

Columbia Farmers Market Constitution (revised March 26, 2001)

Article 1-Name

The name of this organization shall be the Columbia Farmers' Market, Inc.

Article II-Object

To improve the production and marketing of local farm products in Central Missouri and to stimulate public interest in the consumption of local farm products.

Article III-Membership

Any person engaged in the growing of farm products who agrees to abide by the rules of the Columbia Farmers' Market, Inc. may become a member upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article IV-Board of Directors

At the January meeting each year, the Board of Directors shall be elected. Executive officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. Two other growers shall be elected as Directors-at-Large. The officers and these at-large directors shall constitute the committee of members known as the Board of Directors. Nomination shall be made by the membership and voted upon by ballot. The government of the Columbia Farmers' Market, Inc. shall be vested in this Board of Directors and no two board members may represent the same farm operation or organization. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article V-Meetings

Members in good standing shall have the privilege of voting at all association meetings. Association meetings to nominate and elect officers and board members shall be held in January of each year. The past President shall conduct the January meeting, appoint an election committee to count votes and announce each person receiving the greatest number of votes for the five (5) officers and the remaining board members. These elected members shall be declared the Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Article VI-Records

Every member shall have the right to examine, for any reasonable purpose, the books, records, roster of membership, and other appropriate records of Columbia Farmers' Market, Inc. The Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting and the Treasurer shall do all the bookkeeping, collecting membership fees, and banking.

Article VII-Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall begin the first day of January in each year.

Article VIII-Spending of Monies

Proceeds derived from annual membership fees and stall rental fees shall be used to pay operating and advertising expenses of the market. Should the Columbia Farmers' Market, Inc. dissolve or become inoperative, any remaining money (after all expenses are paid) shall be donated to the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.