

# **THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM AUBURN CLUB**



**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION  
2023**



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## WELCOME and WAR EAGLE!!

On behalf of the Auburn Alumni Association board of directors, and The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club, Thank you for your service to Auburn University and our local club. At the heart of the Auburn Alumni Association is the local Auburn Clubs. All local Auburn Clubs fall under the umbrella of the Association. The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club, is officially chartered and recognized by the Association.

We know that free time for volunteer service is oftentimes limited and we value your loyalty and support. Your efforts in bringing this club to the community provides our alumni and friends with opportunities for networking, cultivating relations, and giving back to future Auburn students We are delighted to offer this handbook as a resource for you to understand what we do as an Auburn Club. The office of Alumni Affairs stands ready to support you and the club. Our goal and mission of The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club is twofold, ***to support our 9 endowed scholarships and to Foster the Auburn Spirit.***

Thank you for providing the leadership that makes it possible for so many alumni and friends of Auburn University to enjoy the Auburn Spirit in their own communities. Your support of Auburn University and The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club is greatly appreciated.

War Eagle!

*Dan Chavez*

GBAC Club President 2023



## **OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

### **AN AUBURN CLUB DEFINED**

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An Auburn Club is comprised of Auburn people – alumni and friends – whose bond is Auburn University. The essence of that unifying spirit exists whether the club is located in Birmingham, AL., or hundreds of miles away in Philadelphia, Los Angeles or Washington D.C. There are currently close to 100 Auburn Clubs across the country.

The Auburn Alumni Association Inc. provides Auburn alumni with the framework and tools to help achieve common objectives through the establishment of Auburn Clubs. As stated in the bylaws, “The Association shall organize, coordinate, promote and support local Auburn Clubs, to provide a medium through which the individual members of the Association and loyal friends of Auburn can contribute to the objectives and purposes of the association.” To this end the Auburn Alumni Association has established the Auburn Club Program.

The Auburn Club Program works in accordance with the **AUBURN CLUB CHARTER CREDENTIALS**. The Charter Credentials are the requirements for establishing and maintaining a club charter. Auburn Club meetings are under the sponsorship of the Office of Alumni Affairs, which is concerned with the welfare of all university departments, programs and activities. The goals of an Auburn Club meeting are to provide a social atmosphere where alumni can gather together to renew old acquaintances, make new Auburn friends in their community and be brought up-to-date on all aspects of campus progress, including students, faculty, athletics and campus growth. A successful club meeting is one where those in attendance leave with a better knowledge of Auburn, enhanced by renewed pride and interest to support the association’s commitment to Auburn University.



## OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

### General Purpose of All Auburn Clubs

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The Auburn Alumni Association Identifies one underlying purpose of all Auburn Clubs

*“... to foster the Auburn spirit.”*

#### AUBURN CLUB CHARTER CREDENTIALS

(Requirements for charter establishment and charter maintenance)

#### Definitions

Auburn University -- Auburn

Auburn Alumni Association -- *Alumni Association or AAA*

Chartered Local Auburn Club -- *the club or local club*

Club Leadership Conference -- CLC

Programs & Services Committee of the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors

– *P&S Committee*

#### 1. Foster the Auburn Spirit:

**Each chartered Auburn Club exists to support Auburn University and to foster the Auburn spirit in every way.** This shall be the primary goal of every Auburn Club. The Auburn Alumni Association reserves the right to take action if a club fails to foster the Auburn Spirit or if the actions of a club reflect an agenda other than encouraging Auburn Spirit.

## 2. Meeting Requirements:

**To maintain its charter, each chartered club is required to meet, formally or informally, a minimum of two times per year.** When possible, the Alumni Association will provide a speaker for one meeting each year for each chartered club. All meetings should include a promotion of Auburn Alumni Association membership, scholarships, academics and athletics. Meetings can be formal, as in a dinner, or informal, as in a social, picnic, pool party, bus trip or athletic event watch party. Creativity is encouraged. All club activities must be reported to the Auburn Clubs Program in the Office of Alumni Affairs.

The Auburn Alumni Association will schedule and cover travel expenses for one speaker per club per year, when possible. (Clubs receiving speakers may be determined by availability of funds) The association will send one staff member from our office and/or member of the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors to speak briefly on the association.

Clubs must understand there are times when association representatives and/or speakers are not available and clubs must be flexible when determining dates. All annual meetings should be scheduled between April and August. As a general rule, football coaches will only be available in the spring and their meeting schedule is determined by the athletic department. Coaches' recruiting areas could determine meeting dates, times and overall availability.

## 3. Officer Requirements:

**Each office and board member of the local club must be an active dues paying member of the Auburn Alumni Association, whether an alumnus or friend of Auburn.**

Each club will have a committee to make nominations for the offices of president, secretary, membership and treasurer. Additional Positions can be created to meet the needs of individual clubs. Within six weeks of the officer election, new officers need to draft their club goals, both short term (one year) and long term (five Years), along with an outline of how the goals will benefit Auburn University. Completed goals need to be sent to the Auburn Clubs Programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs. Officers should work cooperatively and be actively involved in club decision making. If necessary, the Auburn Alumni Association will be consulted regarding club officer issues.

## 4. Club Leadership Conference:

**Each Chartered club must send at least one representative to the annual Club Leadership Conference.** In order to maintain a club charter, Auburn Clubs within 300 miles of Auburn must send at least one representative, preferably a club officer, to the CLC each year. If at all possible, clubs outside of the 300 mile radius should have club representation. **Failure to have representation for two consecutive years will be cause for charter evaluation by the Auburn Alumni Association.**

**5. Club Projects:**

**Each chartered club will adopt a project that would serve (1) Auburn University and/or (2) the local community.** Club projects will provide exposure in and serve the local community, as well as, strengthen unity in the club. Creativity is encouraged. Prior to formal adoption by the club, proposed club projects must be reported to the Office of Alumni Affairs, which reserves the right to disallow any club project determined not to be in the best interest of Auburn University. Following the completion of a project, clubs should submit information, results, photographs, etc. to the Office of Alumni Affairs to receive recognition and coverage in the *Auburn Magazine* and other publications and/or on our Website, when possible.

**6. Club Scholarship:**

**Each chartered club is encouraged to become involved in the scholarship program by providing a partial or full scholarship in the name of the club.** This is not required to maintain the club charter, but should be considered as a long-term goal for every chartered Auburn Club. Please note: participation in the scholarship program is a factor in scheduling athletic coaches.

**7. Reporting to Alumni Affairs:**

**Each chartered club must return all completed reports and forms promptly to the Auburn Club Program.** Forms are provided for required reports including, but not limited to, (1) new officer report, (2) financial report, (3) year-end report, (4) meeting recaps, (5) meeting request. Each report must be completed according to guidelines and returned to the Auburn Clubs Program in a timely manner. **Club report forms are available on our Website at [www.aualum.org](http://www.aualum.org).**

**8. Mail Requirements:**

**Each chartered club receives one annual club card mailing for the meeting in which a speaker is provided by the Auburn Alumni Association.** The Auburn Alumni Association provides one free mailing per year for each chartered club and it is strongly encouraged that such mailing is used for the event for which the speaker is provided. The invitations for meetings that the alumni association provides the speakers will be mailed exclusively to Auburn Alumni Association members in the club area. The local club is responsible for the cost of printing and postage of cards to non-members of the Auburn Alumni Association. To encourage the best attendance, clubs are encouraged to contact local media. For local newsletters and other mailings handled by the club itself, please send a copy to the Auburn Clubs Program in the Office of Alumni Affairs.

**9. Association Membership:**

**Each Chartered club should at all times actively solicit membership in the Auburn Alumni Association.** Alumni dues provide financial support for the Auburn Club Program. **It is imperative that local clubs encourage alumni association membership in order for the Office of Alumni Affairs to continue to provide services to the local club.** The alumni association will provide membership applications to be used at club events.

## **10. Club Membership:**

An Auburn Club is for all Auburn alumni and friends. The Auburn Alumni Association is dependent upon dues-paying members to provide the necessary financial support to help carry on the services and programs required for an effective Auburn Club Program. According to Section 5 of the Policy for Auburn Clubs included in the by-laws of the Auburn Alumni Association. **All club officers and board members must be active dues-paying members of the Auburn Alumni Association.**

## **11. Speaker Scheduling Requirements:**

**Each Chartered club must work through the Office of Alumni Affairs to schedule University speakers for local club events.** All speaker and meeting requests must be made on a meeting request form and mailed or faxed to the Auburn Clubs Programs in the Office of Alumni Affairs at least **6 weeks** prior to the event. For your convenience, the meeting request form may also be emailed to our website at [www.alualum.org](http://www.alualum.org).

