

Fellowship of Reason, Inc.

Bylaws

The Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Reason, Inc. adopts these bylaws for the operation of the corporation.

I. Preliminary matters

A. Governing law

The law of Georgia shall govern this corporation. No provision of these bylaws is intended to violate any law or the corporation's tax-exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. These bylaws shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with Georgia and federal law and tax-exempt status. These Bylaws shall be available online for inspection from the corporation's website from a link on the opening page thereof.

B. Articles of Incorporation

The articles of incorporation and these bylaws shall govern the operation of the corporation. The Board of Trustees may change the articles of incorporation and these bylaws with the written consent of the founder at a regular or special meeting or at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

C. Fellowship of Reason®

Fellowship of Reason® is a U.S. registered service mark that the corporation uses under a gratuitous, non-exclusive, and perpetual license from the owner of the mark who is also the founder of the corporation.

D. Definitions

Fellowship of Reason®, *the corporation*, and *FOR* as used in this document all refer to the corporation—Fellowship of Reason, Inc. *Man* as used in these bylaws means human beings as a group, male or female, adult or child. The masculine pronoun includes the masculine and feminine unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

II. Statement of Purpose

A. Moral community

The Fellowship of Reason® is the world's first rational moral community.

The Fellowship of Reason® is a *reason-based* moral community. A moral community is a group of people with an interest in a particular moral philosophy. The moral philosophy of FOR derives from meticulous observations of man and society by various philosophers, starting with the ancient Greeks, recorded in their writings and evaluated by a process of rational thought. The goal of our morality is man's life on earth. FOR does not have a mythical hero, but identifies an abstraction—*the heroic potential of man*—that is useful in thinking about what each of us should aspire to be. FOR advocates *heroic engagement* with life.

A reason-based moral community is to be contrasted with a faith-based moral community. A church is a faith-based moral community. The morality of the church derives from heavenly pronouncements to earthly prophets recorded in holy writings (e.g. the Bible, the Koran, etc.) accepted by believers on faith. The goal of the church's morality is the soul's eternal life in heaven. Commonly, religions have a quasi-mythical earthly hero who embodies the virtues of their morality (e.g. Jesus, Moses, Mohammed, and the Buddha).

Moral communities perform a variety of functions, among them are the celebration of the great events of life (birth, coming of age, graduation, adulthood, marriage, midlife, retirement, and death), the enjoyment of art and poetry related to their moral ideals, fellowship, learning about their own chosen morality and the moral philosophies of others, orientation or reorientation with the values espoused by their philosophy, and reflection upon their lives and personal moral progress. FOR has an acronym that captures these six functions—CEFLOR. CEFLOR stands for celebration, enjoyment, fellowship, learning, orientation, and reflection.

B. Community

Why is a community necessary at all?

1. Psychological visibility

Man is a social animal. The individual must live among others to survive and to find meaning. His awareness of his own existence depends upon interaction with others. Others are, as Plato said, a mirror to one's soul. This mirror-like function of others is called psychological visibility. Only in communities can people obtain psychological visibility.

2. Friendship

Related to psychological visibility is friendship. When two people have many values in common, as do people who share the same moral philosophy, they often form friendships. A moral community is a place to meet potentially intimate friends.

3. Discipline or ritual

In order to be happy one needs to act virtuously, to focus on the good things in life, and to clear out and clean up the debris in one's mind. A primary function of Forum (FOR's regular meeting) is to focus the members' attention upon the good things in life in order that they be happy. Forum is, technically, a ritual—a repetitive activity performed for a purpose. Our regular Forum focuses members' attention upon some of the good things in life—our freedom, our visitors and each other, celebratory announcements, heroes, poetry, art, talent, ethics, and personal mission. The purpose of Forum is to facilitate and encourage the happiness of our members.

4. Division of labor

Ethics is a science. Like all sciences, ethics is a specialty. Not everyone has the time to study every specialized field thoroughly. We rely upon experts and institutions. A moral community is an organization that helps people learn about morality and encourages them

to act morally both through the formal programs of the community and through the example of others in the community, all of whom share a common morality.

