TERMS*

**Section 1 – Officers:** The officers of the Association shall consist of a Board of Directors Chair, Vice-Chair, Past President, *Past Chair*, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 2 – Elections:** All officers except the Treasurer shall be elected at an Association regular meeting by a majority of Member Counties. The term of office for all new officers shall commence the day following the end of the regular meeting at which they are elected. Persons elected shall remain in office throughout their term and thereafter until their successors are elected. Each officer shall be an Individual member of the Association. If any officer ceases to be a County Highway Commissioner or County Highway Committeemember, his or her office becomes vacant. All vacancies shall be filled within thirty (30) days by appointment by Executive Committee from the Board’s membership.

**Section 3 – Board of Directors Chair, Vice-Chair, and Past Chair:** These offices shall be progressive offices held by a highway committee member. The Vice-Chair shall be elected every two (2) years, the even years, at the summer regular meeting for a *six (6) year term*. After serving two (2) years, the Vice-Chair shall become the Board Chair, and after two years shall become the Past Chair.

**Section 4 – Past President, President and Secretary:** These offices shall be progressive offices held by highway commissioners. The Secretary shall be elected every two (2) years, the even years, at the winter regular meeting for a six (6) year term. After serving two (2) years, the Secretary shall become the President. After serving two (2) years as President, the President shall become Past President for a two (2) year term.

**Section 5 – Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be highway commissioner elected for a two (2) year term by the Board of Directors from Individual membership and may serve no more than three (3) full and consecutive terms as Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected at the Board's biennial organization meeting pursuant to Article XI, Section 4.B. The term of office for Treasurer shall commence on January 1 of every odd year.

**Section 6 – Terms:** Except for the office of Treasurer, and except where a person has filled a vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term by appointment of the Board of Directors, no officer shall be elected for a consecutive term.

**Section 7 – Board of Directors Chair:** The Board Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and in case of a vacancy in the office of President, or in the absence or disability of the President, perform all duties of the President until that position is filled by the Board of Directors. The Board Chair in cooperation with the President shall serve as a team in performing these duties to promote the traditional committeemember and commissioner relationship in the Association. The Board Chair shall also serve as President of the Committeemembers Division and shall preside over all meetings of that Division and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by that Division.

**Section 8 – Board Vice-Chair:** The Vice-Chair shall, in case of a vacancy in the office of Board Chair, or in the absence or disability of the Board Chair, perform all duties of the Board Chair until that position is filled by the Board of Directors. The Board Vice-Chair shall also serve as Secretary of the Committeemembers Division by preparing minutes for all Committeemembers Division meetings and conducting its correspondence. Such Committeemembers Division records and correspondence shall be forwarded to the Association Secretary.

**Section 9 – President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee, be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, sign all documents requiring the signature of the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and shall appoint committees as are established by the Constitution and Bylaws or the Board of Directors. The President may sign checks and orders. The President in cooperation with the Board Chair shall serve as a team in performing these duties to promote the traditional commissioner and committee member relationship in the Association. The President shall also serve as President of the Commissioners Division and shall preside over all meetings of the Division and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by that Division. The Past President shall aid the President in all duties to ensure a uniform transition and promote continuance of the Association issues, in addition the Past President shall be the Executive Committee representative on the conference Coordinating Committee and representative in relation to all Association Conference planning. The President shall appoint a Past President of the Association as the NACE director from Wisconsin as well

**Section 10 – Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, mail all notices required by the Constitution and Bylaws, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall from time to time prescribe. The Secretary shall keep all official records of the Association for a period of Seven (7) calendar years and shall deliver possession and/or control of such records and properties to his or her successor in office. The Secretary may appoint an Individual Member of the Association as Recording Secretary to assist in carrying out these duties. The Secretary shall also serve as Secretary of the Commissioners Division and shall assist, as needed, the Vice-Chair of the Committee members Division.

**Section 11 – Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall safely keep all monies and funds of the Association and may sign checks and orders, and shall deliver to his or successor in office, or to such other person as the Executive Committee from time to time orders or directs. All the books, funds and properties in his or her possession or under his or her control as Treasurer. The Treasurer shall exercise the responsibilities pursuant to Article V of the Constitution. The Treasurer may appoint an Individual Member of the Association as Assistant Treasurer to assist in carrying out these duties.

**Section 12 – Nominations:** The Executive Committee shall serve as the Nominating Committee for the Association Officers. The Executive Committee shall determine the candidates willingness to serve a full term prior to making the nomination. The Executive Committee shall accept recommendations in writing no later than 60 days prior to the election.

