

## **I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

- A. The name of this organization is "Show Me Region LCCI" (hereinafter referred to as "the Region") effective September 21, 2017, based on a vote of the membership. The name honors the State of Missouri, which is referred to as The "Show Me State". Our purpose is the enjoyment of and exchange of information about collectible and special interest motor vehicles, combined with social fellowship by gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender persons & their allies interested in such vehicles. Ownership of a Collectible or special interest motor vehicle is NOT required for membership.

## **II. CONSTITUTION**

- A. The Region shall use as its Constitution that of our parent organization, the Lambda Car Club International, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "International Organization").

## **III. MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Any person 18 years of age or older who subscribes to the Club purpose, completes an appropriate application, and pays the annual dues for Full Membership becomes a Full Member.
- B. All Members of the Region shall maintain concurrent membership in the International Organization.
- C. Members shall maintain liability insurance coverage on all vehicles driven on Region events. If requested, Members must be able to supply proof of coverage.
- D. Voting: For all matters requiring a vote of the membership, members in good standing shall be entitled to vote. Associate members are also entitled to vote; however, the general and associate members shall each have one vote and may not cast the vote of the other. In order to vote, members must be present at the meeting during which the vote is cast. Members who cannot attend the meeting in person may participate/vote in real time via telephone, skype or equivalent live electronic means. Proxy votes will not be permitted.
- E. Members in good standing may vote to elect Directors at the Annual Electoral Meeting and are entitled to run for office, except that Members who are spouses, partners or companions of each other may not serve as Directors during the same year unless authorized by vote of the membership
- F. Members may bring guests to Region events. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests. Individual guests will be welcome to attend up to two (2) club sanctioned events before they will be asked to apply for membership to LCCI.
- G. Associate Membership is available to spouses, partners or companions of Members in good standing, provided they are 18 years of age or older, are named in the Member's membership application, and pay the annual dues for Associate Membership. Associate Members have full

voting rights but do not receive separate mailings. Associate Members may become Full Members at any time by payment of additional dues, as set by the Board of Directors.

- H. The Membership Year runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
- I. Any community within the Region that has four or more Members of the Region living in the area may have a Coordinator appointed by the Board of Directors. This Coordinator will be the focal point for communication between the Board and the local membership and will be responsible for leading activities of the Region that are planned in that area, unless other persons are appointed by the Board to be responsible for specific projects and/or activities.
- J. The Board of Directors may, by majority vote of the entire Board, propose the expulsion of any Member for conduct harmful to the Region or to the reputation of the Region. Such expulsion will become effective only upon ratification by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the next business meeting.

#### **IV. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

- A. All Members of the Region shall pay annual membership dues (Region and International) to remain in good standing for the current Membership Year.
- B. For their dues, Members shall have access to the Membership Directory via the International Website; communications via the Region and International websites; communications via email; and are entitled to participate in all Region events and to attend all Region meetings. Certain events may require additional fees.
- C. New Members shall pay the full amount for dues in the International Organization and Region regardless of what time of year they join. New Members that join between October 1 and December 31 shall be considered in good standing through the end of following Membership Year.
- D. Current Members shall be expected to renew both their International Organization and Region dues through the International Organization website by March 31 of each year. Those failing to do so will be dropped from the membership rolls.
- E. Region membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be reviewed annually to ensure that those dues are sufficient to cover the budgeted expenses of the chapter.
- F. Members may choose to participate in as many Regional chapters as they wish, provided that they pay each additional Region's annual dues.

#### **V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The Region is governed by its Board of Directors (the Board), who double as the Officers of the Region. The term Director and Officer are used interchangeably in this document. The Board shall have primary responsibility for carrying on the business of the Region and shall exercise all the normal and customary authority accorded to a Board of Directors.



- B. At the Annual Electoral Meeting in December of each year, the Members of the Region shall install 5 Region Officers for a term of office that runs in the following year from January 1 to December 31.
- C. The Regional Chapter and the Region Board of Directors shall be provided liability coverage through the LCCI National Liability Policy, including Directors and Officers Liability insurance coverage.
- D. Terms of office:
  - i. Term of office for Region Officers is one year.
  - ii. Board Directors may serve up to a maximum of four consecutive years, regardless of position. Board Directors who wish to serve again may do so, following a one-year absence from the Board.
  - iii. At the conclusion of a Board Director's 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term, should there be no opposition for that Director's position, that Director may run for a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive term, provided that the Director is elected by majority vote of those members present at the electoral meeting.
- E. Any Member in good standing is eligible for election to the Board, except as governed by the restriction outlined in Section III.D.
- F. Nominations may be made in the following ways:
  - i. Any Member in good standing may nominate another Member at the Region's November meeting.
  - ii. Any Member in good standing may self-nominate at the November meeting.
- G. Board Officers may be removed for good cause or for malfeasance by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Region.
- H. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board for the remainder of the term of election until the Members of the Region elect new Directors at the following Electoral Meeting. The Board may appoint an interim Board Officer to fill any such temporary vacancies.
- I. The Board shall be responsible for ensuring that communications to the Region membership are maintained via the Region Website and/or email communication, including monthly communications of meeting minutes and reminders of upcoming event schedules.