5. Personal moral progress

Like any value, personal moral progress requires effort. A moral community provides an environment that encourages members to be better people. According to the moral philosophy of FOR, a person is moral in order to be happy. Aristotle's formulation is that happiness results from the full exercise of one's faculties in accordance with virtue.

C. FOR's philosophy

The name of our philosophy is Eudaimonism. Here is an outline of FOR's philosophy:

1. Metaphysics

FOR holds that only the natural world exists and is real. Our position is to be contrasted with the view, typical of faith-based moral communities, that there are two realms—the natural and the supernatural.

2. Epistemology

Man's senses are valid. Man is capable of learning about the world through his senses, observations, science, reason, and logic. Our position is to be contrasted with the view, typical of faith-based moral communities, that there is a special class of people (prophets) who receive private communications (revelation) from a supernatural realm.

3. The Nature of man

Man's means of survival is his reasoning mind. The mind exists only in the individual. In order for the mind to function, it must be free of compulsion. An adult human being is responsible for himself. He lives and achieves happiness by producing values. He has judgment. He is responsible for his own life. Man is a social being and living in society requires the virtues of benevolence and justice. Our position is to be contrasted with the view, typical of faith-based moral communities, that man is at the mercy of fate, an evil nature, or brute circumstances and must rely for salvation upon providence or grace.

4. Ethics

The goal of ethics is a happy life on earth. In order to achieve life, happiness, and flourishing, an adult human being must produce values. Each person ought to find those activities in life that he does with passion and excellence and do those acts. This process we call *heroic engagement* with life. Rationality, productivity, pride, honesty, integrity, justice, independence, courage, magnanimity, moderation, and prudence are among the moral virtues. Our position is to be contrasted with the view, typical of faith-based moral communities, that one need obey certain divine orders in order to achieve bliss in an afterlife.

5. Politics

Rights are conditions of existence of the individual in society. Every person ought to have the right to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness. Human beings should live with one another by voluntary trade and not by force or fraud. FOR is not a political organization.

6. Aesthetics

Art serves to guide and inspire human beings in life and living.

III. Members

A. Member defined

A member is an individual 18 years of age or older who agrees with our principles, who requests election to membership in writing, who pays his membership dues, and who is elected by the Board of Trustees. A member who renews his membership in a timely fashion after his initial election need not be re-elected to membership.

B. Nondiscrimination

The Fellowship of Reason® does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, or age (though membership is restricted to adults 18 years and older). Membership does require general agreement with our philosophy as stated in these bylaws, though FOR respects and honors the rights of others to hold differing moral opinions and to belong to other moral communities holding views with which they agree.

C. Member's principles

Only an individual who expresses agreement with the following principles and who, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, truly and sincerely holds these principles in thought and action shall be elected to membership in the corporation:

I am persuaded of these principles:

REASON

- Existence exists and only existence exists.
- I exist and I am conscious.
- The world exists independently of me.
- I am capable of learning about the world.
- In order to succeed, I must learn about the world and I must act in accordance with that knowledge.
- My success is my responsibility.

PURPOSE

- I alone can give my life meaning.
- In order to give my life meaning, I must choose my life's purposes.
- By my own estimate, I shall choose high and noble goals for my life.
- I will undertake to learn what is necessary to achieve my goals.
- I will apply myself to their achievement.

SELF-ESTEEM

- Self-esteem is possible in a free world where I am capable of action and do in fact act to create values.
- Well being is achieved by the full exercise of my faculties in accordance with virtue.
- My highest purpose is to achieve my full and unique potential.

BENEVOLENCE

- I can best achieve my purposes among other people of like values in society.
- In order to succeed I will treat others with justice, respect, consideration, and kindness.