**Local club members may not contact university speakers on their own. This policy was formed at the request of university representatives in order to create a smooth scheduling process. Violation of this policy is cause for the Auburn Alumni Association to review a club charter.**

*The Auburn Alumni Association reserves the right to take action for failure to comply with the listed requirements for charter maintenance including, but not limited to, club probation or revocation of the local club charter. Probation can be resolved by corrective action. If a club charter is revoked, the original club process and requirement must be met to be reinstated.*





## **AUBURN CLUBS AND AUBURN AFFILIATES STRUCTURE**

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#### **Auburn Club in Good Standing (required of all 3 tiers)**

**Each club must complete the following in order to remain in good standing:**

Maintain a slate of officers who are all members of the Auburn Alumni Association  
Submit reporting and contact information / sign-in sheets  
Participate in the scholarship program through the association (either an annual Scholarship or endowment)

#### **3 Tier Structure:**

All Auburn, All Orange (Tier 1): Complete 8 priorities/services from the below and be in good standing.

True and Blue Tiger (Tier 2): Complete 6 priorities/services and be in good standing.

War Eagle (Tier 3): Complete 4 priorities/services and be in good standing.

Each January, a club's tier status will be evaluated. If the requirements are not being met, the club will be moved down to the next tier. After two years of non-compliance in Tier 3, the club's charter will be considered for revocation and the club will be considered a Spirit Group.

At any time, the club officers can request to be moved down a tier. However, moving down a level would require the approval of the president and another club officer. Level promotions will only take place in January.

#### **Priorities & Services:**

**Tier 1:** Choose 8 of the below for the year; **Tier 2;** Choose 6 of the below for the year; **Tier 3;** Choose 4 of the below for the year. The activities listed below the main categories are examples and not a comprehensive list. Auburn Clubs are welcome to offer different activities in order to accomplish the priority/service, but they must first be approved by the Office of Alumni Affairs.

**\*\*Events cannot be combined to complete more than 1 category.** A meeting recap/attendance number must be reported to the Office of Alumni Affairs within 3 weeks of the event.

### **Athletic Support:**

- Hosting an Auburn University athletics speaker (speaker will be coordinated through the Office of Alumni Affairs)
- Holding game watch parties for university sports
- Recruiting Wrap-up events
- Attending a university sporting event held in your area (as an Auburn Club)
- Offering a bus trip to away games for university sports

### **Auburn Alumni Association Involvement:**

- Nominate someone for an Auburn Alumni Association award (Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, Young Alumni Achievement, or Lifetime Achievement, or other award)
- Attend Golden Eagles, Lifetime Achievement Awards, an away game tailgate, or another event sponsored by the Auburn Alumni Association
- Attend another club's event or meeting
- Visit the Alumni Hospitality Tent on home game days
- Host a membership drive for the Auburn Alumni Association

### **Auburn Alumni in Action/Community Service:**

- Hosting a community service project in your area (beach cleanup, school supply drive, assisting at a food bank, etc.)

### **Family Involvement:**

- Hosting a summer picnic or BBQ
- Holding an Auburn Club day at a local zoo, family fun center, pumpkin patch, etc.

### **Inclusion & Diversity:**

- Assisting the Office of Recruitment with recruiting minority students
- Attend Black Alumni Weekend or another Inclusion and Diversity event sponsored by the Auburn Alumni Association
- Specific event tailored for a group of diverse alumni & friends

### **Networking/Career Building**

- Host a LinkedIn or career building seminar
- Hold a gathering for a Career Services Presentation through the Auburn Alumni Association
- Participating in an Auburn University college/ school's event held in your area
- Invite a successful, local alumnus to be the guest speaker at a Happy Hour or other activity

### **Scholarship Fundraiser:**

- Holding a crawfish/shrimp boil
- Back sale/BBQ plates
- Golf tournament/fishing tournament

**Service to Students:**

- Holding a Freshmen Send-off event
- Participating in a local college fair or Junior Night
- Assisting with F.A.N.S. (postcards, senior awards day, etc.) through Auburn University

**Young Alumni:**

- After Hours Social/Happy Hour
- Live music events
- Painting/wreath making/craft activity

**University Programming:**

- Hosting a Dean, development officer, or other university representative (guest will be coordinated through the Office of Alumni Affairs)
- Attending a "This is Auburn" speaker series event locally
- Organizing a group to attend a theatre production, concert, or event being held on the Auburn University campus
- Participating in a Auburn University college/school's event held in your area



	Chartered Auburn Clubs			Non-chartered
Requirements	All Auburn, All Orange: TIER 1	True & Blue Tiger TIER 2	War Eagle: TIER 3	Auburn Alumni Affiliates
<b>AAA Membership</b>	All officers must be members	All officers must be members	All officers must be members	Leaders encouraged to be members
<b>Officers</b>	Full slate of officers (President, Treasurer, Membership, Secretary and a governing board of directors)	Full slate of officers (President, Treasurer, Membership, Secretary and a governing board of directors)	Club president and at least two other officers	Point of contact
<b>Scholarship</b>	Have an endowment or two or more annual scholarship through the association	Have at least one annual scholarship through the association	Have at least one annual scholarship through the association	Encouraged to contribute to scholarship through the association
<b>Club Leadership Conference</b>	Send at least one representative to CLC every year	Within 300 miles, send at least one representative to CLC every year	Send at least one representative to CLC every other year	Invited and encouraged to attend CLC
<b>Reporting</b>	Complete all reporting by the due date; send updated contact information/sign-in sheets to alumni affairs	Complete all reporting by the due date; send updated contact information/sign-in sheets to alumni affairs	Complete all reporting by the due date; send updated contact information/sign-in sheets to alumni affairs	send updated contact information/sign-in sheets to alumni affairs
<b>Priorities/ Services</b>	Participate in eight of the priorities/ services each year	Participate in six of the priorities/ services each year	Participate in four of the priorities/ services each year	Encouraged to participate in the priorities/ services each year



	<b>Chartered Auburn Clubs</b>			<b>Non-chartered</b>
<b>Services Provided</b>	<b>All Auburn, All Orange: TIER 1</b>	<b>True &amp; Blue Tiger TIER 2</b>	<b>War Eagle: TIER 3</b>	<b>Auburn Alumni Affiliates</b>
<b>Mailings</b>	All officers must be members	All officers must be members	All officers must be members	Leaders encouraged to be members
<b>Email blasts</b>	Full slate of officers (President, Treasurer, Membership, Secretary and a governing board of directors)	Full slate of officers (President, Treasurer, Membership, Secretary and a governing board of directors)	Club president and at least two other officers	Point of contact
<b>Speakers</b>	Have an endowment or two or more annual scholarship through the association	Have at least one annual scholarship through the association	Have at least one annual scholarship through the association	Encouraged to contribute to scholarship through the association
<b>Association Representatives</b>	Send at least one representative to CLC every year	Within 300 miles, send at least one representative to CLC every year	Send at least one representative to CLC every other year	Invited and encouraged to attend CLC
<b>Promotional items</b>	3 boxes of promotional items for events throughout the year	2 boxes of promotional items for events throughout the year	1 boxes of promotional items for events throughout the year	1 boxes of promotional items for events throughout the year
<b>Logo</b>	Official Auburn Club logo	Official Auburn Club logo	Official Auburn Club logo	Auburn Alumni Affiliate logo





## GREATER BIRMINGHAM CLUB HISTORY

### II. (4)

The First president of the Jefferson County Auburn Club was Harold Walker in 1946. It is believed that the club originated sometime before that year based on the fact that the traditional football senior Watch Banquet dates back to the early 40s. The alumni chapter of the club was officially chartered in November, 1982 and the Shelby County Auburn Club was chartered that same month and year. In 1996, the Jefferson County club changed its name to the Birmingham – Jefferson County Auburn Club. In the fall of 2006, the Shelby County club was dissolved and the two clubs merged. Beginning January 1, 2007, the new club was named the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club.

Today, the club has a 25 member Board of Directors including 5 officers. (President, Treasurer, Membership, Secretary and Past President)  
The 35 member Advisory Committee serves as an additional source of administrative support. Committees work to plan and organize club activities and events, including Freshman Send – Off, Golf Tournament, Distinguished Awards Dinner, 5K Run, Aubie Claus and more. The Annual Junior Night, which in 2012 completed its 18<sup>th</sup> year, recognizes the top 10 percent of 11<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the two – county area and serves as a recruiting tool for the Auburn Office Recruitment. All club events have two common focus, which is to serve Auburn University, support local students who attend Auburn University and to *Foster the Auburn Spirit*.



## AUBURN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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#### **Endowed Scholarships:**

Endowed funds differ from other in that they are truly the gift that keeps giving. Instead of the gift being spent outright, the total amount of the gift is invested. Before the endowment reaches the minimum of \$25,000, all earnings are added to the principal. After the endowment reaches the minimum of \$25,000, only a portion of the invested income earned each year is spent while the remainder is added to the principal. An endowment is a perpetual gift because only a portion of the earnings is used to support the intended purpose while the principal continuously grows.

