

**BYLAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**HEARTLAND WINNIES-LOCAL CHAPTER**  
**OF**  
**WINNEBAGO-ITASCA TRAVELERS**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the HEARTLAND WINNIES Chapter of KANSAS. It is chartered by Winnebago-Itasca Travelers this 20th day of April, 2000.

**ARTICLE II – Chapter Colors and Symbols**

The Chapter Colors are Purple and White. The symbol is the Purple Heart on a White Kansas State – outlined in purple.

**ARTICLE III – Purpose & Objectives:**

1. Basic Purpose:
  - a. To promote fellowship, friendship and fun among all members of WIT; to foster and develop recreational, social, and travel opportunities for the enjoyment, pleasure, and use of the members of WIT; and to encourage gatherings and outings on local levels.
2. Objectives:
  - a. To assist in protecting members' rights as private RV owners. To serve as a feedback mechanism to Winnebago Industries for the development of new motor homes of high quality.

**ARTICLE IV – Membership and Dues**

Section 1 – The Chapter was formed as part of Winnebago-Itasca Travelers.

Section 2 – Any person or persons who is/are a WIT member(s) in good standing is eligible for membership in the HEARTLAND WINNIES Chapter.

Section 3 – The annual dues for the HEARTLAND WINNIES Chapter shall be \$10.00 per year.

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**ARTICLE V – Officers**

Section 1 – Officers

- A. The officers shall consist of at least a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices.
- B. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. The offices of **president** and **vice president** of a **state or provincial club** or **local chapter** shall not hold office more than two consecutive one year terms, nor more than two terms in any consecutive five year period in each office. (Example: 2 years vice president, 2 years president, 1 year out of office in a five year period.) The offices of secretary and treasurer may be exempted from the above requirements and may be combined.

Section 2 – Vacant Office

- A. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the vice-President shall become the President for the remainder of the elected president's term, if a vacancy occurs in other offices, the chapter may elect a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term.

Section 3 – Others

- A. Other officers may include wagon-master, director, chaplain, youth coordinator, and additional VPs.

**ARTICLE VI – Committees**

Section 1 – Executive Board shall be composed of the current officers and the immediate past president.

Section 2 – The nominating committee shall be appointed by the president to serve for the following year and shall be dismissed upon election of new officers. The committee shall place in nomination candidates for all offices. At the meeting when this report is made, other nominations may be made from the floor.

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**ARTICLE VII – Meetings**

Section 1 – Regular meetings of a Local Chapter shall, as far as practical, be held monthly, the day and hour to be fixed by the Chapter. Additional meetings may be held if so decided by the Chapter.

Section 2 – Each year the annual meeting shall be the meeting at which officers shall be elected, such officers to take office at the beginning of the fiscal year in accordance with WIT by-laws and IRS requirements. The annual meeting shall be in AUGUST, and the fiscal year starts in the following MAY.

Section 3 – Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or any three members of the chapter with a notification to all members of the Chapter.

Section 4 – Clubs and chapters must define a quorum for transaction of business at any duly called meeting of a minimum of 25% of the total membership. The quorum must be either a designated number or percentage

**ARTICLE VIII – Fiscal Year**

1. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and end the following April 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. Prior to accepting the fiscal year report, the outgoing president shall appoint an audit committee consisting of no more than three members to audit the finances for the previous year. The audit committee is expected to complete its work during the meeting, campout, or rally when the new officers are installed. The audit committees' report shall be made part of the record of the Chapter.
3. At the beginning of the fiscal year, Winnebago-Itasca Travelers headquarter will be furnished with a list of new officers and a roster of membership.

**ARTICLE IX – Bylaws**

Section 1      Bylaws may be adopted or amended at any regular meeting and must be sent to WIT for approval per their by-laws prior to the changes becoming effective.

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Section 2      In case of disagreement, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on any items not specifically covered by these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE X – Expulsion/Reinstatement club/local chapter member.**

1. A member may submit a petition with the support of two thirds majority of the chapter members through the president to the Executive Board for confirmation or denial of their petition. The Executive Board’s decision should concur with the majority of the members.
2. A member may submit a request for expulsion through the President to the Executive Board. The Executive Board should review the request and make a recommendation to the membership. To approve the recommendation, the majority of the membership must vote in its support.
3. The person named in the petition or request has the right to reply to the charges in writing prior to action being taken.
4. In either case, the expulsion and/or reinstatement of a member is based on the two thirds majority support of the chapter membership. The Executive Board does not have the sole power to expel or reinstate a member.
5. In either process, the Executive Board should not vote against the wishes of the majority of the membership.
6. After the process is complete, documentation should be sent to the national WIT organization in Forest City, IA.

**ARTICLE XI – Officers Responsibilities**

Section 1 President

- a. Responsible to membership to lead and coordinate affairs and events.  
Presides over meetings.
- b. Offers recommendations and suggestions for members consideration.

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- c. In case of a tie, to cast a vote  
Appoints committees as needed. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the President and may be excused without cause.
- d. Insures all provisions of the WIT by-laws are followed.
- e. Notifies W.I.T. immediately of any accident or injury which occurs during any meeting
- f. Recruits new members for State Club/Local Chapters
- g. Coordinates Show and Tell programs at dealers
- h. Attends outings of other club or chapters as often as possible.
- i. Encourages members to participate in club or chapter functions.
- j. Works with the Area Representative in his/her area.
- k. Prior to the election of new officers, the outgoing president shall appoint an audit committee consisting of no more than three members to audit the finances for the previous year. The audit committee is expected to complete its work during the meeting, campout or rally before the new officers are installed. The audit committee's report will be made part of the record of the club, or chapter (per W.I.T. by-laws).
- l. Request certificate of insurance from the WIT office, if required by campgrounds or fairgrounds
- m. Follows up with each officer to be sure all duties are being performed.

2 Vice President

- a. Presides over meetings if the President is absent.
- b. Carries out duties assigned by the State Club/Local Chapter By-Laws.
- c. Assists the President in coordinating Affairs and Events

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3 Secretary

- a. Keeps accurate and up-to-date records of the Club/Chapter membership
- b. Records the proceedings of all meetings of the membership and its Executive Board
- c. Verifies that all members and all applicants for membership are members of W.I.T.
- d. Forwards a roster of complete membership to W.I.T. office, includes a list of officers immediately following the election of officers
- e. Sends information on club/chapter outings and “Who’s inviting Travelers” to the club news editor
- f. Handles all correspondence for the Club/Chapter

4 Treasurer

- a. Receives safeguards and holds all Club/Chapter funds
- b. Keeps accurate accounts of all Club/Chapter funds
- c. Gives oral and written reports to membership
- d. Disperses funds for authorized purposes
- e. Distributes patches, logos and other related materials

5 Immediate Past President

- a. Serves as an advisor to the President
- b. Is a member of the Executive Board

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6 Other officers may be elected by the Club or Chapter pursuant to the members desires and interests. Possible officers include: wagon-master, director, chaplain, and additional Vice Presidents.

**ARTICLE XII – Powers**

This chapter and these bylaws exist and draw their authority from the bylaws of Winnebago-Itasca Travelers dated December 31, 2010. These chapter bylaws may not conflict with the WIT bylaws. If there is a conflict, the WIT Bylaws rule.

**APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2011**

Kansas Heartland Winnies

Joyce Harvick \_\_\_\_\_ President

Thyus Weller \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2011, WINNEBAGO-ITASCA TRAVELERS

Douglas Formanek \_\_\_\_\_ General Manager