

**Constitution and Bylaws**  
**of the**  
**Northwest PA Maple Syrup Producers Association**

**Article I - Name**

The name of this association shall be the 'Northwest PA Maple Syrup Producers Association'

**Article II – Objectives /Mission Statement**

**Objectives:** The Northwest PA Maple Syrup Producers Association will strive to promote the best interests of all facets of the Maple Syrup Industry through the dissemination & endorsement of Accepted Best Practice Standards and the development of resources to assist the Maple Producers in implementing those Best Practice Standards.

**Mission Statement:** The Northwest PA Maple Syrup Producers Association is dedicated to helping its members meet a commitment to produce the best quality maple syrup and maple products while promoting the maple industry and the product that nature has generously bestowed upon us.

**Article III - Members**

Membership in the Northwest PA Maple Syrup Producers Association is open to any individual, family, farm or organization that has an interest in the Production and Promotion of Maple Syrup Products.

**Article IV – Directors**

1. Directors must be members in good standing of this organization.
2. Members wishing to be directors must attend three consecutive directors meetings, at which time they shall be a director.
3. Any Director that is absent from three consecutive Directors meetings (without prior excusal by the president) shall no longer be a Director.
4. The Directors may, by majority vote, conduct any and all business of the organization.

## **Article V – Officers**

The officers of the association shall be:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary

Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors at the April/May Meeting of the Board. All offices are for a term of one year and have no term limits.

Vacancies in offices may be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **Article VI – Committees**

1. There shall be a standing Executive Committee that consists of all of the elected officers. The executive committee may act on behalf of the organization for matters of urgency that needs action prior the next directors meeting.
2. The president may appoint committees and or chairpersons as he sees fit.

## **Article VII – Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the directors

## **Article VIII – Meetings**

1. There shall be at least one general membership meeting per year.
2. There shall be at least one directors meeting in April or May for the purpose of election of officers

## **Article IX – Amendments to the Bylaws**

1. The Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the Directors at any Directors meeting
2. The Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the members at any general membership meeting

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