

# **BAY AREA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION BY•LAWS**

## **Article I Name**

The name of this corporation is Bay Area Manufacturers Association, Inc., a corporation not for profit, incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

## **Article II General Membership Meetings**

- Section 1      The monthly meeting of the members of this Association is recommended, but not required, to be held on the third Thursday of each month to avoid competing with other local Association meetings.
- Section 2      Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3      Five days' notice of a special meeting shall be given each member by mail (paper or electronic) at his or her last known address.
- Section 4      At all meetings of the members of this Association, each active manufacturing member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.
- Section 5      A quorum shall consist of one-fourth of the present active manufacturing members.
- Section 6      For the Annual Meeting (year-end banquet), it is recommended that the meeting, at minimum, consists of the election of officers, memberships awards, STEM awards, and scholarship awards. It is recommended the Annual Meeting be held in June.

## **Article III Membership**

- Section 1      The membership of this Association shall consist of any corporation, partnership or individual in Hillsborough, Pasco, or Pinellas County that is interested in the economic development of the manufacturing segment of our area. A manufacturing member must have a manufacturing facility located in Hillsborough, Pasco, or Pinellas County. Each active manufacturing member (one who makes or processes a tangible product) in good standing shall have one vote. Memberships may consist of the classifications as defined in Section 2. Members who qualify as a manufacturer shall have full voting privileges and will be eligible to serve as officers and directors. Non-manufacturing members shall enjoy all membership privileges, except have voting privileges unless they are voting on board decisions as a Director or Officer.
- Section 2      Memberships can be granted by the Board of Directors and additional classifications can be added as needed. Memberships can be defined as follows:
- a) Manufacturer: defined as a renewable 1-year membership with a company or corporation that makes or processes a tangible product.

- b) Associate: defined as a renewable 1-year membership with a company or corporation that provides services to a manufacturer
- c) Educational Partnership: defined as a renewable 1-year strategic relationship with educational institutes, resource training organizations, or social service organizations to help the Association meet its objectives. The Membership dues may be waived for such Partnerships at the Boards discretion. Event fees may still be applicable.
- d) Government Partnership: defined as a renewable 1-year strategic relationship with government institutes such as economic development agencies or social service organizations to help the Association meet its objectives. The Membership dues may be waived for such Partnerships at the Boards discretion. Event fees may still be applicable.
- e) Sponsorship Partnership: defined as a 1-year relationship in accordance with the Sponsorship Committee's Sponsor package. Membership dues and event fees may be applicable in accordance with the Sponsorship package.
- f) Student: defined as a renewable 1-year membership with an enrolled part-time or full-time student pursuing post-secondary education. Membership dues are at the discretion of the Board. Event fees may still be applicable.
- g) Individual: defined as a 1-year membership for hardship where the individual maybe affected by economic conditions. These conditions could include, but not limited to, unemployment, bankruptcy, self-employment, etc. Membership dues are at the discretion of the Board. Event fees may still be applicable.
- h) Honorary Life membership may be granted by the Board of Directors in recognition of long and exceptional service to the objectives of the Association to any member. Dues shall be waived for such honorary memberships. Event fees may still be applicable. Honorary Life members shall have all membership privileges.

Section 3 For non-manufacturer members, any form of direct soliciting (email, phone, Twitter, LinkedIn, text, etc.) to a BAMA member is prohibited. Any violation will be reported directly to the Board of Directors. Violations may forfeit membership immediately and permanently.

Section 4 For non-manufacturer members, lack of participation in events and or committees may forfeit upcoming renewal membership

**Article IV  
Board of Officers and Directors**

Section 1 The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of up to thirteen members of the Association and the immediate past President who shall serve in an ex-officio (no voting rights) capacity until there is a successor. The Board will have a majority of Manufacturer members to non-manufacturer members; a non-manufacturer member shall be eligible to serve as Secretary/Treasurer but may only be eligible serve in one of the presiding positions per term. A non-manufacturer can either hold the position of Vice President or President as long as the alternate position is held by a Manufacturer member. Directors shall be elected for two-year

terms with no more than seven retiring in any year. Officers will serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves.

- Section 2 The President will select a nominating committee of at least five Manufacturer members at least thirty days prior to May 1 of each year. The nominating committee will provide to the Board a proposed list of Directors and Officers for the Association at least thirty days prior to the scheduled Annual Meeting. The elections will be held at the Annual Meeting each year.
- Section 3 Vacancies on the Board of Directors or Officers shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 The Board of Directors shall have the power to control and manage the affairs of the Association. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, expand the funds of the Association in such amounts and for such purposes as the Board of Directors may deem proper; and this authority may be delegated to the President by the Board subject to such limitations as the Board may prescribe.
- Section 5 Any Director or Officer may be removed at any time with or without cause, by two thirds vote of the full Board of Directors then serving.
- Section 6 A quorum shall consist of a Majority of the members of the Board.

#### **Article V Elections**

- Section 1 At the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall restate their recommendations for the Board of Directors, including the Officers. Prior to voting, Manufacturer members in attendance may also submit nominations from the floor. Immediately after nominations are closed, the elections of the Directors and Officers shall be held.

#### **Article VI Officers Responsibilities**

- Section 1 In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.
- Section 2 The President, or designee, shall preside at all membership meetings. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association; contribute on reports to the Directors and to the members and perform all duties as are incident to his/her office or are properly required of him/her by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of the Association books and shall make such reports and perform such other duties as are incident to that office or are properly required of that person by the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the custody of all funds and securities of the Association in such bank or banks as the Directors may designate; shall prepare all checks, drafts, notes or orders for payments

of money and he/she shall payout the same under the direction of the Board. The Secretary/Treasurer shall give such bond as shall be required by the Board of Directors. The Secretary/Treasurer shall always exhibit the books and accounts to any Director of the Association upon application at the office of the Association during business hours.

