BYLAWS FOR THE SOUTHWEST BASINS ROUNDTABLE

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# PREAMBLE

In Colorado, water is among the state’s most important issues. The ability to successfully address the challenges and opportunities related to water requires a basin-driven, collaborative approach. To facilitate continued discussions within and between basins on water management issues, and to encourage locally driven collaborative solutions to water supply challenges, the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act created nine permanent basin roundtables. These roundtables include the following: (1) South Platte Basin; (2) Arkansas Basin; (3) Rio Grande Basin; (4) Gunnison Basin; (5) Colorado Basin; (6) Yampa-White-Green area; (7) Southwest Basins; (8) Metro area; and (9) North Platte area.

In the eyes of many stakeholders, the legitimacy of a roundtable organization can be measured against the ideal of a participatory democracy. Legitimacy requires that anyone potentially affected by the actions of a roundtable should have an opportunity to participate or, at a minimum, each affected group of stakeholders should have a like-minded representative participating as a Member of the roundtable organization. Only by working together can Colorado’s 21st century water issues be resolved.

# ARTICLE I

**NAME AND PURPOSE/MISSION**

 Section 1. Name. The name of the organization shall be the Southwest Basins Roundtable, (the “Roundtable”), changed from Dolores, San Miguel, and San Juan at the April 11, 2007 meeting. The mailing address is Southwest Basins Roundtable c/o the Southwestern Water Conservation District, 841 East Second Avenue, Durango, CO 81301 or another address agreed upon by the Roundtable.

 Section 2. Purpose/Mission. The purpose/mission of the Roundtable is to:

* Support and advocate collaborative efforts to coordinate and facilitate the appropriate use of the state’s waters.
* Develop long-term solutions to intra-basin water needs, collaborate with other Roundtables to find solutions to inter-basin water issues.
* Build an effective voluntary basin-wide program that fosters open communication and cooperation among stakeholders, with strong public support based on documented goals, strategic plans and accomplishments.

**ARTICLE II**

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. Improve communications by providing a forum to facilitate the coordination of decisions made among affected landowners, concerned citizens, tribal interests, and representatives of local, state and federal agencies.
2. Facilitate cooperation and the voluntary exchange of information to identify and address intra-basin and inter-basin water concerns in a proactive manner.
3. Provide a basin-wide framework for coordination, cooperation, and citizen involvement in promoting and improving the appropriate use of the state’s waters.
4. Facilitate the Southwest Basins Roundtable area’s participation in statewide water issues by selecting two individuals to represent the Roundtable on the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC).
5. Facilitate the productive development of a basin-wide water needs assessment to evaluate the consumptive and non-consumptive water needs of the Southwest Basins Roundtable area.
6. Seek the involvement of all interested parties and stakeholders in the Roundtable process, and actively solicit their input during the development of a basin-wide water needs assessment.
7. Facilitate the identification, compilation, and evaluation of necessary data and information to support the basin-wide water needs assessment.
8. Propose methods or projects, both structural and non-structural, for meeting any future needs as well as utilizing any unappropriated waters.
9. Encourage the use of the Roundtable process to help remedy intra-basin conflicts between stakeholders.
10. Provide a meaningful source of education and public outreach concerning the operations of the Southwest Basins Roundtable and the activities of the IBCC.
11. Promote the protection, conservation, and use of water in the Southwest Basins Roundtable area.
12. Promote the socio-economic sustainability of the Southwest Basins Roundtable area.
13. Promote the protection and conservation of the natural environment, including the protection of open space.

**ARTICLE III
DEFINITIONS**

 Section 1. **Bylaws** – The bylaws governing the Southwest Basins Roundtable.

 Section 2. **Chair** – The presiding officer of the Southwest Basins Roundtable.

 Section 3. **The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act** – An Act passed during the 2005 Legislative Session “Concerning the Negotiation of Interbasin Compacts Regarding the Equitable Division of the State’s Waters.” The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act is also known as House Bill 05-1177.

 Section 4. **Consensus** – Assuming a quorum of Roundtable members at a noticed meeting, Consensus is understood to mean: all Roundtable Members present at the meeting believe their views on a particular issue have been satisfactorily heard and agree not to block the group’s decision on the issue.