1. A minimum of \$25,000 is required to endow a scholarship within the Auburn University Foundation.
2. In compliance with the university's endowment spending plan, earnings from the endowment will be used to fund the scholarship in the name of the club or an individual.
3. The \$25,000 can be given over a five-year period or in one lump sum.
4. Once funds are endowed, they cannot be retrieved from an endowment. If the club is unable to reach the \$25,000 minimum over five years, the endowment will transfer into an alumni general endowment pool, thus losing its identity with the club.
5. In accord with the Auburn University Foundation's spending plan, a portion of the earnings in an amount equal to the higher education price index (similar to the consumer price index) is retained as principal before the allocation is made to the spendable account.

#### **Annual Scholarships:**

Annual scholarships are supported by monies that the club raises each year to give to the Auburn University Foundation to support a scholarship. The annual contribution represents the amount of the scholarship. These scholarships must be funded by February 1 of each year.



## **Creating a Scholarship:**

The process for creating a scholarship is as follows:

1. Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs 334-844-2995 or [alumsch@auburn.edu](mailto:alumsch@auburn.edu)
2. The coordinator of Alumni Scholarship Programs will work with the club to create an agreement for the scholarship. Subsequent to approval of the Office of University Scholarships will review the agreement. Once all parties have approved the draft, the final agreement is printed in duplicate and signed by the club's president, the Office of Alumni Affairs, and the Vice President for Development. An original signature document is filed with the club. Annual scholarship agreements must be signed by February 1 for scholarships to be awarded in the spring and disbursed to the student(s) in the fall.
3. A file copy of the agreement will be maintained in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Donor relations and in the office of University Scholarships.
4. In all cases, the selection of the individual receiving the scholarship will be made by the Office of University Scholarship.

## **The following guidelines can be placed in the scholarship by the club:**

1. Geographical area, defined by county or city of residence.
2. Enrollment status (incoming freshman, transfer student, or current student).
3. Class year (freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior).
4. Term of award (one year, four year, preference to renew, prior recipients are not excluded from consideration in future years).
5. Academic merit, (GPA, test score for incoming freshman, academic excellence 3.0 GPA and 28 ACT score).
6. Financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid.

## **It is the responsibility of the club to:**

1. Send scholarship contributions to the Office of Alumni Affairs with checks made out to the Auburn University Foundation no later than the date prescribed in the scholarship agreement, February 1. The scholarship will not be awarded until the amount needed is received and deposited. The Office of University Scholarships will notify students in March and April of awards. The universal deadline by which students are asked to make their final decisions is May 1. Generally, clubs shall be notified by May 10 of scholarship recipients. Only recipients who have formally accepted their scholarship and met all requirements for payment of their scholarship will be forwarded to the club.
2. Out-of-State Clubs - Out-of-State tuition is three times the rate of In-State tuition. The club scholarship is generally awarded at 1/3 Out-of-State tuition, and the student

receives a waiver of another 1/3 Out-of-State tuition, provided Auburn University continues the waiver program. The student is then responsible for the remaining 1/3 Out-of-State tuition or the equivalent of In-State tuition.

### **Scholarship Award Process:**

Once the agreement is in place and funds have been donated by the February 1 deadline, the Office of University Scholarships will begin the award process.

1. The Office of University Scholarships filters the prospective recipient database to identify the students who meet the criteria outlined in the agreement by the club. The student who most closely matches the criteria based on donor preferences is selected as the recipient.
2. In March/ April, the Office of University Scholarships will send award letters with forms to individual scholarship recipients. Award letters include a requirement for recipients to write a thank you letter to the club.
3. Recipients have until May 1 to accept or decline the scholarship. Students may only accept a club scholarship online, which requires payment of the confirmation deposit for access. Once students are online, they receive a notification reminding them that by accepting the scholarship they are giving authorization to release pertinent information about themselves. Once the scholarship is accepted and the Office of University Scholarships receives the thank you letter, they can release recipient information to the alumni office to give to the club. The Office of University Scholarships is not able to release any information to the club prior to receiving notification from the recipient that they are accepting the scholarship award. Auburn Club Officers cannot release any information about recipients until clearance is provided by the Office of Alumni Affairs. Due to guidelines established by the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA), the Office of University Scholarships is not able to provide students' GPA or financial need information to the clubs.
4. Recipients may choose to decline the award or withdraw (choose not to attend Auburn). In those cases, the Office of University Scholarships will use the same process outlined above to re-award the scholarship. The Office of University Scholarships cannot cancel a scholarship and re-award it until the original recipient formally declines the scholarship or withdraws from the University.
5. The first fall tuition bills run in July with an August due date. Scholarships awarded appear as credits on the bill.
6. Ten days prior to classes starting, the award is disbursed for the semester.
7. After the 15<sup>th</sup> class day, scholarship awards are adjusted as needed (canceled for the year if students did not enroll, canceled for the term if students enrolled for fewer than 12 hours, etc.)

### **Amending Agreements:**

If the club wishes to change an annual agreement, they must go through an amendment process.

1. The club will work with the Office of Alumni Affairs to put together a memo to the Vice President for Development with their changes to the agreement. The Office of Alumni Affairs, the Vice President for Development, and the Office of University Scholarships will review the document. Once all parties have approved the draft, the final amendment is printed in duplicate and signed by the club's representative. An original signature document is filed with the club and Endowment Investment Office, if applicable. A file copy will be maintained in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Donor Relations, and the Office of University Scholarships.
2. Amendments must be signed by February 1 to be issued in the awarding of scholarships in the spring for the upcoming academic year. With the exception of a scholarship name change, the amendment must be forwarded through the agreement process in advance.

### **Account Verifications:**

Each fall, the Office of Alumni Affairs will send an Auburn Club Scholarship Account Verification to the club requesting response from the club informing the Office of Alumni Affairs if the club intends for their scholarship to be awarded the following year. The club must return this form to the alumni office by February 1.

### **Ways to raise funds for your Auburn Scholarship:**

1. Club sending letters to club members
2. Company matching gifts
3. Multi-year pledge
4. Monthly pledge
5. Events (Golf Tournaments, 5K, Game Watch Parties, Auctions)



The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club supports 9 endowed scholarships

The scholarships we support are as followed

### LEAH R. & GEORGE A. ATKINS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Coach George A. Atkins was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1932. He began playing football at Shades Cahaba High School and spent his senior year at Shades Valley High School. He earned a walk-on football scholarship in the fall of 1949 from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University. The freshmen team that year was especially strong, and often defeated the varsity in practice. Coach Earl Brown was relieved of his coaching duties in 1950 after the varsity failed to win a game. Mr. Atkins then played under the leadership of Coach Ralph “Shug” Jordan and participated in the rebuilding of the Auburn football program. Following the football season of 1954, he was drafted by the Detroit Lions, earning a first team offensive guard position, and playing one year in the NFL. In late summer of 1955, Coach Jordan offered him a coaching position at Auburn, a life time dream of George Atkins. Mr. Atkins had a reputation for being a demanding coach, but also a caring one. Three times he rode an ambulance carrying one of his injured players from a stadium locker room to a hospital and set up all night with one of them until the player’s parents could be contacted and arrive at the hospital. Mr. Atkins served on the Auburn Football staff until 1972, when he accepted a job in Birmingham. Although he left the Auburn staff, he remained close to his former players, who enjoyed sharing stories about his coaching career. When the major Auburn Generations capital fund raising campaign began in Birmingham, he was asked to

help, and for the rest of his career he raised money for Auburn University. He was most proud of his work raising funds for the construction of the Draughon Library. A challenge because the library had no organized alumni as departments, schools and colleges did. He retired from Auburn in 1995.

He married Leah Marie Rawls in 1954, and they had four children, Tim, Brian (who also earned an Auburn football scholarship), Laura Leigh, and Jack. They shared thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. George died in January 2015.

Leah Marie Rawls was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1935. She fell in love with Auburn in January 1943, when she visited her cousin, a student at API, and slept on her study desk. She entered Auburn in 1953, and married her high school sweetheart, George, the next year. Leah continued her Auburn education, eventually earning three Auburn degrees. She taught history at Auburn as a graduate student and an instructor. When her family moved to Birmingham, she taught at UAB for one term, and twelve years at Samford University. She served on the Auburn Alumni Board for one term and was the founding director of the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the arts and Humanities at Pebble Hill in 1985.

When Auburn's female athletes requested an overall award for best student athlete to match the male Walter Gilbert Award, which had been presented for decades, the Faculty Athletic Committee requested that her name be used for the award because of her career in water skiing tournaments. She won numerous national, world, and international titles. In 1976, she was the first woman inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. She has continued her love for Alabama history by writing numerous articles and books, some of them about Auburn University.

## **JIM SCOGIN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Jim Scogin Memorial Endowed Scholarship is named for James “Jim” Hillman Scogin, Jr., who was the father of Laurie Scogin, a former Board member, President, and now current member of the GBAC Advisory Board. Although Jim did not attend Auburn, he was fortunate to marry an Auburn graduate and became a devoted Auburn Fan and Supporter of Auburn University. He joined the Shelby County Auburn Club in 1990 and became actively involved in the Club. He was elected Vice President of the Club in 1996 and held that position until his untimely death in 1998. Following his death, his parents gave a full scholarship in his name through the Shelby County Auburn Club.

