# BY-LAWS FOR THE ENWICC

# (REVISED May 2018)

### ARTICLE I

<u>NAME:</u> The name of the Association shall be THE EASTERN NEBRASKA, WESTERN IOWA CAR COUNCIL (ENWICC). Short title of and all references made to "CAR COUNCIL" or "THE COUNCIL" or "COUNCIL" shall have the same effect and meaning as the full name of the organization stated above. The area of interest and influence of the ENWICC is hereby extended to encompass the eastern portion of Nebraska and the western portion of Iowa and the northwestern portion of Missouri, by, through, which, and within automotive groups of the same type in other sections or regions of the state may petition for affiliation or membership. This organization shall be strictly non-profit in nature and will operate in the states of Nebraska, lowa and Missouri. Funds necessary for its function and operating expenses shall be levied on member clubs as noted below.

### ARTICLE II

**PURPOSE:** The purposes of the ENWICC shall be those enumerated below:

- 1. To serve all member clubs and their individual members in a spirit of cooperation and fraternity and to provide the joint and several interests of the old car and special interest motor vehicles community. To promote good fellowship, pride of ownership in collectible cars, family fun, and enjoyment through participation in events and tours.
- 2. To encourage the acquisition, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of collectible old and special interest automobiles.
- 3. To serve as a clearinghouse for historical and technical information beneficial to and required by member clubs.
- 4. To support sound and protective legislation and regulatory actions and to defend vigorously the rights and privileges of the old car and the special interest auto hobbies to use of public highways, byways, streets; to protect and assure sound licensing provisions in state laws and local ordinances; to preserve the special interest car (tomorrow's antique and classic) from premature destruction and ill-advised disposal; to counter adverse legislative action proposed at the state level and regulatory moves of counties and cities in Nebraska, lowa and Missouri.
- 5. To publicize our hobby; to bring favorable public reaction to bear upon the hobby; and to make legislative authorities and the general public aware of the existence of the hobby and the intrinsic value of preserving a part of automotive history.
- 6. To perform such other promotional and community service programs as will reflect to the credit and success of the automotive hobby.

### ARTICLE III

**MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**: Membership in the ENWICC shall be open to every recognized, nationally sponsored, or local non-profit club operating within the states of Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

Membership shall be accorded antique, classic, vintage, special interest, limited production, discontinued production (i.e. orphan), and other collectible car clubs and/or societies.

- 1. Classification of Membership: There are two classifications of membership:
  - A. ACTIVE Active member clubs have two appointed voting representatives on the Council and are counted in all guorum counts.
  - B. ASSOCIATE An unaffiliated individual may join the Council by exhibiting an interest in the collective objectives of the Council. Such a member, however, will have no vote in Council matters nor will he/she be counted as part of a quorum.

## 2. Application for Membership:

- A. Clubs applying for membership in the ENWICC shall be functioning organizations with elected officers and holding scheduled meetings. The names of the present officers and the meeting time and place shall be submitted to the ENWICC Secretary. Club rosters shall not be submitted.
- B. Interested individuals may apply in person by outlining the nature of their interest in the purposes of the Council.
- 3. Acceptance of Membership: Acceptance of Active and/or Associate Members will be after deliberation by the Council and by the vote of members present at a regular ENWICC monthly meeting. Acceptance will be completed with the payment of dues.
- 4. Membership Dues: Dues are 25 cents per member per year for each club, with a minimum of a \$10.00 charge, and a maximum \$150.00 charge for each club. Associate membership dues are \$5.00 per year. These amounts are due on October 1st. Dues are delinquent December 31st each year. Renewal dues are also 25 cents per member, with a minimum of a \$10.00 charge and a maximum \$150.00 charge for each club, based on the club's October 1st membership roster. Associate renewals are \$5.00 per year.
- 5. Club Representatives: Each member club will appoint, nominate, or elect two of its members to serve as its official representatives to the ENWICC. Alternative representatives may be designated to serve in the absence of the representative.

### **ARTICLE IV**

<u>OFFICERS</u>: The officers of the Council shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, selected from the membership of the member clubs of the Council. The officers will be selected on a calendar-year basis at an election to be held during the March Council meeting. Officers will be installed and will assume their respective duties at the April meeting.

Past presidents and three members elected at the regular election meeting shall serve as an advisory board to aid present officers. The advisory board will serve as (but not limited to) a grievance committee, as an impeachment court, and as a nominating committee to facilitate elections.