 Section 5. **First Vice-Chair** – The officer next in rank to the Chair of the Southwest Basins Roundtable

 Section 6. **Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC)** – A twenty-seven-member (27) committee, created pursuant to the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act, for the purpose of facilitating the process of inter-basin compact negotiations.

 Section 7. **Intrabasin or Basin** – the Dolores, San Miguel and San Juan Basins or sub-basins areas.

 Section 8. **Local Public Body** – Any board, committee, commission, authority, or other advisory, policymaking, rulemaking, or formally constituted body of any political subdivision of the state and any public or private entity to which a political subdivision, or an official thereof, has delegated a governmental decision-making function but does not include persons on the administrative staff of the local public body.

 Section 9. **Members** – Individuals who have been appointed or selected to serve on the Southwest Basins Roundtable through the process specified in the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act.

 Section 10. **Other Appropriate Sources** – In addition to the data and information from the basin-wide water needs assessment and other sources deemed appropriate by the Southwest Basins Roundtable.

 Section 11. **Person** – An individual, corporation, partnership, incorporated association, and the like and shall have no gender and the singular shall include the plural.

Section 12. **Quorum** – A simple majority of the Members of the Roundtable shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Roundtable, but if a quorum shall not be present at any meeting or adjournment thereof, a majority of the Members present may adjourn the meeting without further notice.

 Section 13. **Recorder** – The Recorder of the Roundtable shall be a contractor to serve as the Recorder selected by Members to perform administrative duties of the Roundtable, is a non-voting participant, and shall be compensated for those contract duties by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

 Section 14. **Representative** – Individuals who have been appointed by the Southwest Basins Roundtable to represent the Roundtable on the IBCC.

 Section 15. **Roundtable** – The Southwest Basins Roundtable created through the process specified in The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act.

 Section 16. **Roundtable Leadership** – The officers of the Roundtable shall be the Chair, First Vice-Chair, and Second Vice-Chair.

 Section 17. **Second Vice-Chair** – The officer next in rank to the First Vice-Chair of the Roundtable,

 Section 18. **Stakeholder** – Any person or entity who is a member of the Roundtable.

 Section 19. **Super Majority** – Assuming a Quorum is present and acting throughout, a supermajority is a vote of seventy-five percent of the Members present and voting.

 Section 20. **Water Division** – Water division has the same meaning as set forth in Section 37-92-201, C.R.S.

 Section 21. **Water Management District** – Means those districts established by the Division of Water Resources and depicted on maps published by the Division.

# ARTICLE IV

# ROUNDTABLE MEMBERSHIP

 Section 1. Members. The Southwest Basins Roundtable shall collectively represent the types of interests, livelihoods, and/or land ownership found in the Southwest Basins Roundtable area. Roundtable membership is determined pursuant to the statutory scheme in The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act. The Roundtable shall consist of the following Members, each of whom shall reside within the borders of the Roundtable (with the exception of the non-voting Members identified in paragraph 7 and the Colorado River Water Conservation District appointment to the Roundtable), as specified below.

1. One (1) Member appointed by the governing body of each county or city and county within the borders of the basin Roundtable. A county or city and county shall be entitled to a member on each basin roundtable that overlaps its boundaries.
2. One (1) municipal Member for each county located in whole or in part within the basin Roundtable, who shall be appointed jointly by the governing bodies of all municipalities within that portion of the county that is located within the Roundtable.
3. One (1) Member appointed by the board of directors of each water conservancy and water conservation district within the borders of the Roundtable. A water conservancy or water conservation district shall be entitled to one member on each basin roundtable that overlaps its jurisdiction.
4. One (1) Member appointed by the governing body of the Southern Ute Tribe and one (1) member appointed by the governing body of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.
5. One (1) Member appointed by mutual agreement of the chairperson of the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Water Committee and the Chairperson of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.
6. Ten (10) at large Members appointed by vote of the Roundtable Members representing the following interests:
	1. One (1) shall represent environmental interests and shall be selected from nominees submitted by one or more regionally, state-wide, or nationally recognized environmental conservation organizations that have operated in Colorado for at least five years;
	2. One (1) shall represent agricultural interests;
	3. One (1) shall represent recreation interests;
	4. One (1) shall represent local domestic water provider interests;

e. One (1) shall represent industrial interests;

f. At least five (5) shall own adjudicated water rights, including owners of shares in a ditch or reservoir company or their agents, or shall have a contract for water with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation or their agents. Any such agent shall be appointed by the Member the agent represents and shall reside within the borders of the Member’s Roundtable.