## **JIMMY BROWN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Jimmy Brown Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004. Mr. James M. “Jimmy” Brown, Jr., was a 1946 graduate of Auburn University. He was President of the Jefferson County Auburn Club in 1954 and served as President of the Auburn Alumni Association Board from 1969 through 1971. He remained active in the local club until his death in 2004.

## **HOWARD ELLIOT MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Howard Elliot Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 2006 as the last official act of the Shelby County Auburn Club. It is named for Howard Elliot, a 1950 graduate of Auburn University. Howard began working with the Shelby County Club in 2000. He was elected to the Board of The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club in 2008 and subsequently served as a member of the Advisory Board of the GBAC. Known affectionately by many as “Papa”, Howard Elliot was the recipient of the 2009 GBAC President’s Award. Howard left behind many memories for the GBAC and his funeral service was a true tribute to his love of Auburn, even down to the Aubie Tiger Tale on the hearse which he planned. He was truly a special person and is missed by the club.

## **EDD WADLY MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Edd Wadley Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 2008. It is named for our dear Auburn friend Edd Wadley who died in July of 2008 at the age of 57 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Edd graduated from Auburn University in 1974. He joined the Jefferson County Auburn Club in 1990 and was elected to the Board in 1995. He became an officer of the Club in 1998 and served as President of the Club in 2002. He continued to be active as a member of the GBAC Advisory Board until his death. Edd was passionate about supporting Auburn and providing scholarship opportunities for deserving local students to have the Auburn experience. Edd loved Auburn and was a valued member of The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club.

## **AUBURN BAND ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Auburn Band Endowed scholarship was established in 2009 and exists to provide financial support for the University's Band Programs. According to the Director of Bands at Auburn University, a large number of students in the Auburn Band are natives of Jefferson and Shelby County, Dr. Rick Good, Director of Bands at Auburn, who has a vision for the music department at Auburn, said that the support of alumni is vital and the GBAC is the only Alumni Club that currently provides financial support to the band.

## **CHRISTINA NICOLE HEICHELBECH MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Christina Nicole Heichelbach Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 2010. Christina was born in Brandon, Florida, the daughter of Darrell and Carol Heichelbach. Christina was a junior at Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, where she was named a Jefferson County Superintendent's Super Scholar. She had earned an ACT score of 30 and a full tuition scholarship to Auburn University with plans to attend Auburn after her high school graduation. She volunteered for her local Veterinarian (Dr. Charles Hart, former President of the GBAC in 2013) and was to attend the Auburn University College of Veterinarian Medicine after her undergraduate studies at Auburn. Christina was a sweet, friendly

spirit and a bright light to those who had the honor of knowing her with her short time on earth. She touched many lives, before the tornadoes struck her family's home and Christina's life was tragically ended early from that early morning storm. Her love of Auburn and caring for animals at Dr. Hart's clinic was cut short, but her legacy lives in this endowed scholarship.

## **PHIL NEEL MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Phil Neel Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in 2013. Although football players and coaches have changed throughout the years, Charles Phillip "Phil" Neel created something that is uniquely Auburn and something that all Auburn Fans over multiple generations can relate to forever. In Auburn circles, Phil is the man who created Aubie. Aubie is the Tiger Mascot that has delighted fans for years at Auburn events. Mr. Neel first drew the character when working as an artist at the Birmingham Post-Herald in the 1950s. Mr. Neel worked as a Sports Artist at the Birmingham Post-Herald for 33 years and at the Birmingham News for one year, but he also did freelance work for schools all over the Southeast. Mr. Neel's contributions to the local Greater Birmingham Auburn Club were evident as he annually provided the creative backdrops for the state at the Senior Watch Banquet. He had all of the player's names individually superimposed and many times surrounding Aubie. All of his work for the Club was donated because of his love for Auburn and the special bond he had with the GBAC. Thanks to Phil, Aubie has become the most recognized and beloved mascot in college sports. Phil Neel's death in 2012 will always be remembered through this scholarship in his name.



## **MEREDITH MADDOX MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Meredith LeAnn Maddox was a teacher, mentor and coach to the many students she touched in her short life here on earth. Meredith was born August 26, 1977 and passed away on March 31, 2015.

Meredith graduated from Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated from Samford University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. While at Samford, she was a member of Zeta Tau Sorority and the Samford University Track Team. In 2006 she received her Master of Science in Biology Education from the University of Alabama. Even though Meredith did not graduate from Auburn, her strong support and love for Auburn was evident in the many events and activities she attended with her parents, Pam Maddox '74 and Elon Maddox '73. Meredith always had a desire to help other which carried through when she had a tragic automobile accident in May 2000 leaving her paralyzed below her arms with no motor or sensory skills. Meredith fought her way back from a long rehab, finished her education, and put into practice the teaching and coaching she so desired to deliver. Confined to a wheelchair was no issue for Meredith, as she once again engaged in sports and actually pushed herself in several 10K races in her wheelchair to become a competitive athlete.

Additionally, she participated in the Paralympic trials in Atlanta in her racing chair and she also competed in the field events of javelin and discus. Meredith became more and more determined while participating in athletics as a paraplegic to teach and to coach. She became a Track and Field Coach for Hoover High School where she worked for eleven years. Teaching techniques she knew very well, Meredith was just unable to demonstrate the skills from her wheelchair, but very much able to handle the challenge of teaching and coaching field events for Hoover. Her success was evident in the number of athletes she helped put on the podium at State Track Meets and the Sectional Meets leading up to State Track and Field Meets. She coached athletes that currently hold state records that continue to remain records for years.

Meredith will live through this endowed scholarship and the concept of helping students would be exactly what she desired as one of the most significant parts of her life. Even though her years on this earth ended abruptly, this scholarship will allow her to support academically gifted students who want to excel at Auburn University for a long time.

Meredith's parents, Pam and Elon Maddox, are grateful and appreciative of The GBAC's support of this scholarship. Meredith had one brother, Elon W. Maddox, III and his wife Jacqueline (Jackie) Maddox and her nephew, Elon W. Maddox, IV.



## DUTY OF THE OFFICERS and BOARD of DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### II. (6)

The Executive Committee / Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Membership / Donor Society Chair, Secretary and a Past President / Officer at Large. The Executive Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting held in November or December of each year, and shall assume office on the first day of each calendar year for a term of one year. The President, Treasurer, Membership / Donor Society Chair and Secretary shall be elected to a one year term, with the option of serving one additional year in the position, if desired, re-nominated and re-elected. The Past President / office at Large shall be elected to a one year term only.

The Club shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of the following Officers, each of which shall have the following duties:

**Section 1:** The President shall preside at all meetings at which he/she is present; shall exercise general supervision over all of the affairs and activities of the Club; shall appoint standing and special committees and shall serve as executive officer of all standing committees.

**Section 2:** The Treasurer shall receive all club funds, keep them in a bank or depository selected or approved by the club and shall pay only receipted funds in accordance with actions of the President, Board of Directors or of the Club as a whole. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence.

**Section 3:** The Membership / Donor Society Chair shall be in charge of all matters pertaining to the procurement of new members to the Auburn Alumni Association and the maintenance and preservation of the total membership. Membership and Donor Society Chair shall also work closely with the Auburn Alumni Association in keeping accurate and up-to-date lists of Auburn students and alumni in the area. Additional duties include overall management of the Donor Society fund raising for the year. Activities include managing Donor Society member lists, corresponding to prospective Donor Society Members, providing means for joining the Donor Society at each appropriate event and contacting potential Corporate Donor Society members.

**Section 4:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors which shall be an accurate and official record of all business transacted. The Secretary shall also be the custodian of all Club records. The Secretary will provide all end of year reports required by the Auburn Alumni Association.

**Section 5:** The Past President/Officer at Large shall serve in a supporting role and perform such duties as assigned by the President. This position shall vote on the Executive Committee only in the event of a tie vote. The Past President/Officer at Large will chair the nomination committee for the year and make recommendations to the Board and the Officers on Board Committee Members.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **II. (7)**

**Section 1:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Five (5) Executive Officers serving a (1) year term. Twenty (20) Board Members serving four (4) year term with five (5) members rolling off each year and any Board Members serving extended terms as provided for in Section 2 below. There will also be (4) **(non-voting)** Alternates Board Members selected each year for the purpose of filling any vacant board position. All Board of Director Members must be a Member in Good Standings with The Auburn Alumni Association and The Greater Birmingham Auburn Club. This is to include active participation in the Club and membership in the Donor Society. **Non-compliance to this could mean removal of Member in Good Standings status.**

**Section 2:** Five (5) new Board Members and Alternates Members will be slated by the Nominating Committee, herein defined, by October 15<sup>th</sup> and will be presented along with the Executive Officers at a regular meeting of the full membership to be held in

November or December of each year. They shall assume office on the first day of the next calendar year. All recommendations for service on the Board of Directors must be made in writing to the Nominating Committee by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Board Members completing their term may formally petition the Nominating Committee for one two (2) year extension of their term as a Board Member. Such petition should be in the form of a letter to the Nominating Committee from the Board Member. The Nominating Committee shall vote on granting such extension request utilizing the same voting procedures as used to select new Board Members. Board Members whose terms are extended shall have the same privileges and obligations as other Board Members.