D. Rights of membership

- A member shall be recognized as a creator, a person who takes personal responsibility for the creation and maintenance of this unique value on earth—the Fellowship of Reason, Inc., the world's first rational moral community.
- A special designation of “Charter Member” exists for those members elected to membership prior to March 31, 2002.
- Upon election, a member shall receive a copy of the current budget, the bylaws, and the articles of incorporation.
- Only a member may be a trustee, an officer, or a director of the corporation.
- The birthday of a member shall be recorded and published to the membership for recognition. The spouse or life-partner, and children under age 23 of a member shall likewise enjoy birthday recognition.
- Only a member, spouse or life-partner, and children under 23 of a member shall be entitled to participate in naming ceremonies, coming of age ceremonies, graduation ceremonies, marriage ceremonies, and funerals conducted for them or in their honor by FOR. A member may request services for a friend or relative.
- A member shall receive the monthly newsletter.
- A member shall have the right to notice of all meetings of the membership. A member shall have the right to attend all meetings of the membership and may be heard. A member shall have one vote equal to the vote of every other member in matters within the decision-making authority of the membership.
- A member shall have the right to vote for trustees of the corporation.
- A member shall have the right to attend all FOR business meetings or meetings of the Board of Trustees of which he is aware. A member may be heard during business meetings or meetings of the board, but shall not have the right to vote on matters coming before the Board of Trustees. A member shall not be entitled to separate written notice of business meetings or meetings of the Board of Trustees.

E. Duties of members

1. Participation

Members who live in Georgia are encouraged to make at least one presentation at Forum during each year of their membership.

2. Personal Mission

Members are encouraged to take seriously their duty to themselves to define a personal life mission.

3. Friendship

An important goal of members of the Fellowship of Reason® is personal moral progress. Friends are important to the achievement of personal moral progress. An important part

of friendship is tactful and kind, but timely and honest, criticism of important moral shortcomings in his friend. A member shall take seriously his role as a friend should he earn friends among the membership. A member in receipt of a tactful and kind suggestion for personal improvement shall do his best to receive the information graciously and with thanks.

4. Authority to speak for the corporation

No member has authority to speak for the corporation. The corporation expresses itself only through its Articles of Incorporation, its Bylaws, and the official acts of the Board of Trustees.

F. Dues

The Board of Trustees shall set membership dues at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees for the next calendar year. Dues are a minimum contribution required for the operation of the corporation. Members are expected to contribute time, labor, effort, property, and other money as acts of generosity to further the flourishing of FOR.

All annual memberships shall run for one year from midnight of the last day of the month of the election of the member.

1. Regular Member

A regular member is a member who pays the minimum dues set by the Board of Trustees for membership in the corporation. A regular member shall have all the rights and duties of a member. A member who paid his dues prior to March 31, 2002 shall be entitled to the designation "Charter Member."

2. Contributing Member

A contributing member is a regular member who pays twice the annual dues for regular member. A contributing member shall have all the rights and duties of a regular member.

3. Lifetime Member

A lifetime membership shall be 20 times annual dues. A lifetime member shall have all the rights and duties of a regular member. A lifetime member shall thereafter be exempt from paying annual dues

G. Meetings of the membership

1. Annual meeting

The members of the corporation shall meet annually on the first Sunday in November following the regular monthly Forum to elect a Board of Trustees. Members as of September 1 (the record date within the meaning of Ga. Code Sec. 14-3-707) preceding the annual meeting shall be entitled to notice of this meeting in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Notice contained in the monthly newsletter mailed in September shall be deemed sufficient notice of the meeting. The Secretary shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names and addresses of the members as of September 1. The list shall be made available for the inspection of any member two business days after the notice of the meeting. Forty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, the existing trustees shall continue to serve as trustees.

2. Method of Election of Board of Trustees

Nominations for positions on the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Sunday in October following the regular monthly Forum. The person making the nomination and the nominee must be present (in lieu of the nominee's presence a written statement that the nominee accepts the nomination shall suffice). A quorum need not be present. Any member may be nominated for a position on the Board of Trustees. A member may offer himself for election. All nominations must be seconded. At the annual meeting, a volunteer member or members (not a Trustee) shall be appointed to count the ballots. Each member shall by secret ballot vote for a number of *different* names from among the nominees equal to the number of open trusteeships. The top vote receivers shall be elected as trustees whether or not the nominee receives a majority of votes. In the event of a tie at the bottom, any trusteeships that can be determined will be determined and the nominees tied shall be voted on again immediately by the members present. If the run-off vote between tied candidates does not resolve the tie, the election will be decided by coin-toss.

3. Special meetings

The Board of Trustees may call a special meeting of the membership at any time. The members shall be notified in a manner similar to notice for the annual meeting of the membership.