7. Three (3) nonvoting Members shall be selected if requested by the Roundtable Members appointed pursuant to Sections 1. to 6. above, who shall represent entities outside the basin that own water rights within the basin. These members shall not be required to reside within the borders of the Roundtable. If no one qualifies for selection under 7, three (3) non-voting Members shall be selected from outside the basin who have interests in and are knowledgeable about water matters.

8. The non-voting CWCB Board member who resides within the borders of the basin Roundtable shall act as the Board’s liaison to the basin Roundtable and to the IBCC.

9. The member of the Water Quality Control Commission who resides within the borders of the basin Roundtable shall act as the Commission’s liaison to the basin Roundtable and shall be a member of the Roundtable. If the closest west slope Commission member does not live in the basin, the member is invited to attend and to participate but will not be a voting member of the Roundtable.

 Section 2. Term of Office. Members appointed by the Roundtable in Section 1, subsections 6 and 7 in this Article serve a term of five (5) years, which is renewable by vote of the Roundtable. A Member’s five-year term shall terminate if the Member withdraws or is removed by a super majority vote of the Roundtable. Vacancies shall be filled pursuant to the same criteria as the original appointment.

 Section 3. Voting. For purposes of voting on Roundtable business, each Member in Section 1 shall have one vote, except for the CWCB Liaison and Members identified as non-voting members in Article IV Section 1.

 Section 4. Non-Represented Interests. Government agencies, individuals, local governments, and other organizations not directly represented by a Member of the Roundtable are encouraged to participate in the Roundtable’s meetings; however, non-represented interests will not act as voting Members of the Roundtable.

 Section 5. Substitutes and Proxies. Roundtable Members shall not send a substitute or proxy on their behalf to a Roundtable meeting.

# ARTICLE V

**ROUNDTABLE LEADERSHIP**

 Section 1. General Powers. The Roundtable Leadership shall have the power to manage the business and affairs of the Roundtable in such manner as it sees fit. In addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon it, the Roundtable Leadership may do all lawful acts which are not directed to be done by statute or by these Bylaws.

 Section 2. Number and Qualifications. The Roundtable shall have one Chair, a First Vice-Chair, and a Second Vice-Chair. Except when elected by acclamation, the Chair and Vice-chairs shall be nominated and selected by secret ballot vote; and the Chair shall be selected by a majority of Roundtable Members; the First Vice-Chair shall be the Member receiving the second highest number of votes, and the Second Vice-Chair shall be the Member receiving the third highest number of votes. The Chair and Vice-Chairs shall serve a one-year term with no limit on the number of terms served. The total number of Roundtable Members shall be determined according to the statutory scheme in The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act, plus Members representing the tribes in the Dolores, San Miguel and San Juan Basin.

 Section 3. Election and Term of Office. The Chair, and Vice-Chairs shall be elected annually by the Roundtable at its annual meeting with no limit on the number of terms served. Each person so elected shall hold office until the resignation of such person or a successor shall be duly elected and qualified, until the death of such person, or until removal of such person in the manner herein provided.

 Section 4. Removal. Any person elected or appointed by the Roundtable may be removed by a super majority vote of the Roundtable whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Roundtable would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

 Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any elected position because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Roundtable for the unexpired portion of the term.

 Section 6. The Chair of the Roundtable. The Roundtable shall select a Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Roundtable. The Chair shall also see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the law and the provisions of the Bylaws.

 Section 7. The Vice-Chairs of the Roundtable. The Roundtable shall select a First Vice-Chair and a Second Vice-Chair. In the absence of the Chair or in the event of the death or inability or refusal to act of the Chair, the First Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. In the absence of the Chair and the First Vice-Chair, the Second Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair and when so acting shall have all the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. In the event of the resignation of the Roundtable Chair, the First Vice-Chair serve as the new Chair.

 Section 8. Salaries. Neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chairs shall receive a salary from the Roundtable for their work on behalf of the Roundtable.