1. Duties of Officers: The duties of Officers shall be those usually recognized and considered incident to the Office.

The President shall conduct each regular and special meeting of the Council, shall maintain order, and serve as public spokesman for the Council.

The Vice President shall serve in the absence of and in the place of the President and shall have responsibility for communicating with member club officials and for maintaining the Council calendar.

The Secretary shall record, maintain, and report the official minutes of meetings, reproduce and distribute these minutes to member clubs if deemed necessary, and shall handle all necessary correspondence with the public and the member clubs. The Secretary shall be custodian of official Council records.

The Treasurer shall collect dues and assessments and make disbursements for essential and approved Council needs. He or she will select a bank for the deposit of Council funds and will maintain books and records of account to reflect all monetary transactions. The accounts will be subject to a year-end audit by a competent disinterested member or audit committee appointed by the President.

- 2. Term of Office: The term of office for Officers shall be one calendar year. Officers may be reelected. Each candidate for an office must express a willingness to serve before their name
  may be placed in nomination for an office. Nominations for office may be made by any
  representative of a member club in good standing at the February Council meeting either in
  writing or from the floor. Nominations for office will be seconded by another club representative.
  In the event no member chooses to run for an office, the Advisory Board will serve as a
  nominating committee to obtain candidates and will place said candidates in nomination at the
  March meeting. Before balloting at the March meeting, the floor will be opened for further
  nominations.
- 3. Removal or Resignation of Officers: Any incumbent officer may be removed from office for malfeasance on charges brought by the Advisory Board for failure to perform his duties well and properly as provided above. The officer charged with malfeasance or non-performance of duty will have the right of appeal and a hearing on the charges made, a presentation of facts, and to legal counsel engaged by and paid for by him/her, if desired. Any officer of the Council may resign his office and surrender his responsibility as an officer at any time by providing the President and the Secretary with written notice of such resignation thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of resignation. The vacancy so created shall be filled by appointment by the President or general election by the representatives of the member clubs.

## **ARTICLE V**

**PROCEDURES:** The following procedures and policies will be followed:

- 1. Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. Changes may be made with the approval of the Council at a preceding meeting. Meetings shall alternate between Lincoln and Omaha sites, with Omaha meetings on even months.
- 2. Robert's Rules of Order will govern conduct of business meetings of the Council. Should the presiding officer wish to make a partisan position on any given subject, it will be incumbent upon him to step down, appointing a temporary successor pro-tern to succeed him and manage the meeting while he is on the floor.

- 3. Votes may be by a roll-call vote, either oral or by ballot, at the discretion of the President. Any member club, in good standing, may call for a roll-call vote based on the sign-in sheet.
- 4. Specific items of day-to-day business will be enacted by a majority vote of members present.
- 5. Specific items of day-to-day business of the Council may be carried out by a committee if so voted at a normal business meeting. Said committees are to report their actions or findings at the first practical opportunity at a general business meeting.
- 6. A written guideline known as a General Operating Procedure may be used to direct the conduct of repetitive items of day-to-day Council business. Said General Operating Procedures may be enacted, amended, or deleted by a majority vote of members present at a general business meeting.
- 7. A copy of the By-Laws will be sent to each member club and will be given to each membership classification at time of joining the Council. A copy of the By-Laws and any written General Operating Procedure will be available at each meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI**

<u>PERSONAL LIABILITY</u>: All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having a claim against the Council or any of its officers for any valid performance or proper commitment shall look only to the funds and/or property possessed by the Council for payment of any debt, damage or damages, judgment or judgments, decree or decrees, or any monies which may otherwise become due and payable from the Treasury of the Council or from its Officers, acting in good faith and honor, so that neither Council Officers, member club representatives of the Council, present and future, shall be personally, jointly, or severally liable therefore.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

**AMENDMENTS:** Amendments to the foregoing By-Laws of the Council may be proposed by the representative of any member club in good standing for consideration and discussion. An amendment will be adopted only with the concurrence of a majority affirmative vote of member clubs present at the meeting. The amendment must be published in the next minutes and must be voted on the second month after publication. Each club will have two votes and may vote by means of its Council representatives or by mail ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

<u>CONSTITUTION</u>: The use and operation of these By-Laws for governing the Car Council is considered to be sufficient government and direction as to obviate the need for a collateral constitution. Hence, with the adoption of these By-Laws, there is no constitution for the Council.

### **ARTICLE IX**

<u>DISSOLUTION</u>: In the event of dissolution of the Council, the Council's assets shall be distributed equally to the non-profit member clubs remaining in the Council at the time of the dissolution.