4. Issues before the membership

The membership meets to elect the Board of Trustees, to remove a trustee, or to remove a member under special circumstances. All other matters regarding the governance of the corporation are vested in the Board of Trustees. Except as provided for the election of the Board of Trustees, the authority of the membership shall be exercised by vote of the majority of the members present at meetings of the membership, provided a quorum of 40% of the Georgia membership is present at the inception of the meeting.

5. Proxy voting

Members may vote in person or by proxy at a meeting of the membership. A proxy shall be a writing signed by the member indicating his vote on the matter or matters before the membership. A written proxy shall be counted toward a quorum. Whether the proxy is authentic shall be determined in this sole discretion of a majority of the Board of Trustees present at the meeting of the membership.

H. Termination of Membership

A trustee, officer, or director whose membership terminates shall immediately lose his office and his position shall be filled in the manner described in these bylaws.

1. Resignation

A member may resign his membership at any time by giving written notice to an officer or trustee of the corporation. The resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt.

2. Nonpayment of Dues

Annual dues for Charter members are due on or prior to December 31. Annual dues for other members are due on the anniversary of their election to membership. The membership of a member who fails to pay his dues on the due date shall automatically

terminate. The Board of Trustees may, in its sole discretion, accept a tender of late dues within 30 days of the due date. If a late tender of dues is accepted, the member need not be re-elected to membership. A member shall have no liability to the corporation for payment of dues. Membership is voluntary. Payment of dues is voluntary. If a member does not pay his dues, his membership automatically terminates. Automatic termination of membership shall be the sole consequence of nonpayment.

3. Death

Membership automatically terminates upon death.

4. Removal

a) Conviction of Crime

Any member may be removed as a member of the corporation if he has been convicted of a felony or upon conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude either before or during his membership. A certified copy of the member's conviction shall be sufficient proof of conviction.

b) Dishonesty or violation of the rights of others

Any member may be removed as a member of the corporation upon proof by clear and convincing evidence to the Board of Trustees, in the sole judgment of the Board of Trustees, that the member has committed an act of theft, fraud, dishonesty, violence or threat of violence upon another member or guest of the corporation, the corporation itself, upon the property of the corporation, or in his or her capacity as an officer, trustee, member, or volunteer of the corporation.

c) Removal under special circumstances

All circumstances under which a member may need to be removed for the benefit of the group cannot be anticipated in advance. The Board of Trustees may remove a member for any reason by majority vote of the members present at special meeting of the membership called for the purpose of removing the member whether or not a quorum is present.

d) Non-refundability of dues

Under no circumstances shall dues paid by a member be refunded following his removal or resignation from membership. If a member resigns in order to avoid removal under subsection *c) Removal under special circumstances*, then the member's prorated dues may be refunded in the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. A lifetime member's dues refund, if any, shall be prorated on the basis of 10 years.

e) Removal procedure

A member shall receive 15 days written notice of the intent of the Board of Trustees to remove him from membership. The notice shall state the reason or reasons for the proposed removal from membership. The member shall be entitled to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees held for the purpose and he may be heard in opposition to the proposed action. If removal requires the vote of the entire membership following a recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the member shall be entitled to notice and an opportunity to be heard at both meetings.

IV. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the person or persons vested with the authority to manage the affairs of the corporation with the meaning of Ga. Code Sec. 14-3-140 (2).

A. Number

The Board of Trustees consists of five persons. If the membership falls below five persons, the Board shall consist of the founder plus any duly elected trustees. The founder of the corporation is and shall be a member of the Board of Trustees during his life.

B. Election

Only members may be members of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be elected annually at the meeting of the membership on the first Sunday in November. The newly elected board shall begin service immediately and shall serve until they are replaced by election, resign, are removed from office, or die. A member who resigns or whose membership is terminated shall automatically lose his trusteeship, office, and/or directorship. A vacancy created in this manner shall be immediately filled by action of the Board of Trustees.

C. Authority

The Board of Trustees is the sole governing authority of the corporation. The authority shall be exercised by vote of the majority of board members present at meetings of the Board of Trustees, provided a quorum of 60% of the Board of Trustees is present at the inception of the meeting, or by action in writing with or without a meeting by unanimous consent.

