

ORGANIZING DOCUMENT AND BY-LAWS OF THE TRI-CITIES BUSINESS CONNECTION

A Tri-Cities, WA Business League – ext. Feb 2, 2001 EIN# 912089959

Article I

These By-Laws constitute code of rules adopted by Tri-Cities Business Connection for the regulation and management of its affairs. In addition, this shall be viewed as organizing documents of the Tri-Cities Business Connection league.

Purposes and Powers

The object of this business league shall be to promote better business for its members, offer a strong referral basis, and to generally improve the strength of the business community of the greater Tri-Cities area. This league, and its members, is devoted to the improvement of business conditions of all member businesses and enhancing the interests of the Tri-Cities, WA business community. The Tri-Cities business Connection shall not be used in any way for political purposes nor shall it actively participate in the political candidacy of any person or cause.

Article II

Membership, Dues, and Fees

REGULAR MEMBERS: The membership of this league shall be limited to current business owners, managers, or employees of businesses within the Tri-Cities, WA area or such businesses whose business has a street address that is located within the mailing district of the Tri-Cities, WA Post Office. Only one member of any field specialty will be admitted. Annual dues will be collected beginning the first Wednesday of February and will be pro-rated quarterly for new members joining throughout the year. New members will be voted in by written ballot during the meeting following the prospective member's second visitation.

Members in good standing are expected to attend regular weekly meetings, keep current on annual dues, produce a minimum of two tips monthly, and maintain status as an ethical and legal business or representative of an ethical and legal business. Should a member be unable to attend a weekly meeting he must contact a board member or another member in good standing to report as an excused absence. Repeat unexcused absences will be reason for revocation of membership subject to discussion of the board and its members. Membership and renewal fees are nonrefundable.

Memberships shall be owned by the company or individual who pays the initial membership fee and annual renewal fee. If that company or individual leaves the league in any manner, rights to the membership are forfeited.

Tip generation and new member prospecting are encouraged. If a member does not have a weekly guest he or she will pay a fine of \$0.25. If he or she does not have a tip for another member a fine of \$1.00 will be paid.

Each week a different member will be allowed to speak and educate the rest of the group about his or her business, products, or service and how that business offers solutions towards the

enhancement of the community. Members are also encouraged to visit other member businesses and report their impressions to the group.

Article IV

Officers

The Officers of the league shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Officers shall be elected by a ballot and count to serve until which time they choose to step down or are challenged by any other member for the position.

No member shall be eligible to serve unless they are a member in good standing.

Article V

Meetings

The regular meetings are held each Wednesday at 7:10 a.m. at the Old Country Kennewick, WA. Members are required to attend regular meetings and must contact another member or board member in the event they will be absent.

Article VI

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the league in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the league may adopt.

Article VII

Use of Net Earnings

Net earnings derived from member dues shall be used for promotion of the league as a whole and towards its goals of enhancing and improving the local business community.

Article VIII

Amendment of By-Laws

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the league by a majority vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

This document is a complete and accurate copy of the original organizing documents and of the By-Laws of the Tri-Cities business Connection.

President
Treasurer

Rev. 1 - 5/25/2011 (removed principal address)(updated V Meetings) (updated IV election)