

BYLAWS of the Tulsa Association of Health Underwriters (TAHU)

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND TERRITORIAL LIMITS

Section 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Tulsa Association of Health Underwriters (TAHU), hereinafter referred to as this Association, a non-profit corporation incorporated as such under the laws of the state of Oklahoma and chartered by the National Association of Health Underwriters.

Section 1.2 The territorial limits of this Association shall be confined to Tulsa County and eastern Oklahoma. These shall not be changed unless permission first has been obtained from the governing bodies of the local association currently having jurisdiction in such territory, if applicable, and of the Oklahoma State Association of Health Underwriters and the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Health Underwriters.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

Section 2.1 The objectives of this Association shall be:

- To promote the common business interests of those engaged in disability and risk management.
- To advance public knowledge for the need and benefit of disability income and/or health insurance products.
- To promote the adoption and application of high standards of ethical conduct in the health insurance industry.
- To provide and promote a program of continuing education and self-improvement for Association members.
- To increase the knowledge and principles, functions and applications of health insurance and disability income products.
- To promote education, legislation, regulation and practices which are in

- the best interest of the health insurance industry and the insuring public.
- To encourage adequate protection against the hazards of disability as part of a well-rounded insurance program.
 - To do such other things and to carry out such other programs so as to further the purposes of the National Association of Health Underwriters.

Section 2.2 This Association and its members recognize an obligation to present accurately, honestly and completely every fact essential to the client's decision as expressed in the National Association of Health Underwriters Code of Ethics which are considered a part of these bylaws.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Membership in this Association will be available under the following designations:

- Individual Members
- Life Members
- Associate Members

Section 3.2 An individual member may be any individual licensed by his/her state licensing authority for the sale of disability income and/or health insurance products. Individual members may also include non-licensed individuals engaged in the distribution of disability income and/or health insurance products such as, but not limited to, home office personnel, consultants, attorneys, and others engaged in the management or distribution of such products. Individual members who have paid their annual national, state and local dues will also be referred to as active members.

Section 3.3 Life membership may be granted when an active member has been in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years, and has: (1) attained age 65; or (2) retired; or (3) become disabled. Life members have the same rights and privileges as individual members. This association shall determine the amount of reduction of local chapter dues, if any. Life member status shall be automatically conferred when all qualifications are met and application is made and verified by the National Association of Health Underwriters.

Section 3.4 Associate membership is available to a NAHU member in good standing of another state. They are allowed to join the Oklahoma State Association of Health Underwriters as an Associate Member thereby giving them membership to all local chapters under the State of Oklahoma. Associate members will not be members for census of voting purposes, but shall enjoy all

privileges as an individual member.

ARTICLE IV – NATIONAL AND STATE AFFILIATION

Section 4.1 This Association agrees to be bound by the bylaws of the State and National Associations of Health Underwriters as adopted and amended.

Section 4.2 The Board of Directors shall provide for the prompt review, approval and forwarding of all reports required or requested by the State and National Associations of Health Underwriters.

Section 4.3 Insofar as possible, this Association shall be represented by its proper delegates, or their duly appointed alternates, at the annual meeting of the State and National Associations of Health Underwriters.

ARTICLE V – DUES AND FINANCE

Section 5.1 Each active member of this Association shall pay local, state and national annual dues. Such annual dues shall be payable on the first day of the member's anniversary month as recorded by the National Association of Health Underwriters. All dues shall be submitted to and through the National Association of Health Underwriters. Any individual member more than ninety (90) days in arrears in payment of dues shall be dropped from the rolls as a member in good standing.

Section 5.2 The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of annual dues of this Association. This Association's dues may only be changed once a year and will be in effect from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Not later than the fifteenth (15 th) of September of each year, or a date specified by the National Association of Health Underwriters, if this Association plans to increase or decrease its local chapter dues for the following calendar year, the President shall advise the National Association of Health Underwriters in writing of the Board-approved dues for the following year.

Section 5.3 The fiscal year of this Association shall begin on the first day of January of each year.

Section 5.4 This Association's books of accounts shall be reviewed and/or audited at least once each fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall name the auditors/reviewers.

Section 5.5 The Board of Directors shall determine the official depository(ies) for Association funds and shall designate one or more Board members in addition to the Treasurer to sign or countersign checks or other documents for the disbursement of such funds.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 6.1 The officers of this Association shall be: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 6.2 Each officer shall be an active member of this Association, and the State and National Associations of Health Underwriters.

Section 6.3 All officers shall serve without compensation.