**Section 3:** Any previous Board member having served a full term may be reconsidered for the Board of Directors after a two (2) year waiting period. In the event of a vacancy for a board position, the Nominating Committee shall appoint a temporary successor for the unexpired term, said appointment being by majority vote an unexpired term for three (3) years or less are eligible for reconsideration for the Board without a two (2) year waiting period.

**Section 4:** All Board of Directors will become members of the Donor Society each year at least at the minimal level to continue to serve on the Board. Not meeting this requirement may result in removal from the Board of Directors for subsequent years of a term as determined by the Nominating Committee. Any Board member that is included in this group will be notified of the decision by the Nominating Committee.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **II. (8)**

**Section 1:** The Advisory Committee shall be a **non-voting Advisory Board** consisting of persons to advise the Executive Officers and Board of Directors with financial, procedural and directional insights as to the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of a chartered club within the framework of the Auburn Alumni Association. The Advisory Committee shall consist of people who **continually** support the Club and Auburn University through **significant financial** and/or service contribution. **They must be active members of the club.**

**Section 2:** The Advisory Committee will be chosen by the Executive Officers and the Nominating Committee by March 1<sup>st</sup> and serve a term of one (1) year with no limit of terms served. The outgoing President of the Club will serve on the Advisory Committee

for a term of one (1) year if approved by the Executive Officers and Nominating Committee.

**Section 3:** All Advisory Committee members, with the exception of Past Presidents, will become members of the Donor Society each year at least at the minimal level to continue serving on the Advisory Committee. Not meeting this requirement will result in non-renewal to the Advisory Committee for subsequent years. All Past Presidents are expected to contribute to the Donor Society, but will remain on the Advisory Committee unless the Past President asked to be removed from the Committee.



## GREATER BIRMINGHAM AUBURN CLUB

### Board Member Expectations

#### II. (9)

1. Attend monthly board meetings and participate in the meeting.
2. Actively participate in and attend club events.
3. Serve on committees beginning in the first year of your term.
4. Serve as chairperson of at least one event during your term.
5. Promote each and every club event with your own personal Auburn contacts.
6. Participate in the GBAC Donor Society at a comfortable level.
7. Continuously seek new potential members.
8. **SUPPORT AUBURN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE OF ALL.... HAVE FUN!**



## **GREATER BIRMINGHAM AUBURN CLUB**

### **EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

#### **III. (1)**

1. All Committee Chairs will work with the Executive Officers and have control of that committee.
2. The Executive Officers and Committee Chairs will set the date, time and location for an event.
3. The Executive Officers will set a budget for each event and the Committee Chairs will work within that budget. If more funds are needed, the Committee Chair will need approval from the Executive Officers. No money will be reimbursed over the amount in the budget and any additional funds approved by the Executive Officers.
4. The Committee Chairs will provide updates on the progress of an event at monthly meetings.
5. The Committee Chairs will turn in a written event report within 1 month of the completion of the event.





**BY-LAWS OF THE  
GREATER BIRMINGHAM AUBURN CLUB  
CHARTER MEMBER OF  
THE AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
IV. (A)**

**ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club is based solely on membership in the Auburn Alumni Association and the current membership status in the organization as maintained by the Association and are outlined on their website and in literature from the Association. Any current member of the Auburn Alumni Association is by definition a member of the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club.

**ARTICLE 2: DUES**

All membership dues are paid to the Auburn Alumni Association. The fee schedule is maintained and published by the Association and all dues collected by the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club will be forwarded to the Association for processing of the membership in the Association. No membership dues will be charged by the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club.

### **ARTICLE 3: EXPENSES**

No expenses that cannot be met by the funds on hand shall be incurred by the Club except with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors at the meeting where such is proposed and then only when the ways and means for meeting the obligations so incurred are provided for with a plan for repayment. Where funds are available, the President is empowered to authorize the Treasurer to process an expenditure of up to \$1,000 for any purpose consistent with the Constitution without any additional authority being necessary. Any payments over \$1,000 will require double signatures by the current President and Treasurer of the Greater Birmingham Auburn Club. All expenses (on matter the amount) will be reviewed by the Board of Directors each month via monthly expense and income reports to ensure accountability for any payments made to any vendor or person. All income will be verified by a minimum of two officers in the Club.

### **ARTICLE 4: DUTY OF THE OFFICERS**

The Club shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of the following Officers, each of which shall have the following duties:

**Section 1:** The President shall preside at all meetings at which he/she is present; shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the Club; shall appoint standing and special committees and shall serve as executive officer of all standing committees.

**Section 2:** The Treasurer shall receive all club funds, keep them in a bank or depository selected or approved by the club and shall pay only receipted funds in accordance with actions of the President, Board of Directors or of the Club as a whole. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall assume the duties of the President during his/her absence.

**Section 3:** The Membership and Donor Society Chair shall be in charge of all matters pertaining to the procurement of new members to the Auburn Alumni Association and the maintenance and preservation of the total membership. Membership and Donor Society Chair shall also work closely with the Auburn Alumni Association in keeping accurate and up-to-date lists of Auburn students and alumni in the area. Additional duties include overall management of the Donor

Society fund raising for the year. Activities include managing Donor Society member lists, corresponding to prospective Donor Society Members, providing means for joining the Donor Society at each appropriate event and contacting potential Corporate Donor Society members.

**Section 4:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors which shall be an accurate and official record of all business transacted. The Secretary shall also be the custodian of all Club records. The Secretary will provide all end of year reports required by the Auburn Alumni Association.

**Section 5:** The Past President/Officer at Large shall serve in a supporting role and perform such duties as assigned by the President. This position shall vote on the Executive Committee only in the event of a tie vote. The Past President/Officer at Large will chair the nomination committee for the year and make recommendations to the Board and the Officers on Board Committee Members.

#### **ARTICLE 5: QUORUM**

The presence of greater than fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **ARTICLE 6: ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The conduct of business at all meetings of the Club shall be governed by the Roberts Rules of Order.

#### **ARTICLE 7: AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the By-Laws Shall be proposed only by a majority of the Board of Directors present at a board meeting. Once approved by the Board of Directors, notice of the proposed change shall be posted on the Club's website and in any official Club publication (newsletter, e-mail, or other), at least ten (10) days prior to a meeting of the full Club membership called for the purpose of amending the By-laws. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of members of the Club present at such meeting may adopt amendments to the By-Laws.

*Resolution to Amend to be presented on November 13, 2012 for a majority vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors, to then be submitted to a vote of the membership at a meeting of the membership in January 2013.*



**CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
GREATER BIRMINGHAM AUBURN CLUB  
CHARTER MEMBER OF  
THE AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**IV. (B)**

**ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of the club shall be The Greater Birmingham Club, hereinafter called “The Club”, which Club is created by the merger of the Birmingham – Jefferson County Auburn Club and the Shelby County Auburn Club.

**ARTICLE 2: PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES**

The Auburn Alumni Association, recognizing the need to communicate and involve at the grass roots level, is in the process of organizing and chartering Auburn Clubs throughout the United States. The chartered clubs will provide an opportunity to foster the Auburn spirit and make possible firsthand contact with Auburn University and its alumni throughout Alabama, the nation and the world.

The objectives of the chartered club are as follows:

- (a) To provide the means whereby all Auburn alumni and the friends of Auburn in the geographic area of Jefferson and Shelby Counties, Alabama may join together to further the “Auburn Spirit”;

- (b) To support the activities of Auburn University towards the achievement of its educational goals;
- (c) To establish and promote goals and club activities which strengthen the ties between the alumnus, the Club, the community and Auburn University;
- (d) To encourage support of the athletic programs of Auburn University;
- (e) To encourage support by alumni and friends of Auburn for the Auburn Alumni Association to perpetuate the traditions, purposes, growth and progress of Auburn University.

### **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

The membership will consist of all active members of the Auburn Alumni Association and shall consist of all dues paying graduates and former students of Auburn University and other dues paying friends of Auburn University, living in the geographic area of the chartered club and interested in the objects, objectives and activities of the Club.

### **ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** The Executive Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Membership / Donor Society Chair, Secretary and a Past President/Officer at Large. The Executive Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting held in November or December of each year, and shall assume office on the first day of each calendar year for a term of one year. The President, Treasurer, Membership and Donor Society Chair and Secretary shall be elected to a one year term, with the option of serving one additional year in the position, if desired, re-nominated and re-elected. The Past President / officer at Large shall be elected to a one year term only.

