

## **About International Livestock Identification Association**

The ILIA is headquartered in Denver, Colorado with Susan Zilverberg acting as the ILIA Secretary and Treasurer.

The ILIA is governed by an elected Board of Directors. The current ILIA President is Greg Lawley (California), President Elect – Kris Budde (Washington), Vice President – Shorty Zilverberg, South Dakota, Director at Large – Rick Wahlert (Colorado), Alternative Director at Large – Cpl. Christian (Chris) Reister (Alberta), and Past President – David Moss (Alberta).

The ILIA is proud to have created the “Tom Spencer Endowment Fund” which is funded yearly through the ILIA conference and charity auction. This fund is used to provide post-secondary scholarships for young adults across the United States and Western Canada from member organizations of ILIA.

The ILIA hosts its annual conference in July each year. Colorado is proud to be hosting the 66th annual ILIA conference in July, 2012.

The 2013 Conference will be hosted in Washington and the 2014 Conference will be hosted in Nevada.

ILIA is an organization of member states, provinces, and Native American Tribal Nations where livestock brand recording, livestock identification and livestock inspection are recognized by legislation.

## **Articles of Association**

### **Article I (Name)**

The name of this association will be the International Livestock Identification Association.

### **Article II (Object & Purpose)**

The objects and purposes of this Association are:

1. To study the challenges and opportunities relating to the administration and enforcement of livestock identification and inspection legislation in member states, provinces and Native American Tribal Nations.
2. To promote and consult in the development of consistent legislation, administration and enforcement procedures relating to livestock identification and inspection and brand recording of member states, provinces and Native American Tribal Nations.

3. To secure close and effective cooperation between member states, provinces, Native American Tribal Nations, and other agencies that provide enforcement of livestock identification and inspection.

### **Article III (Memberships - Dues - Voting)**

There shall be two classes of membership: Official and Honorary Lifetime.

An Official member shall be a state, province, or Native American Tribal Nation where livestock brand recording, livestock inspection, or livestock theft prevention practices are recognized by legislation and whose membership dues are current.

An Honorary Lifetime membership may be awarded free of charge to any person who has actively participated in this Association. Nominations for Honorary membership must first be submitted to the Executive Committee. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, nominees will be presented to the Association and must receive a majority vote of those present at the annual general meeting.

The annual membership dues shall be \$200.00. This fee may be amended upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and ratified by two thirds vote of the members present at any annual general meeting.

Each member state or province shall be entitled to one vote on all official acts of the Association, as cast by their designated official representative.

### **Article IV (Meeting)**

Meetings of the association shall be Annual or Special.

Annual general meetings shall be held during the month of July. Future annual general meeting sites shall be selected at least one year in advance and approved by the majority of the members in attendance at the annual meeting.

The host state or province will communicate with the Executive Committee regarding accommodations and agenda items prior to the annual general meeting. All expenses incurred in making arrangements for an annual general meeting will be the responsibility of the host state or province.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President at a place convenient, if possible, to the majority of the Committee.

The Association may send delegates to meetings of the National Cattlemen Beef Association, or other industry meetings, as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article V (Officers)**

The officers of the Association shall be the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Director at Large, Alternate Director at Large and Secretary-Treasurer. The Immediate Past President shall be considered an officer of the Association. The officers shall be elected for one year terms by the official members of the Association at each annual meeting.

The President of the Association shall be the presiding officer at all annual and special meetings of the association. The President shall have all the powers necessary to carry out the objectives of this association, except as otherwise provided. In the absence of the President or if the President is unable to serve, the President-Elect, Vice President, Director at Large, or Alternate Director at Large in that order of succession, shall exercise the duties of the office of the President.

#### **Article VI (Executive Committee)**

The Association shall have an Executive Committee of six members. It shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Director at Large, Alternate Director at Large, Secretary-Treasurer and Immediate Past President. The Executive Committee shall constitute the administrative body of the Association and shall determine its activities.

The Executive Committee shall nominate an alternate member at large to serve in that position should a vacancy occur within the officers of the association.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Travel expenses up to \$500.00 each for members of the Executive Committee may be provided to attend mid-year meetings, and all reasonable costs to attend special meetings on behalf of the Association that are approved by the executive committee.

#### **Article VII (Secretary-Treasurer)**

The Secretary-Treasurer may be one and the same person and shall be elected by the Association and shall house the official headquarters of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be ratified by the Executive Committee annually.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of official business at all annual and special meetings of the Association and of all meetings of the Executive Committee and perform such

other duties as may from time to time be designated.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all income and expenses of the Association and shall have authority to pay normal office expenses on the basis of actual cost.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a financial report and budget to be presented to the Executive Committee and the annual meeting of the Association. The budget shall be presented to the membership for final approval.

Association expenses in excess of \$200.00 shall be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer upon approval of the Executive Committee.

Travel expense up to \$500.00 per meeting may be paid by the Association for the Secretary-Treasurer to attend all meetings of the Association.

#### **Article VIII (Term of Office)**

The terms of all elective officers and committee members shall begin following the annual general meeting and expire when a successor is selected at the next annual general meeting.

#### **Article IX (Amendments)**

The By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds affirmative vote of the official members present at any annual general meeting.

#### **Article X (directors)**

Standing directors of the Association shall be appointed by the President and shall consist of:

- Nominating Committee
- Audit Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Site Selection Committee
- Investigators Committee
- Brand Recorders Committee
- Industry Issues Committee
- Endowment Trust Fund Committee

## **ILIA Policies**

### **Livestock Identification Policy**

The ILIA urges all member states, provinces, and Native American Tribal Nations to maintain and protect the integrity of livestock identification and inspection.

The ILIA encourages and supports the research and further development of electronic identification technology for individual animal identification that is practical, cost effective and will work in synergy with existing livestock identification and inspection legislation.

The ILIA encourages and supports enforcement of livestock ownership and identification legislation.

The ILIA will assist any agency, association, industry group, or individual producer in their efforts to protect, promote, and preserve livestock identification and inspection.

### **Mexican Cattle Policy**

The International Livestock Identification Association requests that all Mexican livestock imported into the United States to a state with livestock inspection laws be inspected from that state. The International Livestock Identification Association further requests an inspection certificate and health certificate be issued identifying all livestock of Mexican origin by that state when the livestock are further moved to interstate commerce.