

BYLAWS OF RURITAN NATIONAL

any active, associate, honorary, or deceased member.

- E. **Youth.** Youth members will be age 19 and under and shall be active, honorary, or associate members of adult clubs.
- F. **Ruri-Teen.** Ruri-Teen members shall be youth not exceeding the age of nineteen.
- G. **College.** Age is not a factor regarding full-time college members.

Section 4. Dues and Fees

- A. **Annual Dues.** The amount of annual national dues per member of each club shall be determined by the BOD provided requirements set forth below are met.
- B. **Dues Adjustment.** Any increase in dues shall not become effective until approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the next Ruritan National Convention. Notice of such proposed dues increase shall be communicated to all members by any appropriate means at least 30 days prior to the Ruritan National Convention.
- C. **Youth/College Member Dues Reduction.** The BOD may reduce the dues payable by youth or college members of adult clubs. As stated herein, youth membership applies to members 19 years of age or younger who are members of adult clubs. Full-time college students who are members of an adult club will pay the same dues as a youth member.
- D. **Dues Payment.** Each member shall pay national dues quarterly in advance to the Treasurer of Ruritan National through their respective club.
- E. **Dues Payment Dates.** Membership dues shall be due and payable quarterly to Ruritan National at the close of club business in January, April, July, and October. Any member who fails to pay his/her financial obligations to this organization in accordance with these bylaws may be suspended and/or forfeit his/her membership.
- F. **Membership Year.** The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31.
- G. **Fees – Membership.** Each new member, through his/her respective club, shall pay to the Treasurer of Ruritan National an initiation fee of \$3.00.

ARTICLE IV

Divisions

Section 1. Divisions. The divisions of Ruritan National shall be districts, zones, areas, state associations, or other associations, adult clubs, Ruri-Teen clubs, and college clubs.

Section 2. Districts.

- A. **Member clubs.** The member clubs and the geographical areas in which they are located shall be divided by the BOD into divisions as deemed advisable for effective work and service. Said divisions shall be known as districts.
- B. **Number of clubs.** No district will be created by the BOD with less than 20 clubs.
- C. **District cabinet.** Each district shall be governed by a district cabinet of which the district governor shall be the chair. The cabinet shall be composed of the following voting members, all who shall be an active member of a Ruritan club:
 1. District Governor
 2. Lt. Governor
 3. Assigned National Representative
 4. District Secretary
 5. District Treasurer
 6. District Secretary/Treasurer (In the event one person serves in both positions.)
 7. All Zone Governors
 8. All Lt. Zone Governors
 9. The three (3) Immediate Past District Governors
 10. District Leadership Development Coordinator
 11. Growth, Development, and Retention Chair
 12. Foundation Promotion Chair
 13. Publicity and Public Relations Chair
 14. Fund Raising Chair
 15. Chaplain
 16. Youth Coordinator
- D. **Convention.** Each district shall have an annual convention in November or December. However, a district may hold their convention during the month of October providing that all clubs have met prior to the date of the convention.
 1. **Scheduling.** The district cabinet shall be responsible for scheduling

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