- Section 4 Any general membership meeting having a quorum present may direct that these books and accounts be brought before the next such meeting for examination.
- Section 5 All checks, drafts, notes, or orders of payment of money shall require one signature for amounts up to \$2,000 and any two signatures for amounts over \$2,000. Any Officer may be authorized to sign on behalf of the Association.
- Section 6 The books of the Association shall be audited annually or more frequently if the Board of Directors determines it to be in the interest of the Association.

**Article VII  
Committees**

- Section 1 The President shall be authorized to appoint members to chair committees during his/her term of office. The standing committees of this association may include, but not limited to, STEM, golf fundraiser, governmental affairs, membership, scholarship, sponsorship, Made in Tampa Bay (MITB) Expo, Veterans, roundtable, and workforce development. The President may establish other committees. The President will serve as ex-officio (no voting rights) member of all committees.

**Article VIII  
Dues and Payments**

- Section 1 The Board of Directors shall promulgate membership dues in this Association.  
  
Membership dues may be changed at any regular membership meeting provided thirty days' notice is given stating the proposed change. The Board of Directors shall determine billing procedures. The Association's fiscal year shall commence July 1 and terminate June 30. When dues are delinquent over thirty days, a notice shall be sent to the member informing that if they are not paid within thirty days hence, the member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Association.

**AREA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION BRIEF CHRONOLOGY**

- 1961 The PINELLAS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION was formed with a small group of 10 or less industries in the Tyrone Industrial Park area of St. Petersburg
- 1962-76 INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS were co-sponsored by PIA & PMA with the Pinellas County Industry Council
- 1976 The name was changed to PINELLAS INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
- 1978 The HY KRAVETZ SCHOLARSHIP was established

- 1981 PIA was instrumental in the formation of the FLORIDA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION.
- 1982 The DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD was established
- 1984 The JOSEPH SCHIERECK SCHOLARSHIP was established
- 1986 The name was changed to BAY AREA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
- 1992 First BAMA Scholarship Golf Tournament
- 1993 Relocated office to Tri-County Business Park, central to Bay Area
- 1994 BAMA Trolley was introduced
- 1995 Relocated office to Airport Business Center in a standalone facility
- 1996 The OLE HANSEN Scholarship was established
- 1997 Began Operations Management Certificate Program with the University of South Florida
- 1998 Bay Area Manufacturers Association Expo was introduced  
Bay Area Manufacturers Association initiated its web site
- 1999 Bay Area Manufacturers Association awarded its first Continuing Education Scholarships for Manufacturers  
  
Bay Area Manufacturers Association 2nd Annual Expo was held
- 2001 Reinstated the Manufacturer's Monthly newsletter
- 2002 Started sending the Manufacturer's Monthly in electronic form
- 2003 Started sending the Manufacturer's Monthly in HTML format
- 2003 Held First Annual Modern Manufacturing Conference

**PRESIDENTS OF THE  
PINELLAS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION**

- 1976-77 PAUL MAGERS
- 1977-78 WALT STUBBS
- 1979-80 ALLEN F. GATES
- 1980-81 VIRGINIA VINSON
- 1981-82 JERRY FUSILLO
- 1982-83 EVAN EVANS
- 1983-84 EVAN EVANS
- 1984-85 OLE Q. HANSEN
- 1985-86 OLE Q. HANSEN

**PRESIDENTS OF THE  
BAY AREA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION**

1986-Feb 1987	GARY JULIAN
1987-88	WARREN BOWLES
1988-89	WARREN BOWLES
1989-90	GLENN R. FONS
1990-91	CLAUDE P. MORRIS
1991-92	CLAUDE P. MORRIS
1992-93	DONALD WHITEHEAD
1993-94	DAVID P. STAILEY
1994-95	DAVID P. STAILEY
1995-96	ROBERT PETTIGREW
1996-97	ROBERT M. MOORE
1997-98	HARRY ELLIS
1998-99	JEAN C. STAILEY
1999 – 2000	JEAN C. STAILEY
2000 – 2001	RALPH HALL
2001- 2002	STEVEN C. METIZEN, CLU
2002 – 2003	GLENN R. FONS
2003 – 2004	GLENN R. FONS
2004 – 2005	GEORGE LAWTON
2005 – 2006	GEORGE LAWTON
2006 – 2007	LEIGH HALLER
2007 – 2008	JOHN BOYLE
2008 – 2009	GEORGE LAWTON
2009 – 2010	DAVID P. STAILEY
2010 – 2011	DAVID P. STAILEY
2011 – 2012	STEVEN C. METIZEN
2012 – 2013	CLIFF CSULIK
2013 – 2014	CLIFF CSULIK
2014 – 2015	CLIFF CSULIK
2015 – 2016	CLIFF CSULIK
2016 – 2017	RICK CONCOTELLI
2017 – 2018	RICK CONCOTELLI
2018 – 2019	CHRISTINA DAVENPORT
2019 – 2020	CHRISTINA DAVENPORT
2020 – 2021	CHRISTINA DAVENPORT
2021 – 2022	CHRISTINA DAVENPORT

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

2002 ED VENNER  
2006 GLEN FONS  
2011 DAVE STAILEY  
2013 GRANT PETERSON  
2015 STEVE MEITZEN  
2021 DRU WILSON  
2022 CHUCK WARRINGTON