**Section 13 – Election:** The Executive Committee shall submit its nominations for Association Officers to the Board of Directors for approval by majority vote prior to the regular Association meeting. In addition to the nominations submitted to the Association, additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

- A. Vice-Chair Election: A Board of Directors Vice-Chair shall be elected for a six (6) year term as an Association Officer at the (even) year summer regular meeting.
- B. Secretary Election: A Secretary shall be elected for a six (6) year term as an Association Officer at the even year winter regular meeting.
- C. Treasurer Election: A Treasurer shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the even year Board's Winter Meeting.

#### *ARTICLE XI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

**Section 1 – Make-up and Powers:** The Association powers, objectives and business shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers of the Association and Directors from divisions and districts as specified in the Article. The Board shall consist of *no less than sixteen (16) members and no more than twenty four (24), with a balance to be achieved between the number of commissioners and committee representatives.* The Board may adopt Bylaws to implement the powers delegated to the Board by the Constitution.

**Section 2 – Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the elected officers of the Association. The President of the Association shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee. *The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee without voting rights.* The Executive Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors as may be lawfully delegated, in writing in the Bylaws, by the Board when the Board is not in session.

- A. Duties so delegated in the Bylaws shall be specified and/or reviewed from time to time as deemed necessary by the Board, but at least once every two (2) years, at the biennial organization meeting pursuant to Section 4.B of this Article.
- B. Every member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to one vote at meetings of the Executive Committee and all matters shall be decided by majority vote of the Executive Committee members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 3 – District Directors:** One (1) highway commissioner and one (1) highway committee member shall be elected to serve as a District Director by the Individual Members of each Division within a particular district, unless represented on the Board of Directors by a duly elected officer of the Association.

- A. Elections: Directors shall serve for a period of two (2) years and may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. The highway commissioner shall be elected during the Odd years and the highway committee member shall be elected during the Even years. Such election shall be held at least one month prior to the annual winter meeting of the Association and as soon after County Board Elections as the District provides, and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each Director shall serve until his or her successor is elected or appointed.
- B. Vacancy: A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall occur if a Director has three consecutive, unexcused absences from properly called and noticed meetings of the Board of Directors. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a Director’s term by means of the same process as election. In the event there is no election of a Director from a District as provided herein, the President shall appoint a Director or Directors.
- C. Each district may send an alternate director to represent the district in the event the seated director cannot be present. The alternate shall have voting rights for the district in all association business in the absence of the seated director and must notify the Executive Director or the president in advance of the meeting.

**Section 4 – Regular Meetings:** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine adequate. Notice of all meetings shall be given to all Directors.

- A. Regular Association Meetings: The Board of Directors may hold meetings preceding the regular winter and summer meetings of the Association pursuant to Article VI.
- B. Biennial Organization Meeting: An organization meeting of the Board of Directors should be held at least once every two (2) years, the even years, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled during the month of August. The purpose of this meeting shall be to review the Bylaws, evaluate the committee structure, elect the Treasurer and conduct other business.

**Section 5 – Special Meetings:** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time by notice to all Directors indicating the place and subject matter of the meeting. A special meeting may also be called by written notice signed by a majority of the Board of Directors, which is mailed to each member of the Board indicating the time, place and subject matter of the meeting. The written notice signed by a majority of the Board of Directors must be given not less than seven (7) days prior to the special meeting.

**Section 6 – Quorum:** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

*ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS*

**Section 1 – Committees:** The Board of Directors shall appoint steering and other committees as deemed necessary or useful to the conduct of Association business. Such committees shall be created and operate in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors. In addition, the Board of Directors may, by resolution, appoint special committees as deemed necessary or useful to the conduct of Association business.

**Section 2 – District Committees:** The Association encourages district committees for purposes of professional enrichment, information sharing and enlargement of the issue orientation of commissioners and committeemembers. District committees shall provide advice to the Board of Directors in the development of policy and shall support only those positions consistent with Board of Directors policies. Such Committees shall be created and operate in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 – Standing Committees:** Association standing committees shall serve the Association in program areas of continuous concern to county highway departments. The following standing committees shall be created and operate in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors.

- A. Machinery Management

- B. Bridge
- C. Legislative
- D. Audit
- E. Conference Coordinating
- F. Utility
- G. Public Relations
- H. Safety & Training
- I. Technical Advisory

**Section 4 – Department of Transportation Committees:** The Association encourages participation in Department of Transportation committees and in particular advisory committees for cooperative management of the state highway maintenance program which correspond to Association committees. Such committees shall be created and operate in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors.

*ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION*

**Section 1 – Proposed Amendments:** Amendments may be proposed by a Member County or by the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the President 60 days prior to a regular winter or summer meeting of the Association at which such amendments are to be considered. Amendments shall be referred to the Board of Directors which shall hold an announced meeting to review, discuss and make its recommendation to the Association.

The Secretary shall publish and mail (a) an amendment notice, (b) the proposed amendments and (c) the Board’s recommendation to each Individual Member in the commissioner Division at least 30 days prior to the Association meeting at which the amendments are to be considered.

**Section 2 – Amendment Approvals:** The Constitution may be amended at any regular winter or summer meeting of the Association upon a majority vote of the Member Counties present and voting, but no such amendment shall be voted upon unless prior notice stating the contents of the amendment and the Board’s recommendation has been mailed to each Individual Member in the commissioner Division pursuant to Section 1 of this Article.

*ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION*

The Association may be dissolved by a majority vote of the Member Counties present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Association at which a quorum is present. Upon dissolution of the Association, any excess funds shall be distributed to the Member Counties as determined by the Board of Directors.

#### *ARTICLE XV – EFFECTIVE DATE*

This Constitution shall take effect the day following its adoption and shall act to supersede and repeal the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wisconsin County Highway Commissioner and Committee members Association in effect at that time.

This restated Constitution was adopted January 25, 2006 at the WCHA Winter Conference.

This restated Constitution was adopted at the June 13, 2007 WCHA Business Meeting, at the WCHA Summer Conference.

## **WCHA Bylaws Amended March 2006**

#### *ARTICLE I – ASSOCIATION BYLAWS*

**Section 1 Authority:** The Board of Directors may adopt Bylaws to implement the powers delegated to the Board pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution.

**Section 2 – Bylaw Amendments:** The Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present upon a majority vote of the Directors present and voting.

**Section 3 – Biennial Organization Meeting:** The Bylaws shall be reviewed from time to time as deemed necessary of the Board of Directors, but at least once every two (2) years, at the biennial organization meeting pursuant to Article XI, Section 4.B of the Constitution.

#### *ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Authority:** The Executive Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors as may be lawfully delegated, in writing in the Bylaws, by the Board when the Board is not in session pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the Constitution.

*ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES*

**Section 1 – Authority:** The Board of Directors may create committees as deemed necessary or useful to the conduct of Association business in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution.

**Section 2 – Authority:** The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, may create steering committees as deemed necessary or useful to the conduct of Association business in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution.

*ARTICLE IV – DISTRICT COMMITTEES*

**Section 1 – Authority:** The Board of Directors may create district committees in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board pursuant to Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

**Section 2 – Membership:** All Individual Members within a particular district, as defined in Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution, shall be members of a district committee. The District Committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. The agenda and minutes for all committee meetings shall be forwarded to the Association Secretary.

*ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES*

**Section 1 – Authority:** The Board of Directors may create standing committees in accordance with Bylaws adopted by the Board pursuant to Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution.

**Section 2 – General:** Each standing committee of the Association shall operate under Bylaws created for that purpose and may create operating guidelines subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The agenda and minutes for all standing committee meetings shall be forwarded to the Administrative Coordinator for the association. All minutes for each standing be forwarded to the administrative coordinator to more than 10 day following the meeting. The standing committees shall operate pursuant to the following Articles:

**Section 3 – Committee Membership:** All standing committees of the board as identified in article V shall allow for alternatives to attend and note in place of the appointed committee member the alternate shall be a commissioner from the same district and selected by the appointed member or the district. The chairman of the committee shall be notified of an alternate participation prior to the meeting.

- VI. Machinery Management
- VII. Bridge
- VIII. Legislative
- IX. Audit
- X. Conference Coordinating
- XI. Utility
- XII. Public Relations
- XIII. Safety & Training
- XIV. Technical Advisory Committee

*ARTICLE VI – MACHINERY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Committee Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of sixteen (16) members. One (1) highway commissioner and an appropriate staff member shall be elected to serve on the committee by the Individual Members within a particular district. The committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. Subcommittee members may be committee members or volunteer members of the Association. The agenda and minutes for all committee meetings shall be forwarded to the Association Secretary.