**Section 2:** The Past President/Officer at Large position shall be filled by the person who served as President for the immediate preceding calendar year, assuming such person did not succeed himself as President, if willing and if elected, otherwise the position shall be filled by a member of the Advisory Committee. **To be eligible to serve as Treasurer, Membership / Donor Society Chair and Secretary, a person must have served a minimum of two years on the Board of Directors. To be eligible to serve as President, a person must have served a minimum of two years in an office position.** Candidates for all such positions must be a current member of the Auburn Alumni Association, the Board of Directors of the Club and must show consistent attendance at Board of Directors meetings and events and shall

have demonstrated support and commitment to all areas of the Club. In the event there is on willing candidate who meets the above requirements for President, a Past President who has shown continuous commitment and support to the Club by regular attendance at Board functions and Club events may be elected to serve.

**Section 3:** In the event of a vacancy for any office, the Nominating Committee, hereinafter defined, shall appoint a temporary successor for the unexpired term, said appointment being by majority vote of the Board of Directors, hereinafter defined.

## **ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** The Board of directors shall consist of the Five (5) Executive Officers, twenty (20) members serving four (4) year terms with five (5) members rolling off each year and any Board Members serving extended terms as provided for in Section 2 below.

**Section 2:** Five (5) new board members will be slated by the Nominating Committee, herein defined, by October 15<sup>th</sup> and will be presented along with the Executive Officers at a regular meeting of the full membership to be held in November or December of each year. They shall assume office on the first day of the next calendar year. All recommendations for service on the Board of Directors must be made in writing to the Nominating Committee by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Board Members completing their term may formally petition the Nominating Committee for one two (2) year extension of their term as a Board Member. Such petition should be in the form of a letter to the Nominating Committee from the Board Member. The Nominating Committee shall vote on granting such extension request utilizing the same voting procedures as used to select new Board Members. Board Members whose terms are extended shall have the same privileges and obligations as other Board Members.

**Section 3:** Any previous Board member having served a full term may be reconsidered for the Board of Directors after a two (2) year waiting period. In the event of a vacancy for a board position, the Nominating Committee shall appoint a temporary successor for the unexpired term, said appointment being by majority vote an unexpired term for three (3) years or less are eligible for reconsideration for the Board without a two (2) year waiting period.

**Section 4:** All Board of Directors will become members of the Donor Society each year at least at the minimal level to continue to serve on the Board. Not meeting this requirement may result in removal from the Board of Directors for subsequent years of a term as determined by the Nominating Committee. Any Board member that is included in this group will be notified of the decision by the Nominating Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 6: NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Section 1:** The Nominating Committee will be slated by the Executive Officers and voted on by the Board of Directors by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This committee will present the slate of Executive Officers and new Board Members by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Past President / Officer at Large will chair the nominating committee each year.

**Section 2:** The Nominating Committee will have five (5) members and consist of the Past President/Officer at Large, who shall serve as Chair, two current Board members (preferably with three years prior Board service) and two past Presidents of the Club (preferably with at least one having served on the Auburn Alumni Association Board). One Board member and one Advisory Committee member shall be selected as alternates.

#### **ARTICLE 7: ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Section 1:** The Advisory Committee shall be a **non-voting Advisory Board** consisting of persons to advise the Executive Officers and Board of Directors with financial, procedural and directional insights as to the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of a chartered club within the framework of the Auburn Alumni Association. The Advisory Committee shall consist of people who **continually** support the Club and Auburn University through **significant** financial and/or service contribution.

**Section 2:** The Advisory Committee will be chosen by the Executive Officers and the Nominating Committee by March 1<sup>st</sup> and serve a term of one (1) year with no limit of terms served. The outgoing President of the Club will serve on the Advisory Committee for a term of one (1) year if approved by the Executive Officers and Nominating Committee.

**Section 3:** All Advisory Committee members, with the exception of Past Presidents, will become members of the Donor Society each year at least at the minimal level to continue serving on the Advisory Committee. Not meeting this requirement will result in non-renewal to the Advisory Committee for subsequent years. All Past Presidents are expected to contribute to the Donor Society, but will remain on the Advisory Committee unless the Past President asked to be removed from the Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** The full membership of the Club shall meet regularly at times and places to be determined by the Executive Officers.

**Section 2:** Special meetings may be called by the Executive Officers at such times as are deemed advisable. Such special meetings may transact only such business as is specified in the call and may not supersede regular meetings except where specially provided for.

#### **ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed only by a majority of the Board of Directors present at a board meeting. Once approved by the Board of Directors, notice of the proposed change shall be posted on the Club's website and in any official Club publication (newsletter, e-mail, or other), at least ten (10) days prior to a meeting of the full Club membership called for the purpose of amending the Constitution, A two-thirds (2/3) majority of members of the Club present at such meeting may adopt amendments to the Constitution.

***Resolution to Amend to be presented on November 13, 2012 for a majority vote at a meeting of the Board of Directors, to them to be submitted to a vote of the membership at a meeting of the membership in January 2013.***





## **BYLAWS OF THE AUBURN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. IV. (C)**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Auburn Alumni Association is dedicated to the enhancing the engagement and connection of all Auburn University alumni and friends.

#### **ARTICLE I Name**

The name of the Association is the “Auburn Alumni Association Inc.” (Hereinafter sometimes called “Association”).

#### **ARTICLE II Purpose**

The purposes of the Association are: to promote the growth, progress and general welfare of Auburn University; to foster mutually beneficial relationships between Auburn University and its alumni and friends; to foster and encourage improved educational enterprises, programs and services of Auburn University; to enhance the general welfare of Auburn University through the formation, implementation and management of development programs, to solicit and encourage alumni and friends of Auburn University to make gifts, devices, bequests and contributions of whatsoever nature to the Auburn University Foundation, Auburn University, and/or the Auburn Alumni Association to perpetuate the traditions, purposes, growth and progress of Auburn University.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Registered Agent and Principal Office**

Section 1. Registered Agent. The Association should at all times maintain on file with the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama, the name of its registered agent, and the address of its registered office, in all respects as required by the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act. The successive registered agents and registered addresses shall be designated by resolutions of the Board of Directors (hereinafter the “directors”) as defined by Article VII herein. The Directors shall customarily designate as the registered agent the person who holds the office of Executive Director and as the registered address for the Association the principal office of the Association.

Section 2. Principal Office. The principal office of the Association shall be located on or near the campus of Auburn University.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Seal**

The Directors shall provide a suitable corporate seal for the Association.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Members**

Section 1. Classes of Membership. The membership of the Association shall consist of four classes namely: “General Members,” “Associate Members” and “Honorary Life Members.”

A. General Members. General Members shall be graduates of Auburn University and its predecessors. There is no membership contribution requirements. General Members are not voting members of the Association.

B. Contributing Members. Contributing Members shall be all graduates of Auburn University and its predecessors who have paid Life Membership contributions, become a Sustaining Life Member, or who are current in payment of their annual contributions to the Association. All past regularly registered students of Auburn University and its predecessors who have remained a student at Auburn University as long as one quarter or semester and who are current with their membership contributions to the Association are also considered Contributing Members. Each Contributing Member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought properly before the Members of the Association.

C. Associate Members. Associate Members shall consist of individuals who have never attended Auburn University or have not fully met the specified requirements for Members, but pay and are current in paying their contributions to the Association. Associate Members are not voting members of the Association.

D. Honorary Life Members. Honorary Life Members shall consist of those elected to such status by the Association in recognition of outstanding and meritorious services to Auburn University, the Association, the State of Alabama, or the United States of America. A resolution honoring a person as an Honorary Life Member must be passed by majority vote of the Directors. Honorary Life Members are not voting members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Meeting of Members**

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Association shall be held during Homecoming week at such place and at such specific time as may from time to time be designated by the Directors for the purpose of such business as may and should properly be brought before the meeting. If, however, the date for Homecoming is set before October 1 or after October 31, the Board may select an alternative date for its Annual Meeting to align with the Association's fiscal year more closely. Notice of time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be served upon each Member of record by mail, email and/or publication in any official

Association communication (electronic or printed) and/or by posting on the Association's website no fewer than ten (10) days before the meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special Meetings of Members may be held upon call of the President of the Association or a majority of the voting Directors at such a place as may be stated in the notice thereof and at such time and for such purposes as may be stated in the notice.

Section 3. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of the time, place and purpose of each special meeting of the Members shall be served by mail, email and/or by publication in any official Association communication (electronic or print) and/or by posting on the Association's website upon each Member of record no fewer than ten (10) days before the meeting of the Association, provided that no notice of adjourned meetings need be given. If mailed, the notice shall be sufficient if contained in an Association publication of general distribution and any mailings shall be directed to each Member entitled to notice at his/her address and/or his/her email address as it appears on the membership book or records of the Association unless he/she shall have filed with the Executive Director a written request that notices intended for him/her be mailed to some other address, in which case it shall be mailed to the address designated in such request. It shall be sufficient for on notice to be mailed to two or more Members living at the same address.