D. Duties

The Board of Trustees has full responsibility for managing the affairs of the corporation, including, but not limited to, the following specific duties:

1. Election of Members

The Board of Trustees shall elect members to the corporation. Prior to election, the board shall inquire into the character of the nominee and determine the nominee to be a person of good character. A person of good character has among his virtues those of cleanliness, honesty, punctuality, benevolence, productivity, rationality, pride, independence, integrity, justice, courage, magnanimity, moderation, and prudence. In addition to good character, the Board of Trustees shall inquire into whether the nominee shares the principles of the Fellowship of Reason®. Evidence of the nominee's views may, but need not, include but a written statement that that nominee holds the principles of FOR.

2. Election of officers

The Board of Trustees shall elect the officers of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Only members may be officers of the corporation. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. The officers so elected shall begin service immediately upon election. All officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees and may be removed with or without cause at any time. An officer may be replaced or a vacancy filled by the Board of Trustees at any meeting called for that purpose.

3. Establishing a budget

The Board of Trustees shall establish a budget for the corporation's next calendar year at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may modify the budget at any time.

a) Line items

In establishing a budget for the next calendar year at the annual meeting, the Board of Trustees shall estimate the annual cost for all budget items. Budget items shall include items such as rent, postage, copies, coffee and donuts for Forum, costs to maintain the legal status of the corporation such as the annual registration fee payable to the Secretary of State of Georgia, county licensing fees if any, taxes if any, name tags for new members, and marketing brochures. The line items may include any other items deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees, for example, monthly charges to maintain FOR's web site at www.fellowshipofreason.com.

b) Special budget item

In establishing the annual budget, a 10% margin of error shall be included in the preliminary budget. For example, if the line items of the budget (rent, postage, etc.) total \$1,000, \$100 shall be added to the preliminary budget as a margin of error to obtain a total budget.

4. Setting dues

The Board of Trustees shall set the annual dues for all classes of membership—lifetime member, contributing member, and regular member.

5. Revision of the Bylaws as necessary

The Board of Trustees, with the written consent of the founder, shall revise the Bylaws as necessary.

6. Expansion of the corporation

The Board of Trustees shall establish guidelines and policies for the creation of new chapters outside metro Atlanta, and for the oversight of same.

7. Oversight

The Trustees shall make every effort to stay informed on the business of the corporation.

E. Meetings of the Board of Trustees

1. Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held following annual meeting of the membership on the first Sunday in November. During the annual meeting the Board shall hear from the Treasurer as to the financial condition of the corporation, establish a budget for the next calendar year, set annual dues for the membership, elect officers, and perform all other acts necessary for the operation of the corporation.

2. Monthly meeting

The Board of Trustees may meet on the first Sunday of any month immediately following the regular monthly Forum with 10 days notice by any Trustee via US mail or email. The

Board of Trustees may meet at other places and times with 10 days notice, but notice may be waived in writing or by appearance at the meeting.

3. Emergency meeting

By unanimous consent, the Board of Trustees may meet when the business of the corporation requires. In the absence of unanimous consent for an emergency meeting, the president of the corporation shall act for the corporation as necessary in the emergency.

4. Quorum

Sixty percent of the membership of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Board. Emergency meetings and action without a meeting by written consent require unanimous consent of the Board. Unless otherwise required by these bylaws, the articles of incorporation, Georgia law, or federal law, the board shall act by a majority of those casting votes at any meeting having a quorum present at its inception.

5. Place of meeting

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by members of the Board, the Board of Trustees shall hold its meetings at the same place where the regular monthly Forums occur and immediately following Forum.

6. Notice of meeting

Each member of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to 10 days notice of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Notice in the newsletter of the corporation shall be deemed sufficient.

7. Meetings by written consent

The Board of Trustees may perform any action without notice or actual meeting by unanimous written consent.

F. Attendance

A member of the Board of Trustees shall make every effort to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and Forum.

G. Resignation

A member of the Board of Trustees may resign by delivering written notice of resignation to another trustee. The resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt. The number of the Board of Trustees shall be reduced for purposes of determining a quorum until the empty trusteeship is filled. A board member who resigns shall be replaced at the next monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

H. Removal

A member who resigns or whose membership is terminated shall automatically lose his trusteeship, office, and/or directorship. A vacancy created in this manner shall be immediately filled by action of the Board of Trustees.

