

**INDIANA DIVISION**  
**IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**AND**  
**BYLAWS**

# **CONSTITUTION**

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## **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Indiana Division, Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Indiana Division."

## **ARTICLE II - Objects**

The objects of the Indiana Division are: (a) to promote directly and through authorized chapters and other organizations the principles of environmental education and ecology leading toward wise stewardship of all natural resources; (b) to acquire, own, lease, or otherwise operate and manage lands and waters to further the principles of environmental stewardship; (c) to own or lease real and personal property, either directly or in conjunction with other subdivisions of the Izaak Walton League of America, other organizations, or with units of government, for the purpose of demonstrating natural resource stewardship; and (d) to carry out such programs as will best implement these objects.

## **ARTICLE III - Coordination**

The Indiana Division shall be a subdivision of the Izaak Walton League of America, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Indiana Division shall at all times in principle and purpose be in strict accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Izaak Walton League of America. In the event of inconsistencies, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Izaak Walton League of America shall control.

## **ARTICLE IV - Membership**

Section 1: Every active chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America located in the State of Indiana shall be a member of the Indiana Division, and each member of such chapters shall be a member of the Indiana Division and the Izaak Walton League of America. The Constitution and By-Laws of each chapter shall conform to the principles and purposes of the Indiana Division and the Izaak Walton League of America.

Section 2: The qualifications for membership in the Indiana Division shall be:

- a) That each chapter shall be organized under and governed by a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Indiana Division and the Izaak Walton League of America;
- b) That each member shall have paid dues as are established in the By-Laws of the Indiana Division, the Izaak Walton League of America, and the local chapter.
- c) That each chapter shall be the judge of its own membership consistent with the Objects of the Indiana Division and the Izaak Walton League of America.
- d) That there shall be such classes of membership in the Indiana Division as shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE V - Representation**

Each chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America in the State of Indiana shall be entitled to voting representation at all meetings of the Indiana Division and its Board of Directors in accord with the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI - Meetings**

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Indiana Division shall be held in the month of June at such time and place as shall be provided in the By-Laws, except that the Annual Meeting shall be held in the State of Indiana.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Indiana Division shall meet four times each year, once immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting, and once in each other quarter of the year as the Board shall determine, except that all meetings shall be held in the State of Indiana, and in accord with the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII - Management**

The Management of the Indiana Division shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of: twenty directors-at-large; one director selected by each chapter from among its membership; the officers of the Indiana Division; all of whom must be members of an Indiana Chapter, the Indiana Division, and the Izaak Walton League of America. National Directors of the Izaak Walton League of America from the State of Indiana shall also be Directors of the Indiana Division.

## **ARTICLE VIII - Litigation**

The Indiana Division shall not voluntarily become a party to or intervene in, or become associated in any litigation of any kind whatsoever unless it relates to the powers and objectives of the Izaak Walton League of America or the Indiana Division, and permission has been granted by the National Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE IX - Dissolution**

In the event the Indiana Division becomes inactive or ceases to operate and function as a subdivision of the Izaak Walton League of America, as may be determined by a three-quarters vote of authorized delegates present at an Annual Meeting or by the Izaak Walton League of America, the Indiana Division shall be dissolved, and its assets shall be applied as follows:

- a) All liabilities and obligations shall be paid and satisfactorily discharged;
- b) All assets held by the Indiana Division upon condition of return or transfer upon dissolution shall be returned in accord with such requirements;
- c) No part of the assets held by the Indiana Division shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of said Division;
- d) Remaining assets shall be transferred and conveyed to the Izaak Walton League of

America for use in furthering its Objects; Provided that ninety days notification shall have been forwarded to each Chapter president and each Director that a vote on Dissolution is to be taken, and provided further that such notification shall be sent by the Secretary of the Indiana Division by Registered or Certified mail.

#### **ARTICLE X - By-Laws**

By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution may be adopted by a majority vote of authorized delegates present at Annual Meetings of the Indiana Division, and in accord with requirements of the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE XI - Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended upon two-thirds vote of authorizes delegates present at Annual Meetings of the Indiana Division, and in accord with requirements of the By-Laws, except that an Amendment of Article IX shall require a three-fourths vote.

- a) Proposed amendments shall be submitted by mail to the president and secretary of each Indiana Chapter thirty days prior to presentation at the Annual Meeting.