## **VI. OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

- A. On January 1 of each year (or as soon thereafter as practical), the newly-elected Board shall meet with the outgoing board. The positions to be filled and responsibilities of these positions are:

**1. President**

- A. Shall preside at meetings of the Board and the Region.
- B. Shall call meetings of the Board as necessary to carry on the business of the Region
- C. Shall generally lead the Region and represent the Region in dealings with the International Organization, other groups and with the public
- D. Shall make assignments as necessary for the benefit of the Region

**2. Vice President**

- A. Shall perform the duties of the Chairman/President in the event of their absence
- B. Shall organize and oversee activities and events of the Region
- C. Shall perform such duties as the Board of Directors or President may assign

**3. Secretary**

- A. Shall take minutes at Board meetings, Annual meetings, and business meetings
- B. Shall maintain all correspondence on behalf of the Region
- C. Shall assist the Board in posting all email and other communications.

**4. Treasurer**

- A. Shall maintain a ledger or spreadsheet of Region finances
- B. Shall collect and disburse the funds of the Region as may be ordered by the Board of Directors
- C. Shall give a brief report of transactions at each business meeting
- D. Shall present written year-end financial reports at the December Meeting and at such other times as the President may request
- E. Prepare for approval the proposed new year budget to the membership at the October meeting. Shall respond to all members' requests for financial information as described in section XI.

**5. IT/Outreach director**

- A. Shall maintain the Region Website and coordinate with the National Website as necessary.
- B. Shall receive and post to the website all materials and communication from the Region Officers.
- C. Shall institute and maintain social media outreach such as Facebook, etc. for the purpose of attracting members and posting upcoming events.
- D. Shall train at least one other Board member to serve as his alternate in the maintenance of the Website and outreach programs.

## **VII. MEETINGS**

- A. Meetings of the Region shall be held on a monthly basis. Presently, they are held the 3<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month or in conjunction with other club events.

## **VIII. EVENTS**

- A. Events shall be planned by Board of Directors with input from the membership. Event Hosts/Point Persons may volunteer and shall be appointed by the Board. Members are encouraged to participate as much as possible as committee members or on support teams.
- B. Insurance for Region events will be covered under the liability policy of our International Organization. In keeping with that policy, the Region shall furnish no alcoholic beverages at any event, although members may provide their own such beverages if the event permits.

## **IX. AMENDMENTS**

- A. Amendments to the By-Laws shall be proposed by the general membership or Board Director to the Board of Directors.
- B. Amendments may be considered at any regular meeting. Note of Amendments shall be distributed via email and the website to members no fewer than 30 days previous to that meeting.
- C. Amendments shall be approved by a "yea" vote of two-thirds of the Members in attendance at such meeting.

## **X. REGION OPERATING POLICIES**

- A. The Region shall adhere to operating policies as set forth by the International Organization.

## **XI. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY**

- A. Any member in good standing shall have the right to review the Region financial reports and supporting detail information of the Region and any Region event by making a request to the Treasurer in writing or by email. The information will be made available to the member within two weeks of such request. Repetitive requests may be referred by the Treasurer to the Board for review and action.
- B. An annual operating budget for the following year will be prepared and presented to the members at the October meeting for approval. The Board, in the new year, will not need approval of the membership for any expenditure included in the approved budget or as addressed in the following paragraphs.



- C. Club events shall be planned and executed so that the cost of the event will be covered by the attendance fees and any budgeted allotment set aside for the event.
- D. Any unbudgeted expenditure proposed by a Board member not exceeding \$1000 may be approved by the Board. Any unbudgeted expenditure over \$1000 will be presented to the members at the next monthly meeting for approval. An affirmative vote by a simple majority of those members present at that meeting will constitute approval.
- E. Expenditures of Region Funds may be proposed by a member to the board by submitting a written or email request to all Board members at least 30 days prior to the next monthly meeting. Such requests shall not exceed \$500. The Board will approve or deny these requests based upon obtaining a majority approval of Board members.
- F. All event and other contracts and other financial and legal obligations shall be presented to the Board for Approval. The Board will approve by a majority vote of Board Members. Contracts and other financial and legal obligations of the Region shall be executed by both the President and Vice President. Only the President and Vice President shall have such authority.

## **XII. APPEALS**

Any member who is dissatisfied with the Region's operations may appeal in writing to the Board. The Board's decision on the matter shall be final.