**Section 2 – Elections:** Members of this committee shall serve for a period of four (4) years and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the extent of their 4 year term shall be replaced each year by district elections held at least one month prior to the regular winter meeting of the Association and the Term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each Member of this committee shall serve until their successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a Member’s term by district election. In the event there is no district

election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee after consultation with the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall continuously study county highway department machinery management policy and related matters including machinery rates,. Terms of state payments for county labor, equipment, materials and other costs required for maintenance of state highways.

- A. This committee shall represent the county highway departments in negotiating the rates and terms of state payments for county equipment, labor and materials used in performing maintenance on state highways.
- B. This committee shall be recommended by the Executive Committee to serve on the Department of Transportation’s Machinery Management Committee established under Maintenance Manual, POLICY 3.21. The state’s committee shall be advisory to the State Maintenance Engineer for Highways on machinery management subjects and issues.
- C. In representing county highway departments, members of this committee are expected to work for the best interests of the counties in general, as may be recommended to them by Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors.
- D. The committee shall report to the Board of Directors (a) for advice on areas and subjects for study and (b) to obtain approval for any policy change.
- E. The committee shall develop an annual “machinery agreement” in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, including machinery rates and terms of state payments, to be approved by the Board of Directors before August 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the effective year.

*ARTICLE VII – BRIDGE COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. One (1) highway commissioner shall be elected to serve on the committee by the Individual Members within a particular district. The committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. Subcommittee members may be committee members or volunteer members of the Association.

**Section 2 – Elections:** Members of this committee shall serve for a period of four (4) years and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the extent of their 4 year term shall be replaced each year by district elections held at least one month prior to the regular winter meeting of the Association and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each member of this committee shall serve until their successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a Member’s term by district election. In the event there is no district

election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee after consultation with the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall continuously study bridge inspection, maintenance and repair policy and related matters.

- A. This committee shall review federal and state policy and procedures regarding maintenance, construction and inspection of bridges in the state.
- B. This committee shall also address any issue or subject related to bridges in Wisconsin, including Section 84.17, Wisconsin Statutes, (“Bridge Inspection and Inventory”), and Trans 211, Wisconsin Administrative Code, created to interpret and implement s.84.17(3), Statutes, and to provide standards for the continuing inspection of bridges in the state.
- C. This committee shall assist County Highway Commissioners in becoming fully aware of all bridges within his county and state and federal policies. Committee members shall report back to each district regarding bridge laws and regulations.
- D. This committee shall be recommended by the Executive Committee to serve on the Department of Transportation’s Bridge Committee established under Maintenance Manual, POLICY 3.23. The state’s committee shall be advisory to the State Maintenance Engineer for Highways on the formulation of policy and procedures for the continuing inspection of bridges in the state and also may address any issue of subject related to bridges in Wisconsin.
- E. In representing county highway departments, members of this committee are expected to work for the best interests of the counties in general, as may be recommended to them by Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors.
- F. The committee shall report to the Board of Directors (a) for advice on areas and subjects for study and (b) to obtain approval for any policy change.

*ARTICLE VIII – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 - Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. The Secretary of the Association shall serve as Chair and represent their district. One (1) highway commissioner shall be elected to serve on the committee by the individual members within a particular district. The committee shall meet on call of the Chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. Subcommittee members may be committee members or volunteers of the Association, including County Board members.

**Section 2 - Elections:** Members of this committee shall serve for a period of four (4) years and

may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the longest term shall be replaced each year by district elections held at least one month prior to the regular winter meeting of the Association and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each member of this committee shall serve until their successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the Member's term by district election. In event there is no district election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall continuously review and recommend actions to be taken by the board of Directors, Association members and the WCA on proposed federal and state laws, rules, policy and special issues affecting county highway departments. This committee shall also review and recommend actions to be taken on all resolutions for adoption by this Association.

- A. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors and WCA on what course of action should be taken on any legislation dealing with county highway departments.
- B. The WCA shall provide the committee with copies of all proposed legislation affecting Association members and WCA analyses and position papers when available.
- C. The Committee shall review all proposed federal and state laws, codes and rules, policies and manual documents; then analyze the pros and cons of each issue; make recommendation to the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and WCA so that an Association policy position can be approved and member county highway departments can participate in the policy approval process with a unified position.
- D. The committee shall cooperatively work with the risk management staff of the county owned mutual insurance corporation to review lawsuits and questions of legality as they pertain to county highway departments.
- E. The committee shall address common problems of county highway departments with the shared use of highway right of way issues. The committee shall formulate model solutions as appropriate so that all members may benefit from the resultant Association policy position.
- F. The committee shall address common problems and alternatives of county highway departments with personnel and union issues. The committee shall formulate model solutions as appropriate so that all members may benefit from the resultant Association policy position.
- G. The committee shall address common contractual problems and alternatives of county highway departments with private enterprise issues. The committee shall formulate model solutions as appropriate so that all members may benefit from the resultant Association policy position.
- H. The committee shall be willing to attend all meetings pertaining to any of the above subjects as requested by the Board of Directors or the WCA Executive Committee.

