

EUGENE CHAPTER
Izaak Walton League of America
DEFENDER OF SOIL, WOODS, WATER, AIR AND WILDLIFE

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
Revised and Approved on 11/25/2023

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.

ARTICLE II DURATION

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III LOCATION

The location and Post Office address of the principal office of this corporation shall be P.O. Box 2247, Eugene, Oregon 97402, or the address of the current Secretary.

ARTICLE IV OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this corporation shall be: To protect, perpetuate and strive for renewal of the natural resources of the State of Oregon and related areas, including particularly, but not exclusively the Soils, Woods, Air, Waters and Wildlife. To promote means and opportunities for the education of the public with respect to such resources and the enjoyment and utilization thereof. To develop opportunities for the enjoyment of the great outdoors as an essential part of health and character building; to encourage the protection and restoration of Soils, Woods, Air, Water and Wildlife; to safeguard the public health and conserve Plant, Animal and Aquatic life by the elimination of pollution both air and water to discourage unwise drainage. To promote the broad policies of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA, as established in National Convention and to devise such additions or variations thereto, as may be required to secure the basic objectives of conservation in Oregon, when not in conflict with the National Izaak Walton League Policy.

ARTICLE V PLAN OF OPERATION

Section 1 :

To direct, manage, supervise and control the business, property and funds of the EUGENE CHAPTER, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.

Section 2 :

To assist and cooperate with other Chartered Chapters of the Oregon Division, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc.

Section 3 :

To make surveys, conduct research and experiments, and prepare and issue publications and periodicals.

Section 4 :

The work of the League shall not be conducted for private gain, although it may collaborate with business organizations and with individuals on conservation, protection and restoration projects of general public interest and importance.

Section 5 :

Upon the permanent suspension or revocation of the Charter of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., all assets of said Chapter shall be applied as follows:

- A. All liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore.
- B. Assets held by the corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements.
- C. No part of the assets of this corporation shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any member, officer or director of the Corporation.
- D. The remaining assets shall be transferred and conveyed to the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., for its uses and purposes; provided, however, if within a period of three years the Eugene Chapter is reinstated, or a new Chapter is created, the unconsumed portion of said assets shall be transferred back to the new Chapter or back to the reinstated Chapters, as the case may be, for its proper uses and purposes, provided that said reinstated or new Chapter be a nonprofit organization with plan of operation like or similar to this plan shall have similar provisions in case of dissolution.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS

Section 1 :

Every person who is accepted into membership in this corporation shall be a member of the Eugene Chapter, the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. Members of the chapter shall be designated as Chapter members or Chapter family members.

Section 2:

Initiation fees and membership dues shall be as established by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII STOCK

This corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Section 1 :

The officers of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer (the office of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person; (see By-Laws for First Vice-President duties), who shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual meeting. The term of office of such officers shall commence and shall continue until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 2 :

The Board of directors of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall consist of the officers named in Section 1 of this Article, the outgoing President and twelve (12) directors in addition thereto. The term of office as a director, of officers named in Section 1 of this Article, shall be one (1) year, which shall coincide with their term of office as such officers. The term of office of the remaining five directors shall be two (2) years, except that the term of office of no more than three (3) of such directors shall expire in any one year. The term of office of all directors shall commence and shall continue until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 3 :

Elections at the annual meeting shall be by written ballot except when there is only one candidate for the office.

Section 4 :

Officers and directors shall be residents of the State of Oregon and removal from the State shall create a vacancy.

Section 5 :

The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring in the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and in the Board of Directors.

Section 6 :

Each of the Vice-Presidents of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall have supervisory authority over one of the following principle phases of the activities of the Chapter Soil, Woods, Air, Waters & Wildlife. The Board of Directors shall assign to each Vice-president one such phase of activities at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to remove any member of the Board of Directors who fails, without the presiding officer's excuse, to attend three (3) Board of Directors or Membership meetings in 60 days.

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

By-Laws not in conflict with the Laws of Oregon or the constitution and by-laws of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., or the Oregon Division, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., or the constitution of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., governing all business affairs, transactions, conduct and policies of this Chapter may be adopted, amended or repealed as may be provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or repealed at any lawful meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of all members present, called on written notice given not less than thirty (30) days preceding the holding of such meeting, specifying the purpose of the meeting and the nature of the amendment or amendments proposed.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 DUES

Section 1. :

The dues for Membership shall be established by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at a regular meeting where a quorum of the members is present. Dues must be set before June 1, to take effect the following year. Dues payable for the same period and subject to the same terms and conditions as may now or hereafter be prescribed for the payment of Dues to the National Organization, except that National or State Dues, respectively, included therein, shall be collected for and on behalf of said National and State Organizations. The current Dues for the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

The prospective Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League Member, who wishes to use the Firearms Training Facility (Range), will comply with the Rules, Regulations and Fees set-forth by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2 MEETINGS

Section 1.:

The annual meeting of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before H, shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Meetings of the Chapter, other than the annual meeting prescribed in these By-Laws, may be called by the Board of Directors, to be held at such time and place within the State as may be designated.

Section. 3:

Written notice of the annual meeting, specifying the place and time of holding the same, shall be mailed, emailed or sent by any other method in common use at the time by the Secretary at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, to each member of the Chapter, which shall constitute due and sufficient notice; provided, that in the case the Board of Directors deems that an emergency exists and shall by its order so declare, then such meeting may be called on not less than five (5) days notice.