# ARTICLE VI

**ROUNDTABLE ADMINISTRATION**

 Section 1. Recorder Duties. The Roundtable shall select a Recorder in a contract position to fulfill general administrative duties. The Recorder shall provide administration and coordination for virtual, in-person and hybrid quarterly meetings as well as periodic subcommittee meetings. The Recorder shall also: record meetings electronically, prepare written draft of minutes for each meeting for review and approval, assist the Chair with agenda development and preparation, maintain Roundtable electronic files via cloud storage (or other method), update the website with relevant documents, maintain the Roundtable roster, coordinate with CWCB staff, assist with email communications to Roundtable members and the CWCB, and other duties as assigned by the Chair or by action of the Roundtable.

Section 2. Public Education, Participation and Outreach (PEPO) Liaison – The PEPO liaison coordinates with the Roundtable to develop potential communications strategies, plans, and programs that support outreach and education in the basin, message and market various collaborative opportunities where the Roundtable and public can have input, striving to increase inclusivity and transparency.

The PEPO Liaison compliments CWCB staff and Roundtable education and outreach efforts. As a state contractor, the PEPO Liaison must be able to comply with CWCB rules and requirements including all applicable financial, process and policy requirements. To that end, the PEPO Liaison generally operates and reports to the Roundtable but is also required to regularly communicate with CWCB to fulfill their duties.

 Section 3. Compensation. The Recorder and the PEPO Liaison receive compensation as available from the CWCB and/or other sources.

 Section 4. Removal. Any Recorder or PEPO liaison selected by the Roundtable may be removed by the Roundtable in consultation with the CWCB.

**ARTICLE VII**

**DECISION-MAKING**

 Section 1. Consensus-Based Decision-Making. Except as otherwise specifically set forth in the Bylaws, a concerted effort shall be made by the Roundtable to reach decisions by Consensus. The goal of Consensus is to respect and protect minority opinions on all issues. If objections are not voiced when considering an issue, then Consensus is assumed and the issue moves forward. In other cases, one or more individuals might wish to express a minority opinion, which shall be entered into the record, but the item under discussion shall then move forward provided that Consensus is reached.

 If Consensus is not reached the issue shall be reevaluated at the next meeting of the Roundtable, except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws. If Consensus cannot be reached at this point, the issue shall be considered lost unless subsequently a Member shall request a vote which must be approved by a Super Majority.

 Section 2. Roundtable Members or Members Organizations Considered for WSRF or Other CWCB Grants. Roundtable members associated with an application for Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) grants or another CWCB grant can continue to be Roundtable members and participate in the discussion but shall recuse themselves from the Roundtable approval of said funding.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**MEETINGS AND GOVERNANCE**

 Section 1. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting of the Roundtable shall be held at the third meeting of the year. Each Member and the public shall be notified in advance as set forth in Article VII. The business at the annual meeting of the Roundtable shall include at a minimum selection of a Chair, Vice-Chairs, IBCC representatives, annual reports, other business pertinent to the Roundtable, and for purposes of the Colorado Open Meeting Law, a decision regarding which place or places will be deemed the public location(s) for the posting of notice of Roundtable meeting times and locations.

 Section 2. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Roundtable shall be held once a quarter. One of the regular meetings may occur in conjunction with the annual meeting. The Roundtable may schedule additional regular meetings by consensus. The notice of the meeting must be posted and distributed in such a manner so as to comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law. The Roundtable is encouraged to schedule its regular meetings on days and times that will allow for diverse geographic participation. All regular meetings shall be held within the State of Colorado.

 Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Roundtable may be called by or at the request of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairpersons. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Roundtable may fix any place, which must be within the State of Colorado, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Roundtable called by them. The notice of the meeting must be posted and distributed in such a manner so as to comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

 Section 4. Hybrid Meetings. Members of the Roundtable and committees thereof may participate and be deemed present at a meeting by means of conference telephone, video conference, or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time.

 Section 5. Open Meetings Law. The Roundtable shall be deemed to be a “local public body” for purposes of the Open Meetings Law, Part 4 of Article 6 of Title 24, C.R.S. By law, the Roundtable must give at least 24-hour notice of any meeting, which is posted in a public place or places, which are determined by the Roundtable. If available, a meeting agenda shall be published with the notice. The Roundtable is encouraged to publish notice of a meeting at least a week in advance.. The Roundtable process is intended to be a public endeavor with input from all who want to give it.