Section 6.4 All officers shall take office on the first day of July of each year following their election, and shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 6.5 The office of Immediate Past President shall be filled automatically by the outgoing President. In the event there is no outgoing President, this office shall remain vacant.

Section 6.6 If the office of the President shall become vacant due to death, disability, resignation, recall or removal by due process, the President-Elect shall assume the office for its unexpired term and the term of President for the succeeding year and the office of President-Elect shall become vacant until the next regular election. If the office of President becomes vacant and there is no President-Elect, the order of succession shall be Vice President and then Treasurer.

Section 6.7 If the office of President-Elect shall become vacant due to death, disability, resignation, recall or removal by due process, or by succession to the Presidency under Article VI., Section 6, the President shall appoint a member of this Association in good standing to fulfill the duties of the office for its unexpired term. The appointment shall be subject to a three-fourths (3/4) vote of approval by the Board of Directors. The office itself shall remain vacant until the next regular election.

Section 6.8 If the offices of Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer become vacant due to death, disability, resignation, recall or removal by due process, or by succession under Article VI., Section 6, the office(s) shall be filled by appointment by the President. The appointment shall be subject to three-fourths (3/4) vote of approval of the Board of Directors and shall be only for the unexpired term of the office(s). Appointees shall assume the title and duties of the office(s).

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 7.1 The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- **President** – The President shall be the chief elected officer of this

- Association and shall preside over all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees except the Nominations Committee.
- **President-Elect** – The President-Elect, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
 - **Immediate Past President** – The Immediate Past President shall serve as an advisor to the Board of Directors and perform other duties as assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
 - **Vice President** – The Vice President in the absence of the President and the President-Elect shall preside at all meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
 - **Secretary** – The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping all records of membership, attendance, membership dues and minutes of the meetings of this Association and the Board of Directors and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
 - **Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving all funds and dues paid to this Association. Dues shall be forwarded to the National Association of Health Underwriters, where they will be deposited and the local portion remitted back to this Association on a monthly basis. The Treasurer shall deposit all other funds in this Association's official depository(ies) and shall disburse such funds upon the order of the Board of Directors. The accounts and books of the Treasurer and this Association shall be open at all times for inspection by the President, the Board of Directors, and any authorized auditors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the completion and submission of forms required by laws governing the administration and/or tax status of this Association.

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 8.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and two (2) or more elected Director, standing Committee Chairs for Legislative and Membership, and up to three (3) Trustees as defined in Article XI.

Section 8.2 Each director shall be an active member of this Association, and the State and National Associations of Health Underwriters.

Section 8.3 All directors shall serve without compensation.

Section 8.4 All directors shall take office on the first day of July of each year following their election, and shall serve for a term of one year. (See Article VI, Section 4.)

Section 8.5 The Board of Directors shall determine the policies and activities of

this Association, approve the budget, authorize all expenditures and disbursements, and has the authority and responsibility to manage this Association's affairs.

Section 8.6 The Board of Directors shall meet no less than four (4) times per year or at the call of the President.

Section 8.7 The Board of Directors may transact business by mail or electronic means by voting upon proposals presented to them. Any such proposal shall be adopted if at least two-thirds (2/3) majority of the entire Board returns affirmative votes. The members of the Board of Directors shall be advised of the individual balloting results no less than seven (7) days after the vote is tabulated.

Section 8.8 A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 8.9 In the event a director position becomes vacant due to death, disability, resignation, recall or removal by due process, or by succession under Article VI., Section 6, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President. The appointment shall be subject to three-fourths (3/4) vote of approval of the Board of Directors and shall be only for the unexpired term of the office(s).

ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 9.1 The election of officers and directors shall be held at the annual meeting of this Association.

Section 9.2 At least three (3) months prior to the date of the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominations Committee. The duties of this committee shall be to solicit and receive nominations and to prepare a slate of candidates for Board Approval at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. The Nominations Committee shall have general charge of the election process including the preparation, distribution, collection and counting of ballots, and reporting the results.

Section 9.3 The Nominations Committee shall prepare a ballot containing the names of all qualified nominees to distribute ballot materials to all active members at least one (1) month prior to the date of the annual meeting. The ballots shall be cast in person at the annual meeting. Election shall be by a vote of a majority of the Active Members present at the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 10.1 There shall be the following standing committees:

- Awards

- Education
- Legislation
- Membership
- Nominations
- Such other committee as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 10.2 The President shall appoint the chairs and members of all standing, special or ad hoc committees and task forces, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 10.3 The Board of Directors shall establish guidelines for all committees and task forces regarding usual duties, terms of office, and requirements for reports unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.