- I. In representing county highway departments, members of this committee are expected to work for the best interests of the counties in general, as may be recommended to them Executive committee, the Board of Directors and the WCA.
- J. The committee shall receive report to the Board of Directors (a) for advice on areas and subjects for study and (b) to obtain approval for any policy recommendation and/or change.
- K. The committee shall receive all resolutions proposed by members of the Association at least four (4) weeks prior to the date set for the regular meetings established under Article VI of the Constitution.
- L. The committee shall hold resolutions received after the time limit set above until the following annual meeting unless the Board of Directors approves action at an earlier date.
- M. The committee shall review all resolutions submitted and prepare recommendations for (1) amendments to improve clarity or correct errors within the resolution; and (b) adoption or rejection of the resolution.
- N. The Chair shall coordinate receipt of resolutions and distribution to committee members, the Executive Committee and the WCA.
- O. The Chair of this committee shall direct the Chair of the Conference Coordinating Committee to print 500 copies of each resolution and distribute the copies to members attending the summer and winter regular meetings of the Association.
- P. The Committee shall assist in monitoring pending and new legislation that may effect Counties by utilizing written media as well as internet media.
- Q. The committee shall work with the WCA liaison on issues relating to the Association.

#### *ARTICLE IX – AUDIT COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall consist of two (2) members; (a) the Board Chair and (b) a committeemember on the Board of Directors. The committee shall meet on cal of the Board Chair. The Treasurer may call special meetings.

**Section 2 – Appointments:** The committeemember shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the Board of Directors at their meeting held during the summer highway conference.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** At the winter and summer conferences, this committee shall audit the Treasurer’s financial records of the Association for the preceding six (6) months. The committee should review the general written income and expense statement for the preceding year ending December 31 to be published and made available at the annual winter and summer conferences. The committee may provide advice to the Treasurer.

*ARTICLE X – CONFERENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. The commissioner from the county hosting the next scheduled highway conference shall chair the committee. Additional membership shall consist of the commissioner from the Member County which hosted the conferences and the commissioners from the Member County which is scheduled to host the conference immediately following the next. In addition, members of the committee shall consist of three (3) commissioners and two (2) committee members appointed by the Board of Directors. The committee shall meet on call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. Subcommittee members may be committee members or other members of the Association.

**Section 2 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall assist the host county with planning the Association’s annual winter and summer conference(s) as authorized under Article VI of the Constitution.

- A. The committee shall provide assistance in establishing the agenda and obtaining speakers.
- B. The committee shall provide other assistance to the host county may request.
- C. The host county, at the direction of the Conference Coordinating Committee, shall print 500 copies of each resolution and distribute the copies to members attending the summer and winter regular meetings of the Association.
- D. In representing county highway departments, members of this committee are expected to work for the best interests of the counties in general, as may be recommended to them by Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors.
- E. The committee shall report to the Board of Directors (a) for advice on areas and subjects for study and (b) to obtain approval for any policy change.

*ARTICLE XI – UTILITY COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. One commissioner shall be elected to serve on the committee by the Individual Members within each district. The committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on the call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. Subcommittee members may be committee members or other members of the Association.

**Section 2 – Elections:** Members shall serve for a period of four (4) years and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the extent of their 4 year term shall be replaced each year by the District elections held at least one month before the regular Winter Conference of the Association and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each member of this committee shall serve until a successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a member’s term by District election. In the event there is no District election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee after consultation with the Board of Directors

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall continuously study ongoing issues and concerns regarding utilities and county trunk highway rights-of-way.

- A. This committee shall review all applicable federal, state and local policies or procedures regarding utility accommodation.
- B. The committee will work with the utility companies to develop recommended model policies and procedures regarding utility accommodation.
- C. This committee shall continue to monitor and assist in resolution if issues, conflicts or concerns regarding utility installation on county trunk highway rights-to-way.

