

BYLAWS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE COLORADO TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

ARTICLE I

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be: The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library

Section 2. The purposes for which this corporation is organized, as stated in Article Three of the Articles of Incorporation, shall be to maintain an association of persons concerned with and interested in the blind and physically handicapped; to call public attention to the needs and achievements of agencies providing library services for these groups; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests for these library services; to develop more library services for the blind and physically handicapped with the object of increasing their independence and usefulness in the State.

Section 3. The organization shall conduct its business on a calendar year basis.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all individuals who are in agreement with and desire to further its purposes. This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, handicap, religion, sexual orientation, or age.

Section 2. Members shall be those individuals who make an annual contribution of \$5.00 or more.

Section 3. The members shall not be entitled to vote as directors on any matter.



ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The governing body of this organization shall be a Board of Directors consisting of a minimum of 8 members.

Section 2. The Librarian of the Colorado Talking Book Library shall be an ex officio member of the board without voting privileges.

Section 3. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve a term of three years. No member shall be elected for more than three consecutive terms. New members of the board shall be elected pursuant to Section 6 of Article 3 of these Bylaws. The Directors shall have the sole voting power.

Section 4. A standing committee of a minimum of three members to be called the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Directors. The tasks of this committee shall be to solicit nomination for board members and create profiles on active candidates. The committee shall maintain a file of three to five members at all times to fill vacancies on the board as they occur.

Section 5. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled by electing, in the usual manner, a new member for a full three-year term.

Section 6. More than half of the number of current directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and election of Board members.

Section 7. Any director may be removed for cause in the nature of incapacity, misconduct, negligence, disregard of duty, missing at least three consecutive meetings of the board, pursuant to Article III, Section 6 of these Bylaws. A director shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which his or her removal is considered. Any director may resign at any time by giving

written notice to the President or to the Secretary of the Board, and acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless the notice so provides.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by the board annually in January from among its current members pursuant to Article III, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

Section 3. No person shall serve as President for more than (2) consecutive years.

Section 4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership; shall supervise the correspondence of the organization; and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the organization.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall perform other executive duties at the direction of the President.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep the current and historical records of the organization, including membership records, minutes and inventories of organization property. It shall be the duty of the secretary to record the attendance at meetings, send out notices of meetings of the Board and committees, and record the minutes of such meetings. The Secretary shall initiate all correspondence as directed by the President. Records of the organization shall be kept on file at the Colorado Talking Book Library.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain the financial records of the organization and report to the Board at each meeting on the financial status of the organization. The Treasurer shall oversee the collection, holding and dispensing of funds. Upon retirement from office the Treasurer shall turn over

to the incoming Treasurer or to the President all funds, books of accounts and any other organization property.

Section 8. Any officer elected by the Board of Directors may be removed from office at any time by majority vote of a quorum of the other directors, providing the officer has had an opportunity to be heard at the meeting at which the vote is to take place. An officer may resign at any time from office by giving written notice to the President or to the Secretary. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless the notice so provides. Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors as provided in Article IV, Section 2.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least quarterly. The Board of Directors shall set the time and place for all regular meetings of the board, and by resolution determine a schedule to be followed. Special meetings may be called by the President or by three members of the board.

Section 2. Members shall be given written notice of the meetings of the Board of Directors stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called. Said meetings shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE VI

INDEMNITY

Section 1. The power of indemnification under the laws of the State of Colorado and Public Laws of the United States of America (P.L. 105-19) shall not be denied or limited by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote of the current board provided that said proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing at the previous meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, when not in conflict with these By-Laws, shall govern the procedures of this organization.

Approved by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting January 13th, 1998:

Julia Lampo,
Board President

Maureen McGowan
Board Vice President

John Taylor,
Board Treasurer

Suzanne Greene,
Board Secretary

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