I. Compensation

The Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation.

V. Officers

Only members may be officers of the corporation. The president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary shall be elected by the Board of Trustees and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees without compensation. To serve *at the pleasure* of the Board of Trustees, an officer, or director of the corporation means that the person so serving may be removed by the person or group at whose pleasure he is serving at any time without notice or cause. An officer may resign by giving written notice to a trustee. The resignation shall be effective immediately upon receipt. A member who resigns or whose membership is terminated shall automatically lose his trusteeship, office, and/or directorship. A vacancy created in this manner shall be filled as soon as possible by action of the Board of Trustees.

The officers shall conduct regular business meetings (typically monthly) chaired by the president. Officers shall make every effort to attend business meetings, but are permitted absence from no more than four meetings per year.

A. President

The president shall supervise the other officers and directors of the corporation. He shall think creatively about the business of the corporation with a view toward increasing the membership and revenue. He shall engage with the trustees, officers, and directors in strategic planning for the corporation. The president shall report to the Board of Trustees.

B. Vice president

The vice president shall assist the president and serve as president in case of resignation, removal, incapacity, or death of the president. The vice president shall report to the president and the Board of Trustees.

C. Treasurer

The treasurer shall open and maintain a checking account in the name of the corporation. An account with no service charges shall be used if possible. The treasurer shall pay in a timely fashion the bills of the corporation that have been budgeted. The treasurer shall keep the records of the checking account of the corporation on a computer program like Quicken or Microsoft Money. The treasurer shall maintain a petty cash drawer for payment of incidental expenses and for making change. The treasurer shall keep precise records of the income and expenses of the corporation. The treasurer shall maintain a balance sheet for the corporation. All of the financial records of the corporation shall be maintained by the treasurer and shall be made available to the Board of Trustees and the president immediately following FOR's regular monthly Forum. The treasurer shall propose an annual budget to the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Board. The treasurer shall make other budgetary recommendations to the Board of Trustees as appropriate. The treasurer shall report to the Board of Trustees.

D. Secretary

The secretary shall maintain the records of corporation, including the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the lists of members, trustees, officers, and directors, and the minutes of the regular business meetings, the meetings of the membership and of the

Board of Trustees. The secretary shall keep the seal of the corporation. The secretary shall report to the Board of Trustees.

VI. Directors

Only members may be directors of the corporation. Directors are member volunteers who perform services for the corporation and the membership. Directors are appointed by the president, unless otherwise indicated, and serve at his pleasure. A member who resigns or whose membership is terminated shall automatically lose his trusteeship, office, and/or directorship. A vacancy created in this manner shall be immediately filled by action of the appropriate authority.

A. Director of Forum

The director of Forum is the producer of the regular monthly Forum of the Fellowship of Reason®. He shall give the oratory or arrange for a guest lecturer. The founder is the director of Forum.

B. Director of Hospitality

The director of hospitality shall arrive at least one-half hour before the scheduled beginning of Forum to prepare the room. The hospitality director shall provide food and beverages for the membership during Forum. Coffee, juice, donuts, and pastry are usual. The cost of the food and beverages shall be reimbursed to the director of hospitality from the petty cash of the corporation. In the event the director of hospitality is unable to perform his duties, he will appoint a substitute to carry on. The director of hospitality shall greet each guest and place into his hands such informational material as the corporation may have available for guests. The director of hospitality shall invite the guest to supply his name, address, telephone number, and e-mail in order to receive communications from the corporation. The director of hospitality shall clean the room following Forum and return the room to the condition required by the landlord.

C. Social Director

The social director shall arrange for volunteers to host monthly potluck suppers at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled event. The social director shall communicate to the communications director the details of all social events so that the membership may be timely notified. The social director shall arrange such other social and fellowship activities as he deems appropriate during the year or as directed by the president. Ideas include games nights, movie nights, rafting trips, dances, hiking trips, trips to concerts, the theater, or movies, and retreats.

