

SouthEast Van Council

Constitution and Bylaws

The purposes for which the council is formed are:

- To conduct, operate, and maintain a council of van clubs and independent van owners throughout the southeast region of the United States.
- To promote communication of ideas, activities, and events for its members.
- To arrange meetings for the discussion of matters of mutual interest and to promote social gatherings for the better enjoyment of its members.
- To provide a medium of mutual helpfulness and guidance.

Elected officer positions will consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms. The Council members will also vote to approve positions appointed by the officers including Media Director and Council Ambassador(s).

Article I – Nominations and Elections

Section 1 - Nominations and elections for the officers of the council will take place at the October meeting.

Section 2 - Nominations will be public, open to all current council members.

Section 3 - Officers will be elected by a simple majority vote of paid-in-full Council members in attendance at the meeting and by proxy votes from paid-in-full Council members received prior to the meeting. Any tie will require a re-vote.

Section 4 - Officers will hold office for a term of one year, beginning with the October meeting.

Article II- Duties of the Officers

Section 1 - President and Vice President (the Presidents): It shall be the duty of the Presidents to preside over all regular and special meetings of the Council. It shall be their duty to enforce this constitution and bylaws and to see that the officers and committee members perform their duties. They shall represent the Council at any and all events.

Section 2 - Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and record all monetary transactions of the Council. He/She shall give a financial report at each regular meeting of the

Council. The Treasurer shall make the books available for inspection upon request of any paid-in-full member. His/Her signature will be the official checking account signature of the Council. The Treasurer will pay all debts and obligations that are approved by the officers.

Section 3 - Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep accurate minutes of all regular and Officers' meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an attendance record of all Council members. It is also the duty of the Secretary to send and receive any communication related to the Council.

Section 4 - Sergeant at Arms: It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to maintain order at Council meetings. The Sergeant at Arms shall make note of any topic of discussion that carries for a long period of time without resolution, and may table the topic for discussion at another time, to move the meetings along at an acceptable pace.

Article III- Meetings

Meetings are to be held on a bi-annual basis in October and April. Location is to be decided by the Council or by a group or individual appointed by the Council. Regular meetings are open to all vanners, regardless of where they're from.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1 - Full membership: Full membership is open to any van club in the Southeast Region. Vanners that associate under one logo are considered a club. Club members will be considered as Council members providing the club's membership is current. Each member of each club is entitled to one (1) vote in Council decisions. Vanners in member clubs are eligible to hold office. Each member is required to retain proof of ownership of a van.

Section 2 - Independent membership: Open to any vanner that has no club affiliation, regardless of where they live. Independent members are entitled to all benefits of the Council.

Section 3 - Any Individual or Club conducting themselves in such a manner as to bring discredit to the Council shall be dismissed from the Council upon a vote by the Board Members, after first being warned by the President that their conduct is in violation of the Council By-Laws. The Club or Individual may apply for Reinstatement and be Reinstated, at a later date, by the Board Members of the Council after satisfying to the Council that the misconduct has been corrected.

Article V – Vending, Merchandising, and Logo

Section 1 - The SouthEast Van Council prohibits any club, person, or organization from duplicating, copying, or otherwise using a logo or name designed for use by the Council, without written permission of the President.

Section 2 - Vendor fees at any SouthEast Van Council sponsored event is \$100.00. A vendor is anyone selling anything of any kind whether at a profit or loss. Only the Council may sell at its events unless a vendor has been approved by the officers and has paid the full vendor fees.

Article VI- Changes to the ByLaws

The adding, changing, deleting, or amending of the constitution must be approved either by majority vote of council members (either in person or by proxy) at a council meeting or by the agreement of both the President and Vice President without a member vote.

Article VII – Council Spirit

It is the responsibility of all council members to contribute new ideas for the continual improvement of the Council as a whole, for it is only by participation that this organization of vanners will progress.

Article VIII- Membership fee

Dues will be \$10.00 per vanner for one year. Fees are due in October. Membership will be revoked if fees are not received before midnight of October 31. There shall be no refunds of any dues for any reason. Dues will be payable to, and sent to, the following:

Jeff Dippel, SEVC Treasurer
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