

# GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS RULES, BY-LAWS, AND STATEMENTS

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## ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

1. The name of this organization shall be GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS.
2. It shall be a chapter of the ORIGINAL PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE, doing business as PRIME TIMERS, an organization formed for the social and recreational interest of gay and bi-sexual men forty (40) years of age and greater.
3. The purpose for which GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS is formed is to be a social organization, whose only objective is to be friends and promote social interaction, participate in cultural and educational activities, and have a supportive atmosphere for mature gay and bi-sexual men. It is the nature of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS to enhance the quality of life for all of its members. Discretion in behavior is expected at all times ensuring the emotional and physical comfort of all members. The organization shall conduct and carry on all its business without profit to itself. No member of the organization shall, by reason of membership herein, be or become entitled at any time to receive any assets, property, income, or earnings from the association.
4. All income, revenue, and earnings of the organization shall be held, used, managed, devoted, expended, and applied in the discretion and judgement of the board of officers of the organization, to carry out the aforementioned purposes and objectives of the organization, and without profit, direct or indirect, to any member of the organization.
5. While the GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS anticipates a long and fruitful existence, nevertheless should the organization terminate with any assets in existence at such time of termination, said assets shall be distributed to a tax-exempt charitable organization in existence at such time. Such tax-exempt organization shall have purposes related and similar to those of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS and shall be chosen and determined in the sole discretion of the then existing board of directors of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall be open to any gay or bi-sexual man forty (40) years of age and greater, who is in accord with the principles and policies of the GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS, and who pays the membership fee. Gay and bi-sexual men between the ages of twenty-one (21) and thirty-nine (39) may apply for membership if they share a legal

residence address with a member who has attained the age of forty (40) years; or, if such men are sponsored for membership by one or more members of a chapter in good standing for the reason that such men (while not at least of the age of 40 years) do enjoy and prefer the company of gay or bi-sexual men of at least the age of 40.

2. Men are always encouraged to bring individuals with potential for membership in GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS to events of the organization. However, every guest who has attended at least two events in a calendar year of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS shall then be expected to either apply for membership or cease attendance at such future events of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS until such time as such a guest does apply for membership.
3. To maintain the privacy of all members, the membership list or roster shall not be shared with any other Prime Timer Chapter or non-member. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action by the chapter membership.
4. Each paid member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to vote of the membership.
5. The annual membership dues shall be \$40.00 (forty dollars) for each member on the first of September each year. For new members the membership dues shall be prorated at \$3.33 (three dollars and thirty-three cents) per month through the following August payable when they join. Thereafter their annual dues shall be \$40.00 (forty dollars) on the first of September each year.
6. A member shall terminate his membership at any time by submitting a letter to the president. Failure to pay the membership fee as described in Article III, Section I, for two (2) months automatically terminates membership in GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS. The membership of any person who acts in opposition to the purpose of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS as set forth in Article I herein, or who jeopardizes the right of privacy of any member may be revoked upon the vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the board of directors. A member has the right to appear before the board of directors at which termination action is considered and may appeal the decision of the board of directors to a regularly scheduled business meeting and seek reinstatement by the vote of a majority of members there present.
7. Membership in the GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS is nontransferable and non-assignable.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

1. Officers shall be elected to serve a term no longer than two (2) years. No officer may be elected to the same office more than two (2) consecutive terms. Elections shall be by simple majority of those members in good standing present at the meeting and voting. Since this is a small club and we do not have an abundance of members willing to serve in all offices, then the club may by a simple majority of those members present and voting, vote to waive the four (4) year term limit for any officer, thus allowing that officer to run for re-election whether unopposed or opposed. The terms of officers shall be effective on September 1<sup>st</sup> and end two years later on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Officers elected to replace an officer that has resigned or for any other reason is unable to complete their term, will be allowed to run in the future for two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms without a simple majority vote to waive the four (4) year term limit.
2. Elected officers shall be:
  - A. **PRESIDENT** – The president shall be the chief executive officer of the GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS, and subject to the board of directors, shall have general supervision and control over its affairs. He shall serve as president of the board of directors and preside at all meetings of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS and the board of directors and enforce the by-laws. The president shall recommend such measures as he considers desirable to further GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS objectives. The president shall be responsible for all valuable documents and archives of the chapter. The president or his designee shall represent GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS as delegate to the ORIGINAL PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE convention. In the event of disability, absent, or withdrawal of the president, the titles, duties, and all obligations shall be assumed by the vice president. Should further succession to the office be necessary, the titles, duties, and all obligations shall be assumed by the secretary.
  - B. **VICE PRESIDENT** – The vice president shall perform such duties as the president and board of directors may assign. The vice president shall act in the capacity as the president, during his designated absence. The vice president shall routinely monitor all committees, coordinate questions and/or request for help. The vice president may be asked to participate in a given committee or chair a committee in the chairman's absence.
  - C. **SECRETARY** – The secretary shall maintain the membership list, take and maintain minutes of all meetings of the GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS and the board of directors, conduct all correspondence as directed, and give notice of meetings. He shall maintain a list of current members, their addresses, and telephone numbers (if applicable). The secretary shall furnish updated rosters to the membership to be available on the Member's Section of the GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS website and available upon request.
  - D. **TREASURER** – The treasurer shall collect membership fees, make required disbursements as approved by the board, maintain GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS bank account(s), maintain all requisite financial records and reports, and provide bi-monthly reports to the membership and the board of directors every other month in the newsletter on the financial status of GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRIME TIMERS. The treasurer or president shall sign all checks and complete any electronic

banking transactions. The treasurer shall distribute by email an annual financial statement report covering the fiscal year from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

3. Board members-at-large may be elected for every twenty (20) chapter members, not to exceed seven (7) members-at-large. These members-at-large may be assigned additional duties by the board directors.
4. The executive board of the chapter shall be the officers and board members-at-large listed in sub-paragraph 2 and 3 above. The executive board shall be empowered to, and have the responsibility for, the efficient operation of the chapter in accordance with these by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order.

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the general membership shall be held once a year at a time and place designated by the board of directors and published in the newsletter or monthly calendar.
2. Special meetings may be called by the president, or the board of directors. Excepted only by the most extraordinary of circumstances, notice of any special business meeting must be emailed to all current members in good standing at least one week in advance of said meeting and shall specify the business to be transacted and no business other than that stated in the notice of such special meeting shall be considered.
3. Except only as otherwise provided, any proposed action may be approved and taken by a simple majority vote of approval by those present and voting, provided that a quorum of the membership is present at said meeting of the membership. A quorum shall mean that number which is at least 50% of the then current membership in good standing. No vote by proxy shall be permitted.

## ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

1. The executive board may establish such committees with such powers as each shall determine necessary, desirable and /or proper to carry on the purpose and business of the organization; such determined by simple majority vote, providing a quorum is in attendance at such meeting where such actions taken.

## ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL AND FISCAL PROVISIONS

1. The fiscal year of the organization shall begin the first of each September and end the last day of each August.

## ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

1. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the membership at which meeting a quorum is present when the vote is taken. A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the then current membership in good standing. No vote by proxy shall be permitted.

2. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the steering committee present and voting at a regular or special meeting of the committee at which meeting a quorum is present when the vote is taken; but only if the steering committee first determines in their best belief that such amendment is prudent and necessary for the organization.