Section 6. Minutes. The Recorder shall keep accurate minutes of all Roundtable meetings. All minutes shall be subject to approval at the subsequent Roundtable meeting. These minutes shall be stored on the Roundtable webpage, in the shared electronic drive, and made available to the public upon request.

 Section 7. Action by Consent of All Members. Any action required to be taken, or which may be taken at a meeting of the Roundtable may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the Roundtable. Such action by consensus of all entitled to vote shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of such Members at a meeting of Members at which a quorum is present.

Section 8. Subcommittees, Sub-Roundtables, or Other Mechanisms. The Roundtable shall have the ability to establish subcommittees, sub-roundtables or other mechanisms to facilitate dialogue and resolution of issues and conflicts within the Roundtable area. These mechanisms may be permanent or temporary, and may be established to negotiate compacts, examine negotiated compacts, develop projects, represent geographically different areas within the Roundtable basin, or any other reason the Roundtable sees fit.

 Section 9. Vacancies. The Roundtable may take measures to remove any Member for three (3) unexcused absences in any 12-month period. Any vacancy occurring in the Roundtable shall be filled according to these bylaws.

 Section 10. Compensation. The Members shall receive no compensation from the Roundtable for their service as a Member. However, nothing will preclude a Member from receiving reimbursement from the Roundtable for actual expenses incurred and incident to the performance of their duties as authorized by the Roundtable.

 Section 11. Presumption of Assent. A Member of the Roundtable who is present at a meeting of the Roundtable at which action on any matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless the dissent of such Member shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting, filed in writing with the Chairperson of the meeting before the adjournment thereof or forwarded by registered mail to the Chairperson of the Roundtable immediately after the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to a Member who voted in favor of such action.

 Section 12. Resignation of Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons and Members. Any Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Member may resign at any time by submitting a resignation in writing. Such resignation takes effect from the time of its receipt by the Roundtable unless a date or time is fixed in the resignation, in which case it will take effect from that time. Acceptance of the resignation shall not be required to make it effective.

 Section 13. Participation by Non-Members. Public participation in the Roundtable Process is encouraged by expressing views and opinions to Members. Roundtable Members may take into account these views and opinions when deciding how the Roundtable business shall proceed.

Section 14. Rules of Conduct. The Roundtable may adopt such rules for the conduct of business as are appropriate and which are consistent with these Bylaws and state law.

Section 15. CWCB Code of Conduct: The Roundtable has agreed to adhere to Section 3 of the CWCB’s Code of Conduct as revised on March 25, 2021.

# ARTICLE IX

# ROUNDTABLE POWERS

 Section 1. Interbasin Compacts. Upon the approval of the Interstate Compact Charter by the General Assembly, the Roundtable shall have the power to negotiate inter-basin compacts with other roundtables established under The Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act through the Roundtable Representatives. The Roundtable shall, by consensus, agree to any compact that is negotiated in order for it to become valid and binding.

Section 2. IBCC.

(A) There shall be two individuals elected as Representatives of the Roundtable on the IBCC, and a third individual to serve as an alternate. The two Representatives shall serve staggered two year terms and the alternate shall serve a two year term. The Representatives and alternate can be re-elected. If a Representative does not complete a two year term, the alternate shall fill the remaining portion of the two year term.

(B) Both Representatives and the alternate shall reside within the borders of the Roundtable and at least one Representative shall own adjudicated water rights, including owners of shares in a ditch or reservoir company or their agents. The Representatives do not have to be members of the Roundtable.

(C) Selection of Representatives shall be elected by secret ballot except when elected by acclamation. Roundtable Members will select Representatives by means of a Simple Majority. In the event there are more than two candidates, if one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes they are elected, if not the highest two vote-getters will have a run-off vote. The alternate IBCC representative shall be the second highest vote-getter or if no second highest vote-getter shall be elected in the same manner as the Representatives. The alternative shall fill in for one of the regular IBCC Representatives temporarily (e.g. for one or more meetings if the primary member cannot attend), or for the remainder of the term if an IBCC representative steps down from the position. In the event the appointment of the alternate does not fulfill the requirement of Section 1(B) above regarding adjudicated water rights, an election will be held at the next regular meeting of the Roundtable to elect an IBCC representative that meets the requirement to serve the remainder of the term.