Section 4. Quorum for Meetings of Members. At least forty (40) Contributing Members of the Association present in person and/or participating via video/audio platforms to meet accessibility requirements shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of Members. If there is no such quorum, a majority of Members present or represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time to a further date without further notice other than the announcement of such meeting, and when a quorum shall be present upon such adjourned day, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 5. Conduct of Meeting of Members. Meetings of the Members shall be presided over by the President of the Association, or if he/she is not present, by the Vice President. If neither the President nor Vice President can attend, the President will designate a chairman of the meeting from the Directors. The Secretary of the Association or a person designated by the Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting, and the meeting shall follow procedures contained in the latest revision of Robert's Rule of Order, except to the extent that they may conflict with these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Directors**

Section 1. Number and Qualifications. The Directors shall consist of not more than twenty-six (26) and not less than sixteen (16) members, including ex-officio members, and all officers including President, Vice President and Treasurer. Each Director must be a Contributing Member who has paid their Life Membership contribution to the Association as defined in Article V(1)(B). The exact number of Directors who shall serve on the Association's Directors shall be fixed from time to time by the action or resolution of the Directors then in office. The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Directors. All of the elected Directors shall have reached the legal age in the State of Alabama, and shall be Sustaining Life Members of the Association during their term as a Director.

Section 2. Ex-Officio Members. The Executive Director of the Association, the President of Auburn University or Chief Executive Officer of Auburn University, the Chair of the Auburn University Foundation, the Senior Vice President for Advancement, the Chief Financial Officer of Auburn University, and the Assistant Treasurer of the Association shall be non-voting Directors during their respective terms of office. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall be a non-voting Director.

Section 3. Voting Directors' Election and Term of Office. The voting Directors shall be selected as follows:

A. President and Vice President. The President of the Association and the Vice President of the Association shall be elected as stated in Article XI and serve as voting Directors of the Association. The President of the Association and the Vice President of the Association shall be formally introduced at the applicable Annual Meeting which signifies the beginning of their term.

B. Voting Directors. The Voting Directors shall consist of sixteen (16) members who shall be elected as provided in Article XI and begin their term at the next Annual Meeting following their election. Four (4) Directors shall be elected annually for four (4) years from the date of the Annual Meeting at which their term begins. All shall hold office for the term so elected and until their successors have been elected. These elected Directors shall be voting members.

C. Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Association shall be elected as stated in Article VIII (C) herein and shall be a Voting Director of the Association.

Section 4. Vacancies of Voting Directors. A vacancy of the Directors (other than President, Vice President and/or Treasurer) may be filled by vote of a majority of the continuing voting Directors, provided that there are ten (10) or more continuing Directors at the time of such vacancy. The Directors shall call a Special Meeting of the Members of the Association for the purpose of electing persons to fill all such vacancies then existing on the Directors. A vacancy may remain unfilled if ten (10) or more elected Directors are still serving. Each Director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term or until his/her successor is elected and qualified.

Section 5. Removal from Office of Voting Directors. Any voting member of the Directors who fails to attend more than five (5) consecutive regular or Special Meetings of the Directors shall be considered as automatically removed from the Directors, unless the remaining Directors by affirmative

vote of a majority thereof, determine the absences of said Director were reasonable under the circumstances, in which the absences shall be waived. Any Director may be removed at any time with or without cause by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting Directors.

Section 6. Executive Committee. The Directors shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the President of the Association, the Vice President of the Association, the Treasurer of the Association, the Immediate Past President of the Association, the Executive Director of the Association, and the chairs of the committees of the Directors. The Immediate Past President of the Association and the Executive Director of the Association shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act in emergencies upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Annual Meeting of the Directors. The Annual Meeting of the Directors shall be held on or near the campus of Auburn University the same weekend of the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Association and no notice shall be required of the Annual Meeting of the Directors.

Section 8. Regular Meetings of the Directors. Regular meetings of the Directors shall be held at a time established by the President of the Association in coordination with the Executive Director of the Association.

Section 9. Special Meetings of the Directors. Special Meetings of the voting Directors may be called by the President of the Association or by four (4) voting Directors to be held at any place within or without of Alabama, at the hour designated, but notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be transmitted to each voting Director at his/her last known place of residence via electronic mail at least five (5) days before the time of the meeting. Such notice shall state the special purpose for the meeting. A majority of voting Directors may waive the five (5) day notice.

Section 10. Quorum. A majority of all the voting Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Directors.

Section 11. Conduct of Meetings. Meetings of the Directors shall be presided over by the President of the Association, the Vice President of the Association, or if he/she is not present, by the President's designate from the Directors. The Secretary of the Association, or a person designated by the Secretary, shall act as secretary of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Officers**

The Officers of the Association shall include a President, a Vice President, an Executive Director, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other Officers as the Bylaws shall state. All Officers shall be Life Members of the Association.

Section 1. Election or Appointment. The Officers of the Association shall be elected or appointed in the following manner:

A. President and Vice President. The President of the Association and Vice President of the Association shall be elected as stated in Article XI and begin their term at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

B. Executive Director. The Vice President for Alumni Affairs of Auburn University (or person holding the equivalent position with Auburn University) shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Association unless two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Directors elect to employ a different person to serve as Executive Director of the Association.

C. Treasurer. The Directors of the Association shall elect a Treasurer of the Association, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Directors and shall participate as a voting Director. The Treasurer of the Association shall be appointed for a term of up to five (5) years from the date of the Annual Meeting at which their term begins.

D. Assistant Treasurer. The Directors of the Association shall elect an Assistant Treasurer of the Association, who shall serve at the pleasure of the



Directors. The Assistant Treasurer of the Association shall be the Controller of the Association. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of the Directors.

E. Secretary. The Secretary of the Association shall be the Executive Director.

F. Other Officers/Agents. The Directors of the Association may appoint other such Officers and Agents as they may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the Association.

Section 2. Term of Office of President and Vice President. The term of President of the Association and Vice President of the Association shall be one (1) two-year term from the Annual Meeting at which their selection was announced or until their respective successors are chosen, but any officer may be removed from office by the Directors of the Association by an affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting Directors then in office.

Section 3. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of President of the Association shall be filled by the Vice President of the Association. A vacancy prior to the expiration of the term of the Vice President of the Association shall be filled by vote of a majority of the elected voting Directors. Each officers elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term or until his/her successor is elected and qualified. The election of a member of the Directors to fill the unexpired term of the Vice President shall not be deemed to create a vacancy on the Directors nor affect that Director's term as a member of the Directors. Vacancies in unelected positions shall be filled as stated in Section 1 of this Article.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Duties of Officers**

Section 1. President. The President of the Association shall preside at the Annual Meeting, at all meeting of the Directors, and any Special

Meetings of the Association. He/she shall work with the Executive Director to see that the program of work is carried out as approved by the Directors. He/she shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Association and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President including executing legal document on behalf of the Association. The President shall serve as an Ex-Officio member of all committees of the Directors with the right to vote, except that the President shall not vote in the Nominating Committee's selection of nominees for the offices of President and Vice President as defined and expressly set forth in Article XI(1).

A. Chairperson in Absence of President. The President may appoint the Vice President or a member of the Directors to act in his/her position at such times as may be required, except for such action as may legally require the President to act.

B. Committee Appointments. The President shall appoint such committees as may be required with the approval of the Directors. Any committee appointments made by the President shall be subject to ratification by a majority of the voting Directors.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out the programs and activities of the Association at the discretion of the President. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President and with the same powers and duties as the President when serving in his/her absence.

Section 3. Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Association shall be the Chief Administrator Officer of the Association and shall be charged with the administration of the day-to-day affairs of the Association and its principle office. He/she shall implement directive of the Directors in accordance with Auburn University policies and procedures, and shall support the missions and goals of the Association and Auburn University. As long as the Executive Director is an employee of Auburn University assigned to serve the Association, in the event that a conflict exists between directives from the President or Chief Executive

Officer of Auburn University and the President and/or Directors of the Association, the Executive Director shall notify the chief executive officers of Auburn University and the Association for their resolution of the conflict. He/she shall issue notices of all meetings of the Association and shall attend each meeting. He/she shall prepare and keep appropriate records of all alumni of Auburn University and its predecessors. He/she shall have custody of all the equipment and properties of the Association. He/she (i) collect all contributions of the members of the Association; (ii) solicit; and (iii) accept all contributions, grants, trusts and gifts to the Association and its special funds; and (iv) deposit these contributions, grants, trusts and gifts with the Assistant Treasurer. He/she shall be responsible for the financial administration. He/she shall perform such other duties as indicated to this office. The Executive Director shall be placed under such bond as the Directors may require and shall be required to present at each Annual Meeting, for audit by the Association, a complete financial statement of the funds and property in his/her custody. The Executive Director shall also act as Secretary at all meetings of the Association. It shall be his/her duty to keep a permanent records of its proceedings.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Association shall have complete access to all Association financial records which shall be maintained by the Assistant Treasurer. The Treasurer shall review the financial records of the Association and make recommendations from time to time regarding the finances of the Association. The Treasurer shall be available for consultation with the Assistant Treasurer on an as needed basis. In addition, the Treasurer will review the internally generated financial statements prepared by the Assistant Treasurer of the Association and the financial statements of the Association prepared by the Association's independent accountants. The Treasurer may authorize the Assistant Treasurer to act in his/her behalf at such time as the Treasurer may require.

