

## **Kansas Cattlemen's Association**

### **2011 Current By-Laws**

**Section 1.** The association shall be known as the Kansas Cattlemen's Association.

**Section 2.** We, the undersigned cattle growers are representative of the grassroots level of cattle production in the state of Kansas. We do hereby associate ourselves to advance the interest of cattle growers in the state of Kansas and for mutual protection and benefit of our industry.

**Section 3.** The board of directors shall be elected by mail-in ballot received from the membership after the annual meeting. The executive committee shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Forty-five days after the annual meeting, the election results will be available.

**Section 4.** The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall be appointed by the board of directors as a non-voting position. The duties of the chief executive officer will be to oversee and manage the daily business operations of the association. (changes voted in March 2004)

**Section 5.** Term limits shall be set as follows: There will be three members with three year terms, three members with two year terms, and two members with one year terms. Following the first year of transition, elected board member terms will be three years. Thereafter, any board members term that has expired must wait one year to be eligible for re-election.

**Section 6.** The affairs of the association shall be managed by the Board of Directors. (Changes voted in March 2004)

**Section 7.** The executive committee is empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur by death, or otherwise, in their own body, or among the officers of the association, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

**Section 8.** The Board of Directors shall continue to meet as regularly scheduled after the election process. The transition of the Board shall occur in April each year. Each year during the transition day, the Board shall meet to appoint the executive committee. Any four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Board meetings may be held by conference call and

individual board members may participate by phone at live meetings if allowed by the board.

At each annual meeting the Board of Directors shall make a report to the association members on all matters requiring attention and shall recommend such measures as they deem necessary.

**Section 9.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the association, and may call special meetings on the written or verbal request of three members of the Board of Directors. (Changes voted in March 2004)

**Section 10.** The vice-president shall preside in the absence of the president, and perform all duties of the office of the president.

**Section 11.** The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions of this association, shall have charge of all books and papers of the association, shall keep a roll of the members shall keep a correct account of all monies received, and pass the same to the treasurer; the secretary shall write and send all communications as directed by the executive committee. The financial statements shall be reviewed or audited, as determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 12.** The treasurer shall keep receipts for and pay out all monies of the association, keep a correct account of all funds received and paid out, and make a report at each annual meeting of the association, and at such other times as the executive committee may direct, of all transactions of his office, producing therewith vouchers for all monies paid out. There shall be four board members authorized to sign for disbursement of funds. All such disbursements must have signatures by such person or persons as determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 13.** The order of business shall consist of:

- (1.) Reading the minutes of last meeting
- (2.) Treasurer's Report
- (3.) Old Business.
- (4.) Reports of officers.
- (5.) New Business.
- (6.) Adjournment

(Changes voted in March 2004)

**Section 14.** Every cattle producing member shall be entitled to one vote.  
Reference: [Cattle Producer – anyone involved in the production of raising, growing, feeding or operation of cattle.]

**Section 15.** A written proxy approved as genuine by the executive committee, may be voted at any meeting of the association, provided said proxy is in the hands of a regular employee of the member giving the same.

**Section 16.** The membership fee shall be fifty dollars for annual dues for the ensuing year.

**Section 17.** Any member failing to pay his dues after receiving two notices within sixty days in writing from the secretary shall cease to become a member of the association.

**Section 18.** This constitution and by-laws shall not be annulled or amended except at an annual meeting and then ratified by a mail-in ballot. Two-thirds majority of the members present and mail-in ballots received are required for approval. Association policy is determined by a simple majority of members voting for the policy at a meeting and then ratified by majority vote from a mail-in ballot.

**Section 19.** Notification of the annual meeting shall be sent 30 days prior to that date to all current members.

Current By-Laws resulting from mail in ballots from March 2009. No modifications were made on the March 2010 ballot.