D. Newsletter Editor

The newsletter editor shall be responsible for the publication of a monthly newsletter containing educational and philosophic essays and information concerning the celebratory, educational, social, and fellowship activities of the corporation.

E. Director of Membership

The director of membership shall maintain a written list of the membership of the corporation, including name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and, optionally, the following information: personal web page, birthday, anniversary of marriage, spouse's name, life-partner's name and date of birth, children's names and dates of birth. The director of membership is responsible for notifying the membership via email of the organization's upcoming activities. . The director of membership shall remind members when their dues are pending. The director of membership shall think creatively about ways to serve, benefit and reward the membership, and shall make related policy recommendations to the president. The director of membership shall supply the up-to-date membership list to any officer or trustee of the corporation immediately upon request. Only members of the corporation may have access to the membership list, unless otherwise required by law.

F. Director Education

The director of education shall produce programs directed at the adult membership (or for youth, as appropriate). The director of education shall be aware and informed of all the corporation's educational activities (philosophy study, book clubs, personal growth roundtables, etc.) and shall assist in coordinating or scheduling among them as necessary.

G. Director of Marketing

The director of marketing shall think creatively about marketing programs for the Fellowship of Reason® and make suggestions to the president concerning marketing. The director of marketing shall disseminate information about the organization, and shall communicate the details of organizational activities, including FORum, to the mass media, as appropriate. The director of marketing shall work with a webmaster to ensure that the organization's website (www.fellowshipofreason.com) is up-to-date and reflective of the mission of the corporation.

H. Director of Fundraising

The director of fundraising shall think creatively about fundraising for the Fellowship of Reason®. He shall consider tasteful means of soliciting donations from all sources including members and visitors during Forum. He shall consider soliciting testamentary gifts from members. He shall inquire about the availability of grants from other organizations. He shall consider all other fundraising activities and make suggestions to the president.

VII. Funding

A. Membership dues

The primary source of operating funds shall be the dues of members.

B. Donations

The corporation shall actively solicit donations from members and non-members unrelated to dues.

C. Bequests and devises

The corporation shall actively solicit members and others to make provision in their wills for testamentary gifts to the Fellowship of Reason®.

D. Newsletter subscriptions

Non-members desiring to receive FOR's newsletter may receive it free of charge for a period of three months. Thereafter, they may pay an annual fee to be determined by the Board of Trustees for the privilege.

E. Grants

The corporation shall seek and may accept grants consistent with a tax-exempt status.

F. Sales of books

The corporation may sell books related to our philosophy of reason, philosophy in general, self-help books, and fiction books that illustrate our principles. The corporation may sell other marketing items, like FOR logo T-shirts.

VIII. Activities

A. Forum

Forum is the main activity of the Fellowship of Reason®. Forum is a periodic meeting lasting about an hour. Currently, Forum occurs monthly on the first Sunday of every month. We gather at 12:30 p.m. Forum begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. Forum consists of these elements, more or less, and in more or less this order:

- Welcome
- Celebration of Freedom
- Celebration of visitors and each other
- Celebratory Announcements
- Celebration of Heroes
- Celebration of Performance (skit)
- Celebration of Literature
- Celebration of Art
- Celebration of Mythology
- Celebration of Science
- Celebration of Talent
- Oratory (short talk on ethics)
- Celebration of Personal Mission
- Forum (open discussion moderated by the President)
- Closing Quotation

A volunteer who need not be a member performs each activity. The meeting is presided over by a member, usually the director of Forum. Forum is open to the public.

B. Potluck

Potluck is a member-hosted get together of the membership. Each member brings a food or beverage contribution. The host selects an activity such as games or a movie.

C. Philosophy Club

We meet regularly to listen to a taped lecture on philosophy and to discuss the lecture.

D. Educational Programs

We conduct adult and youth education programs.

E. Outings

We go on outings such as river rafting or trips to the movies, concerts, or the theater.

F. Retreats

We go on annual retreats to enjoy fellowship and learn.

G. No Online Chat

The corporation shall not own, operate, or moderate any online chat for members. The corporation shall not refer members or nonmembers to any online chat group by any means including its web site, its publications or its marketing materials.

These Bylaws are adopted by the Board of Trustees this 16th day of September 2006, and are effective immediately.

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