Section 4:

A quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Eugene Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall consist of ten (10) members. In the event that a quorum is not present at a meeting, the Board of Directors, having a quorum present (7), will have the power to vote and adjudicate all business and issues presented.

ARTICLE 3 VOTING

Section 1:

In all meetings of the Chapter, each member present and in good standing, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

Section 1:

PRESIDENT. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter; he shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and directors; he shall have general and active management of the business of the Chapter, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the annual meeting and Board of Directors are carried into effect and shall be personally responsible for the function of all committees, subject, however, to the right of the Board of Directors to delegate any specific powers, except as may be by statute specifically conferred upon the President to any other office, officer or member of the Chapter. He shall, in addition to the forgoing specific powers and duties, have the general powers and duties of supervising management and interpretation of policies usually invested in the office of President of a corporation.

Section 2.:

VICE-PRESIDENT. In case of death, absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President (First Vice-President), designated by the Board of Directors, shall perform and be vested with all the duties and powers of the President.

Section 3. :

SECRETARY. The secretary shall sign, with the president, the instruments and papers mentioned in Section 1 of this ARTICLE; attend all meetings of the chapter and of the Board of Directors, and make a record of all their proceedings; conduct such correspondence of the Chapter as the Board of Directors may designate, and perform such other duties as usually devolve upon such officer.

Section 4. :

TREASURER. The treasurer shall, subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may, from time to time prescribe, receive, keep and disburse all moneys of the Chapter, keep accurate books of account; furnish such bond or other security, as the Board of Directors may prescribe, if any, and in general perform all the usual duties of such officer.

ARTICLE 5 DIRECTORS

Section 1. :

MEETINGS. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each month at times and places to be determined by the president. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time or place by the president or secretary.

Section 2.:

POWERS. The Board of Directors shall have the general management and control of the business and affairs of the Chapter, including control and operation of the Range; and shall exercise all the powers that may be exercised or performed by the Chapter, under the statutes, the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. :

QUORUM. A quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members of the board.

Section 4.

VOTE. The vote of the majority of the directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which a quorum is present, shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6 FINANCES

Section 1.:

All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited by the Treasurer in the name of the Chapter, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. :

Disbursements shall be only by check signed by such persons as the Board of Directors may designate or by such commonly used methods to create a record of such whether written or electronically maintained.

Section 3.

An audit of the books and records of the Chapter, shall be made not less than once a year by committee of two competent members designated by the president.

Section 4. :

All records and books of account of the Chapter shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times.

ARTICLE 7 RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section 1.

The rules of procedure at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Directors, shall be "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised"; a current copy shall be available at all meetings.

ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

Section 1. :

The president may, with the consent and approval of the Board of Directors, appoint the Chairperson of the standing committees listed below, and such other committees as may be designated or approved by the Board of Directors. The standing committees may include:

1. Fish & Game
2. Legislation
3. Range
4. Long range, Range Planning
5. Hunter Safety
6. Development
7. Membership
8. Wetlands Conservation
9. Waterfowl
10. Program
11. Ways & Means

ARTICLE 9 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Chapter shall be the same as that of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA, Inc.

ARTICLE 10 NATIONAL CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

In case of any conflict or inconsistency between the Constitution or By-Laws of this Chapters and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., or the Oregon Division, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., the Constitution and By-Laws of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., or of the Oregon Division, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., shall control.

ARTICLE 11 CONTRIBUTIONS

The secretary may accept contributions in any form and from any lawful source for the purpose of carrying out the lawful objectives and activities of this Chapter or the National or State Organization.

ARTICLE 12 RANGE

Section 1.:

The Board of Directors, shall have general management and control of the affairs, activities and all other issues, regarding the Firearms Training Facility, hereafter referred to as the "Range".

The President shall appoint a Chairperson, for a Range Committee, following Article 8.

The Range Committee Chairmen shall be a Board Member in good standing, whose duties include the following.

1. Organize a standing committee of no fewer than four (4) members in good standing, approved by the Board.
2. Formulate a yearly Budget for Range operations and maintenance, to be approved by the Board of Directors annually. Implement Range improvements approved by the Board.
3. Coordinate Range usage, i.e. work parties, Special events, Sighting In Days, etc.
4. Select Range Officers, with Board approval, to implement and enforce Range Rules, Safety & Training.
5. Long term planning, range use, and improvements

Section 2. :

A violation of the Range Rules shall result in automatic suspension of all Range use and activity, including the surrender of Range gate access device to the Range Officer or Board member present. Approved Range Officers and current Board Members may enforce the Range Rules at all times.

The Board shall review any range Rule violations to determine if the suspended member shall be reinstated at a later date, permanently barred from the range, and/or impose a fine of not less than \$ 25.00.

- A. Any and all unlawful acts, or behavior that may be judged to be unsafe, or not in the best interest of the range operation, will be addressed by the Board of Directors. The Directors may prosecute any unlawful act to the full extent of the law, and reserves the right to implement any disciplinary action it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 13 AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended or repealed at any annual meeting or other duly called meeting of the Chapter by the majority vote of the members in good standing at such meeting, provided a quorum be present.