Section 10.4 The administration of the fiscal affairs of all standing, special and ad hoc committees and task forces are vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI – TRUSTEES

Section 11.1 The Trustees shall consist of the last three (3) Past Presidents of the Association, not to include the Immediate Past President, if willing and able to serve. If not willing and able to serve, the President may ask any other Past President of the Association to serve.

ARTICLE XII – TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Section 12.1 Once a Past President has served in the capacity of Trustee for three (3) years, said Trustee will be extended the title of “Trustee Emeritus” for life. One year of service may be counted for each year of service as an elected officer of NAHU. Trustee Emeriti will be invited to all Board meetings of the Association and will act in the capacity of advisors. A Trustee Emeritus shall have no voting power, unless appointed as a Standing Committee Chair or Trustee as defined elsewhere in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII – RECALL AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 13.1 Any officer, member of the Board of Directors, committee member or chair, or task force member or chair may be removed for malfeasance of office or without cause.

Section 13.2 No elected officer or board member, or appointed committee member or chair, or appointed task force member or chair may be removed from office without a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 13.3 Notice of recall or removal must be sent by registered mail to the

affected individual advising him/her of the action taken or about to be taken. Removal by due process requires notification prior to the vote for removal from office. The Board of Directors and/or twenty-five percent (25%) of this Association's membership can initiate recall. Recall can only be achieved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 13.4 Failure to achieve the required vote for removal will cause the immediate reinstatement of the recalled individual to office. Any appointee replacing the recalled officer shall also immediately be discharged.

Section 13.5 Any individual member of this Association shall lose all rights and privileges of office under this Association if his/her license to sell insurance is revoked or if he/she is convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor.

ARTICLE XIV – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 14.1 The current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) governs this Association in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in the law or in its charter, bylaws or adopted rules.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS

Section 15.1 Amendments to these bylaws, if in conformity with the policy of the National Association of Health Underwriters, may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members of this Association present at any meeting of this Association, provided that written notice of the meeting and of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given to the members at least one month prior to the meeting, and provided further that a quorum is present at the meeting.

Section 15.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13.1, these bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be effective only when submitted to and approved by the National Association of Health Underwriters. True copies of these bylaws and all such amendments shall be provided by the Secretary of this Association to the State Association and the National Association of Health Underwriters.

ARTICLE XVI – INDEMNIFICATION

Section 16.1 This Association may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, provide for indemnification by this Association of any and all its Directors or officers or former Directors or officers against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, in which they or any of them are made parties, or a party, by reason of having been Directors or officers of this Association, except in relation to matters as to which such Director or officer or former Director or officer shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement

predicated on the existence of such liability for negligence or misconduct.

Section 16.2 No Board of Director shall be personally liable to the Association or its Active Members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director; provided, however, that this Section 1 shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Association or its Active Members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve international misconduct or knowing violation of law, (iii) under Oklahoma law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derives an improper benefit. Any repeal or modification of this Section 14.2 shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director existing hereunder prior to such repeal or modification. A director shall be further protected from liability to the Association or its Active Members to the fullest extent provided by Oklahoma law, as the same may be hereafter amended to increase, but not to decrease, such protection.

ARTICLE XVII – DISSOLUTION

Section 17.1 Dissolution of this Association requires the passing of a Resolution of Resignation by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all active members. The adopted resolution shall be sent by the Secretary of this Association by registered mail to the Executive Vice President of the National Association of Health Underwriters and shall become effective upon acceptance by the Board of Trustees. Upon acceptance of the Resolution of Resignation by the Board of Trustees, individual members of this Association shall become active members of the existing local association nearest them in their state, or their state association, or members-at-large if no other association exists within their state.

Section 17.2 This Association, by taking the action to resign, shall surrender all rights to use the name, emblem, insignia, plate, sign, label or phrase indicative of membership in this Association.

Section 17.3 This Association's charter with the National Association of Health Underwriters may be suspended or revoked in accordance with appropriate sections of the bylaws of the National Association of Health Underwriters.

Section 17.4 This Association shall use funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these bylaws and no part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to its members in the event this Association is dissolved or its charter revoked for cause in violation of the bylaws of the National Association of Health Underwriters. Immediately upon dissolution or revocation of its charter, this Association's Board of Directors shall return all remaining Association funds to its state association. If there is no state association, the funds shall be sent to the National Association of Health Underwriters for placement in escrow. Funds placed in escrow will be distributed in accordance with the procedures outlined in

the bylaws of the National Association of Health Underwriters.

ARTICLE XVIII – PREVIOUS BYLAWS SUPERCEDED

Section 18.1 These bylaws, as revised, supercede all provisions of any previous bylaws of this Association.

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