(D) At the Annual Meeting one of the IBCC Representatives shall be elected each year. The alternate shall be elected on each even numbered year (e.g. 2022).

(E) The Representatives shall represent the views and interests of the basin on the IBCC. The Representatives shall have the power to:

* Negotiate, approve, and amend IBCC bylaws;
* Negotiate, approve, and amend the IBCC Charter; and
* Participate in the development of the IBCC’s public education and outreach process.

 Section 3. Basin-Wide Water Needs Assessment.

1. The CWCB in cooperation with the Roundtable shall develop a basin-wide water needs assessment (this shall be fulfilled by the SWSI, Colorado Water Plan, Basin Implementation Plan (BIP), and any other study that may occur in the future).

1. To fulfill the provisions of the Colorado Water for the 21st Century Act (37-75-004 2(c)). This assessment shall look at the consumptive and non-consumptive needs of the Roundtable areas, analyze available unappropriated waters within the Roundtable area, and propose projects or methods (both structural and nonstructural) for meeting any identified needs and utilizing unappropriated waters where appropriate.

(C) The basin-wide water needs assessment will use data and information from CWCB sources and other appropriate sources as the foundation for the assessment. Where data, information, and research gaps are identified the Roundtable will work with Roundtable Members, on-going activities, and other resources coordinated by the Office of Interbasin Compact Negotiations, or as determined by the Roundtable.

(D) The basin-wide water needs assessment shall be developed in cooperation with local governments, area water providers, and other stakeholders as determined by the Roundtable.

 Section 4. Public Education and Outreach.

(A) The Roundtable shall serve as a forum for public involvement on water matters in the Roundtable area. The Roundtable will serve as a forum for education and debate regarding: the goals, objectives, and operation of the Roundtable; the development of the basin-wide water needs assessment; and proposed projects or methods for meeting water supply needs.

(B) The Roundtable may facilitate public involvement via the PEPO liaison by:

* Creating a public education and outreach sub-committee,
* Formalizing relationships with education, communication, and media institutions,
* Inviting the public to participate in Roundtable discussions.

**ARTICLE X**

**CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS**

 Section 1. Contracts. The Roundtable may authorize the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, or any agent or agents, to enter into any contract on behalf of the Roundtable and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

 Section 2. Checks, Drafts, Etc. The Roundtable shall neither issue nor accept checks, drafts, or other forms of payment from private parties.

**ARTICLE XI**

# FISCAL YEAR

 The fiscal year of the Roundtable shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year, unless otherwise designated by the Roundtable.

# ARTICLE XII

**WAIVER OF NOTICE**

 Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Member of the Roundtable, under the provisions of these Bylaws or under the provisions of the Articles or under the provisions of the applicable laws of the State of Colorado, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before, at or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**INDEMNIFICATION**

 The Roundtable shall have the power to indemnify any Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Recorder, Member, or agent of the Roundtable to the fullest extent permitted under Colorado law.

# ARTICLE XIV

**AMENDMENTS**

 The Roundtable shall appoint a subcommittee to review the bylaws at least every five years or as necessary and make recommendations for changes if needed. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed or replaced by new bylaws by the Roundtable at any annual, regular or special meeting of the Roundtable. All Members shall have received written notice of any and all proposed changes to the Bylaws at least two weeks prior to the date such changes are to be voted upon. Amendments must be approved by a Super Majority.

**ARTICLE XV**

**UNIFORMITY OF INTERPRETATION**

**AND SEVERABILITY**

 These Bylaws shall be so interpreted and construed as to conform to the statutes of the State of Colorado, and where conflict between these Bylaws and a statute has arisen or shall arise, the Bylaws shall be considered to be modified to the extent, but only to the extent, conformity shall require. If any Bylaw provision or its application shall be deemed invalid by reason of the said nonconformity, the remainder of the Bylaws shall remain operable in that the provisions set forth in the Bylaws are severable.

# ARTICLE XVI

**RATIFICATION OF BYLAWS**

 These Bylaws shall become valid and binding fourteen days after ratification by a Super Majority.

Approved January, 17, 2005

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Amended Articles IV and VI January 13, 2016

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