

Alabama Adoption Coalition, Inc.

By-Laws

I. Name

The name of the association shall be: Alabama Adoption Coalition, Inc.

II. Purpose

The specific purposes for which this association is organized are:
To provide a forum where adoption professionals of licensed child-placing agencies in Alabama can come together as a goal-oriented and united group to accomplish the following:

1. To promote, educate, and advocate adoption as a positive option;
2. To promote best practice adoption standards;
3. To monitor and provide information to our members and the general public on all issues related to adoption; and
4. To influence and collaborate with the legislative process.

III. Membership of the Coalition

Membership of the coalition shall be extended to staff of all licensed child-placing agencies in the State of Alabama. Each agency in good standing shall be allotted one vote per child-placing agency license. Membership dues of \$50 for each child-placing license of an agency will be due annually and are non-refundable. Meetings are open to advocates of adoption.

Meetings will be held at least twice annually at locations across the state. Should a member agency miss 3 consecutive meetings, membership shall be terminated, unless good cause is shown. Committee attendance is considered participation.

IV. Officers of the Coalition

The Officers of the Coalition shall be elected by simple majority vote for a 2 year term and shall include:

The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible to these by-laws.

The Vice President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during the absence of the President or at his/her delegation.

The Secretary shall preserve for the record accurate minutes of the proceedings of such meetings.

The Treasurer shall have the powers and duties usually associated with such office. The President and Treasurer shall co-sign checks.

Either the President or Vice President in addition to one other officer must be present in order for final decisions to be made at Coalition meetings.

V. Committees

Executive
Membership
Legislation
Conference/Education/Projects
Standards and Practice

All Coalition members are expected to serve on at least one committee or subcommittee. Tenure is for one year and subject to reappointment by the President.

VI. Income and Assets of the Coalition

No act or thing done hereunder shall confer any benefit upon any member, or officer of this coalition or other private individual, either directly or indirectly, and in no event shall the net earnings, income or assets of this coalition be distributed or inure to the benefit of any member or officer of this coalition. In the event the Alabama Adoption Coalition decides in its discretion to dissolve this coalition, its assets remaining after payment or provision of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to another non-profit entity by majority vote.

VII. Miscellaneous

These by-laws shall be reviewed annually.

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