

**MONTANA LODGING AND HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION  
HOSPITALITY COUNCIL  
BY LAWS**

*Adopted November 21, 2011*

**Article I  
Name**

The name of this council shall be the Hospitality Council of the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association, herein further referred to as the Council

**Article II  
Purpose/Code of Ethics**

**Section 1: Purpose:** The purpose of the Council is to enhance and promote the professional development of tourism related businesses and tourism organizations, through legislative/policy advocacy, public relations educational programs, communications and active networking amongst its members.

**Section 2: Code of Ethics:** Council members should strive to maintain and improve sound business practices. They should adhere strictly to a policy of truth in advertising and public expressions. Realizing that a business is judged by its employees, council members should observe a high standard of personal conduct and be considerate of others.

This Council shall not represent the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association unless specifically authorized.

**Article III  
Membership**

Any individual, business or organization actively engaged in the tourism industry may apply for membership in the Council.

**Article IV  
Dues**

Annual Dues for members shall be set by the Board of Directors of the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association with input from members of the Council. The Council's fiscal year will coincide with the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association, which is July 1 – June 30. New members may join any time during the fiscal year, but continuing members must pay dues within 60 days of the due date or forfeit their membership status.

**Article IV  
Election of Officers/Duties**

**Section 1: Election of Officers:** Each year at its annual meeting, the Council shall elect a Vice-President and President. . The President shall sit on the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Board of Directors. The simple majority of the vote cast shall be required to elect. A quorum is a majority of those present at any meeting. Members must be in good standing for a minimum of one year before being eligible to hold an office.

**Section 2: Duties of the Officers-Minutes:  
President**

The President shall be a voting member of the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all Council meetings, appoint committees as necessary and set the agenda for the Council's goals and objectives.

**Vice President**

The Vice President shall be allowed to attend Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association board meetings and represent the Council with a vote in the event that the President cannot attend. The Vice President will preside at any meetings of the Council in the absence of the President.

**Minutes**

The Executive Director or the Association Coordinator for the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association shall be responsible for taking the minutes from each Council meeting and distributing those minutes to the President for approval before distributing to the Council membership.

**Article VI  
Meetings**

**Section 1: Annual Membership Meeting:** The annual meeting of the Council shall coincide with the annual meeting of the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association.

**Section 2: Other Meetings:** Other meetings will be called according to the discretion of the President and Council members.

**Section 3: Attendance:** Attendance may be accepted with conference call-in when made available. Voting for these attendees will be accepted by voice acclamation and for issues requiring a ballot the vote can be submitted by faxed or electronically. Members must be in good standing to vote on issues brought forth in these meetings.

A quorum will consist of those in attendance at any given meeting, including any conference call-in attendees. There will be one vote per each Council membership on all issues.

**Article VII  
Bylaws Amendments**

The Council bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting. The proposed amendment must be sent to each Council member in good standing 15 days prior to the annual meeting. Such amendment will be approved with a majority vote of those members present at the annual meeting.

**Article VIII  
Discontinuance**

The Council may be discontinued when the membership becomes less than five (5) members or if it is determined the council no longer represents the best interests of the Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association.