Section 5. Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer of the Association shall perform all duties delegated by the Treasurer and the Executive Director. The custody of all funds of the Association, and of all gifts and contributions of whatsoever nature, shall be duty and responsibility of the

Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer shall keep all funds in his/her charge separate and in an official depository approved by the Directors of the Association. He/she shall pay out money for the Association by checks, signed by another person designated by the Executive Director, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 6. Other Duties. All officers shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to them by the Directors, and the Directors may delegate any of the duties enumerated above to other qualified individuals.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Fiscal Matters**

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from October 1 to September 30 or shall coincide with the fiscal year of Auburn University.

Section 2. Contributions. The annual contributions of the Association shall be determined from time to time by the Directors.

Section 3. Contracts. The Directors of the Association may authorize any office or officers, agent or agents, in addition to the officers so authorized by the Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Contracts and instruments executed outside of the regular course of business of operating the Association shall be approved by a majority vote of the Directors and executed by the Executive Director and attested by the Secretary or Treasurer under the seal of the Association.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Selection Process for Officers and Directors**

Section 1. Nominating Committee. As soon as practicable after a President of the Association takes office, he/she shall appoint the Nominating

Committee to consist of the Immediate Past President of the Association, the President of the Association, five (5) other voting Directors of the Association and the Executive Director. The Immediate Past President shall serve as a voting member and chairperson of the Nominating Committee of the Association. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. However, any person being considered for nomination to any position being considered by this Committee shall recuse themselves from all deliberations and voting of the Committee relating to themselves. The President may fully engage and participate in all discussions and deliberations of the Nominating Committee, including discussions and deliberations related to candidates for President and Vice President. However, the President shall not vote in the selection of nominees for the office of President and Vice President. Appointments to the Nominating Committee by the President must be ratified by a majority vote of the elected Directors. Said ratification may be conducted by mail or email to avoid the necessity of a formal meeting.

Section 2. Duties of Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one candidate for President, Vice President, and each of the vacancies of the Directors. Candidates for President and Vice President must be current former Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors elected by the Members. All candidates must be a Contributing Member of the Association who have paid their Life Membership Contribution and otherwise comply with the requirements of a "Contributing Member" as set forth in Article V(1)(B) herein. In selecting nominees for service as Officers or Directors of the Association, it shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to solicit names from all alumni and friends of Auburn University. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate candidates to fill vacancies for unexpired terms as well as nominate candidates for Treasurer. Solicitations for nominations shall also be posted on the Association website. The Nominating Committee shall establish a timeline to ensure that the notice requirements set forth in this Article will be met.

It shall also be the duty of the Nominating Committee to appoint or reappoint representatives of the Association to serve on the Auburn University Board of Trustee Appointing Committee established by the Alabama Constitution.

Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall submit its nominations to the Directors for ratification by a simple majority. Said ratification may be conducted via mail, email, or other means to avoid the necessity of a formal meeting. Once approved by the Directors, the Directors shall announce the nominations to the Members by publishing them, along with a biography on each nominee, on the Association website, and by mail or publication in an official Association publication. At the time of the announcement, the Members shall be advised of the provisions of Section 4 of this Article.

Section 4. Nominations from Members at Large. Contributing Members may propose candidates for any position provided that (1) the name and biography of their proposed candidate is submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association by the time specified in the notice which can be no sooner than thirty (30) days from the date of the announcement; (2) the submission specifies which candidate submitted by the Directors the new candidate opposes; (3) the submission bears the new candidate's signed consent; and (4) the submission of the new candidate contains the signed endorsement of at least seventy-five (75) Contributing Members. Mail or email transmissions of this information will be accepted.

Section 5. Automatic Selection of Nominees. If no nominations are received from Contributing Members pursuant to Section 4 of this Article opposing a candidate proposed by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Directors, the unopposed candidate(s) shall be deemed automatically elected effective as of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 6. Contested Elections. If nominations are received from Contributing Members which comport with Section 4 of this Article, then on or before forty-five (45) days before the Annual Meeting, there shall be mailed to the Contributing Members and/or published in an official Association publication a ballot containing the names and biographies of the opposed candidate(s) nominated by the Directors, as well as the names and biographies of the competing candidate(s) nominated pursuant to Section 4 from the Contributing Members. Each Contributing Member shall be entitled to cast one vote on each matter presented by written ballot. No ballot shall be deemed

operative until signed by the Member and received by the Association at least by 5 p.m., central time, ten (10) calendar days prior to the Annual Meeting. Mail or email copies of the ballots shall be accepted. The Secretary or a designee of the Secretary shall count and certify the votes and notify all candidates of the results prior to the Annual Meeting. The results of the Contested Election shall be announced at the Annual Meeting, posted on the Association website and published in the next issue of an official Association publication.

## ARTICLE XVII Indemnification

The Association shall, to the full extent allowed by, permissible under and provided for by the Laws of Alabama, indemnify any individual made a party to a proceeding because such is or was a Director or Officer of the Association against liability and reasonable expenses incurred in the proceeding in accordance with the provisions of the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Code (or the future provisions of any future Alabama law governing indemnification of officers and directors of a nonprofit Corporation).

Section 2. Application. Any alumni group desiring a charter as a local Auburn club shall first apply to the Office of Alumni Affairs – Auburn Clubs and Affiliates Program, as designated by the Executive Director of the Association. Upon receiving such application, the Office of Alumni Affairs – Auburn Clubs and Affiliates Program shall conduct an organizational meeting in the given city, county, or area which will create the framework for an informal Auburn Club. After thorough review of the club’s activities by the Executive Director and the establishment of the club’s bylaws, the charter may be issued for a formal Auburn Club.

Section 3. Name. Each local Auburn Club as the (name of the city, county, area or interest to be inserted) Auburn Club.

Section 4. Membership. Members of an Auburn Club must be Members of the Association. Membership dues to the local club are not permitted.

Section 5. Governing Guidelines. Before a local Auburn Club may be chartered, it must have its own bylaws, subject to the terms, provisions and restrictions of the bylaws of the Association. A local Auburn Club must follow the guidelines and commitments established by the Auburn Alumni Association Auburn Clubs Committee, which are reviewed annually.

Section 6. Officers. Local clubs are authorized to elect officers and engage in such activities as will further the aims and purposes of the Association. The local Auburn Club President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, as applicable, shall be a Contributing Member or an Associate Member of the Association.

Section 7. Surrender of Charter. If any or all of the provisions of this policy are not fully complied with, then at the direction of the Executive Director, such club may lose its right to be chartered.

Section 8. Auburn Alumni Affiliates. The Association shall recognize, coordinate and support Auburn Alumni Affiliates. These affiliates offer a platform for Auburn University alumni and loyal friends with similar interests and common bonds to connect and network beyond the traditional geographic club structure as well as contribute to the objectives and purposes of the Association.

### ARTICLE XIII Conflicts of Interests

The Directors shall be authorized to adopt a policy governing conflicts of interests between the Association and its Officers, Directors and staff, and such other persons as it deems appropriate, which policy shall at all times comply with Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Code (of the future provisions of Alabama law governing conflicts of interests between a nonprofit organization and its officers and directors). In lieu thereof, the Directors of the Association shall adhere to the same conflict of interest policy governing the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

### ARTICLE XIV



## Amendments

Section 1. Proposal of Amendment(s). Amendments to the Bylaws shall be proposed only by a majority of the elected Directors present as a Regular, Special or Annual Meeting of the Directors.

Section 2. Notice of Proposed Amendment(s). Once approved by the Directors, the Secretary shall immediately post the verbatim proposed amendments on the Association website and shall mail, email and/or publish in any official Association communication (electronic or print) an accurate summary of the proposed amendment(s) to Members at least ten (10) day prior to any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members called for the purpose of amending the Bylaws.

Section 3. Adoption of Amendment(s). A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Members of the Association present at any Special or Annual Meeting may adopt amendments to the Bylaws. No amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed from the floor.

## ARTICLE XV

### Auburn Clubs and Affiliates

Section 1. Local Auburn Clubs. The Association shall organize, coordinate, promote and support local Auburn Clubs, to provide a medium through which the individual members of the Association and loyal friends of Auburn University contribute to the objective and purposes of the Association.

# ***The Auburn Creed***

**I believe that this is a practical world and that I can count only  
on what I earn. Therefore,**

**I believe in work, hard work.**

**I believe in education, which gives me the knowledge to work  
wisely and trains my mind and my hands to work skillfully.**

**I believe in honesty and truthfulness, without which I cannot  
win the respect and confidence of my fellow men.**

**I believe in a sound mind, in a sound body and a spirit that is not afraid, and in clean sports that develop these qualities.**

**I believe in obedience to law because it protects the rights of all.**

**I believe in the human touch, which cultivates sympathy with my fellow men and mutual helpfulness and brings happiness for all.**

**I believe in my country, because it is a land of freedom and because it is my home, and that I can best serve that country by “doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with my God.”**

**And because Auburn men and women believe in these things,**

**I believe in Auburn and love it.**

**Dr. George Petrie**

**Auburn’s First Football Coach**