

Constitution & Bylaws Of Eagle Forum Of San Juan County, Washington

Article One—Name

Section 1. The name of this organization is Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington.

Section 2. This organization is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpartisan, voluntary educational social welfare organization affiliated with Eagle Forum, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.

Section 3. The name Eagle Forum may be used only with the approval of the national Eagle Forum, which shall have the power to withdraw permission for use of the name Eagle Forum at any time that this organization or its officers fail to conduct themselves in harmony with the purposes and principles of Eagle Forum.

Article Two—Purposes

The purposes of Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, are as follows:

Section 1. To educate, inform, instruct, and train its members and the public on current national, state, and local issues important to the community consistent with the principles outlined immediately below. In so doing, through public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, study groups, videos, the internet, and other programs through the mail or media, an effort will be made to present a sufficiently full and fair exposition of pertinent facts to permit individuals and the public to form independent opinions or conclusions.

Section 2. To promote social welfare and individual freedom; to study on a nonpartisan basis legislation proposed by the Congress of the United States, the state legislature of Washington, San Juan County Council, other local governing bodies, school boards, and the like, agencies, and officers affecting social and economic problems facing individuals; to support an alliance of citizens interested in preserving and enhancing individual freedom for all Americans.

Section 3. To build a network of citizen volunteers who actively participate in the process of self-government through public meetings, mail, telephone, and internet services. To sponsor local and regional meetings for the presentation of discussions, lectures, videos, or other educational information. To distribute educational literature (books, articles, pamphlets, issue papers, etc.), videos, tapes, television and radio programs, email, and other research materials. To raise funds to finance these activities, educational programs, and projects. To provide aid and information to students and young people to assist them in achieving full citizenship participation in our nation.

Section 4. Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, shall be free to communicate with its own members on any subject, and its members, directors, and officers are free to participate as individuals in politics and government. However, the organization shall not engage in any activities that constitute or support Socialism, Communism, Fascism, or racial or religious discrimination.

Section 5. Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, shall maintain its own financial and organizational status, independent from the national Eagle Forum and the state Eagle Forum, and may not incur any financial liability for or on behalf of the national or state Eagle Forum.

Article Three—Principles

Section 1. Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, supports the Declaration of Independence and its fundamental doctrine that we owe our existence to a Creator who has endowed each of us with unalienable rights; and supports the United States Constitution as the instrument securing those God-given rights.

Section 2. Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, supports all the rights guaranteed to citizens of the United States by our Constitution, plus the right to equal opportunity in employment and education for all citizens regardless of race, creed, gender, age, or national origin.

Section 3. Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, supports Holy Scripture as providing the best code of moral conduct yet devised; the family, with certain rights and responsibilities, as the basic unit of society; and the laws and customs that tend to protect the moral, social, and economic integrity of traditional marriage and the family.

Article Four—Membership

Section 1. Any person who demonstrates substantial agreement with the purposes and principles stated in Articles Two and Three of these Bylaws may apply for membership in Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, together with payment of dues in an amount established and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may refuse to accept an application for membership from, or revoke or suspend the membership of, any individual who engages in an activity the Board believes is contrary to the purposes and principles of the organization as expressed in Articles Two and Three hereof, but membership shall not be denied or revoked for reasons of race, creed, gender, age, or national origin.

Section 3. The members of the Forum shall meet at an annual meeting during the month of May each year. Thirty days notice of each annual meeting, including the time and place of the meeting, shall be given by any available expedient method by the Secretary of the Forum as directed by the Board of Directors. The President or Board of Directors may call for other meetings of the members of the Forum for business, educational, or recreational activities as deemed desirable or necessary. Notice of such other meetings shall be given by any available expedient method by the Secretary of the Forum as directed by the Board of Directors or the President.

Article Five—Board Of Directors

Section 1. All authority of the organization shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, which may delegate to individual officers, committees, or members such authority as it deems fit, in addition to the authority specified in these Bylaws.

Section 2. The preferred number of Directors on the Board shall be seven—so long as that number of members are willing to serve on the Board—but in any case shall not be less than three. A majority of the number of Directors then serving shall constitute a quorum. Of the members elected to the first Board of Directors, one-half, or the majority, of their number shall serve a term of two years (group A); the remaining directors shall serve a term of one year (group B). Thereafter, each group of Directors shall be elected every other year for two-year terms. No Director shall serve on the Board of Directors for more than four consecutive years, but may be elected to the Board again after a one-year absence from membership on the Board.

Section 3. Any member interested in serving on the Board of Directors, or wishing to nominate another member to serve on the Board, shall contact the President or Secretary of this Forum by any expedient means at least fourteen days prior to the noticed date of the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall meet seven days prior to the noticed date of the annual meeting to elect the Directors to serve for the following two years. The Board shall meet at least one other time each year at the call of the President or of two members of the Board, with at least seven days notice of the time and place of such meetings. Directors may attend meetings of the Board via telephonic or electronic means after giving prior notice to the President and/or Secretary of the intent to attend in that manner. A quorum and all actions taken by the Board at meetings at which some or all of the Directors attend via telephonic or electronic means shall be as valid as a quorum and actions taken at meetings attended by all Directors in person.

Section 4. Directors shall take office immediately upon their election and shall serve until their successors are elected or until they resign. Vacancies that occur between annual elections shall be filled by the Board of Directors to complete the term of the vacated seat on the Board. If, at the time a vacancy is filled by the Board of Directors, the remaining term of the vacancy is greater than one year, the person filling the vacancy shall be deemed to have filled the entire two-year term for the purposes of eligibility for reelection under Section 2 of this Article Five.

Article Six—Officers

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers of the organization shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its meeting seven days prior to the annual meeting. The officers shall be installed by the Board at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Insofar as the number of members and their active interest in this Forum shall permit, officers shall not be members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, but shall have no vote on the Board of Directors, even if he or she is a Director at that time, except as necessary to break a tie vote. The President shall appoint all committees with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice President shall exercise the powers of the President in case of disability, illness, or absence of the President, and perform such other duties as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Secretary shall record the proceedings and votes of the Board of Directors and members and keep and publish minutes thereof.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the Forum’s funds, keep full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of all monies received and paid on account of the organization, and provide complete written reports to the Board of Directors at least twice per year, and additionally as required by the Board of Directors.

Article Seven—Standing Committees & Advisory Board

Section 1. Chairmen and members of standing or temporary committees may be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, and shall pursue such activities as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Among the standing committees appointed under Section 1 of this article, the President shall appoint an audit committee of not less than three members of the Forum who shall audit the books and records of the Treasurer and report the results of that audit in writing to the Board of Directors not later than the first business day of April in each year.

Section 3. An Advisory Board of Eagle Forum of San Juan County, Washington, may be appointed by the Board of Directors to meet with the organization from time to time and lend guidance and advice, but shall have no governing power or voting authority.

Article Eight—Amendments & Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, provided notice of the proposed changes is mailed to every member at least fourteen days in advance of the Board meeting at which such an amendment is to be considered.

Section 2. All matters not covered by these Bylaws shall be governed by The Modern Rules of Order by Donald A. Tortorice, Newly Revised.

Orginal Directors:

Adopted: _____

Secretary: _____