*ARTICLE XII – PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. One commissioner shall be elected to serve on the committee by the Individual Members within each district. The committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on the call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees to study specific subjects. Subcommittee members may be committee members or other members of the Association.

**Section 2 – Elections:** Members shall serve for a period of four (4) years and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the extend of their 4 year term shall be replaced each year by the District elections held at least one month before the regular Winter Conference of the Association and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each member of this committee shall serve until a successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a member’s term by District election. In the event there is no District election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee after consultation with the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall continuously work to provide as much information to the public, legislature, local units of government and the public in general, relative to county highway operations, policies and procedures.

- A. This committee shall work to highlight, to the public and legislature, specific projects accomplished under various funding programs.
- B. This committee shall provide information to the public regarding county highway maintenance operations, inclusive of winter maintenance and snow removal operations, along with general maintenance procedures.
- C. This committee shall work with the Department of Transportation Public Relations committee to identify uniform and comparable items in association with the Department of Transportation.

*ARTICLE XIII – SAFETY & TRAINING COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. One commissioner shall be elected to serve on the committee by the Individual Members of each district. The committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on the call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees or other members of the Association.

**Section 2 – Elections:** Members shall serve for a period of four (4) years and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the extend of their 4 year term shall be replaced each year by the District elections held at least one month before the regular Winter Conference of the Association and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each member of this committee shall serve until a successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a member’s term by District election. In the event there is no District election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee after consultation with the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall study ongoing safety related items regarding county highway operations.

- A. This committee shall study and recommend to the Association various items, which will ensure both safe operations and safety to the traveling public.
- B. This committee shall continually monitor all county highway department concerns and address safety related concerns on a regular basis.
- C. This committee shall meet at least once annually with the WCHA Training Committee to discuss the scope of ongoing topics of mutual concern, and shall

determine which committee shall take the lead on specific topic areas there overlap scope and purpose have been identified.

- D. This committee shall continually monitor all county highway department concerns and address training related concerns on a regular basis.
- E. This committee shall study and determine all necessary training requirements for county highway departments.
- F. This committee shall advise to the Association the necessary and required training for county highway employees.
- G. This committee shall prepare an outline and advisory method, by which county highway departments can obtain the necessary training required.
- H. This committee shall meet at least once annually with the WCHA Safety Committee to discuss the scope of ongoing topics of mutual concern, and shall determine which committee shall take the lead on specific areas there overlap of scope and purpose have been identified.

#### *ARTICLE XIV – TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

**Section 1 – Membership:** This standing committee of the Association shall be comprised of eight (8) members. One commissioner shall be elected to serve on the committee by the Individual Members of each district. The committee shall elect its own officers. The committee shall meet on the call of the chair. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum at each meeting. The committee may appoint subcommittees or other members of the Association.

**Section 2 – Elections:** Members shall serve for a period of four (4) years and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The two (2) members having served the extend of their 4 year term shall be replaced each year by the District elections held at least one month before the regular Winter Conference of the Association and the term shall take effect immediately upon election. Each member of this committee shall serve until a successor is elected or appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of a member’s term by District election. In the event there is no District election, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member of the committee after consultation with the Board of Directors.

**Section 3 – Purpose and Scope:** This committee shall provide the Association and its various committees and sub committees with technical advice and recommendations as it pertains to Association issues.

- A. This committee shall review federal and state policy, procedures and manuals regarding planning, design, construction, construction inspection, real estate, environmental and other related items pertaining to Association interest.
- B. This committee shall review all proposed federal and state laws, codes and rules, policies and manual documents; then analyze the pros and cons of each issue; make

recommendations and provide technical advice to the appropriate committees, subcommittees, Executive committee and/or Board of Directors.

- C. The committee shall address common engineering problems and technical problems of county highway departments, provide alternative solutions and make recommendations for improvements.
- D. This committee shall work with WisDOT stakeholders of the various chapters of the Facilities Development Manual (FDM) as chapters are being revised and changed, representing the interests of the Association.
- E. In representing county highway departments, members of this committee are expected to work for the best interest of the counties in general, as may be recommended to them by other committees, the Executive Committee or by the Board of Directors.
- F. The committee shall work with a WisDOT liaison/s on issues relating to the Association.

#### *ARTICLE XV – EFFECTIVE DATE*

The amended bylaws shall take effect the day following their adoption and shall act to supersede and repeal the current Bylaws of the Wisconsin County Highway Association in effect at that time.

These amended Bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors on March 20, 2006 at the regulatory scheduled meeting of the WCHA Board of Directors.