

32nd District Agricultural Association Board Policies

Introduction

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The 32nd District Agricultural Association (the 32nd DAA) is a California state institution that is organized in accordance with the California Food and Agricultural Code (the Code).

The 32nd DAA's purposes under the Code are (1) to hold fairs, expositions and exhibitions in Orange County to exhibit the industries and industrial enterprises, resources, and products of every kind or nature of the state, with a view toward improving, exploiting, encouraging, and stimulating them; and (2) to construct, maintain, and operate recreational and cultural facilities of general public interest in Orange County. The 32nd DAA has adopted a mission statement to effectuate these purposes, which is creating equitable community access to agriculture, entertainment, cultural and educational experiences.

Currently, the 32nd DAA does business under of the name of the OC Fair & Event Center. The 32nd DAA operates a 150-acre fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California, and produces the Orange County Fair each summer. The 32nd DAA also operates a veterans museum and education center (Heroes Hall), a three-acre working farm (Centennial Farm), one of the top-rated concert venues in the country (the Pacific Amphitheatre), and an equestrian center [\(the Ranch Community Center\)](#). Two tax-exempt nonprofit corporations are also controlled by the 32nd DAA and raise funds to support certain of its programs: Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation and Centennial Farm Foundation.

In accordance with Section 3965(b) of the Code, a nine-person Board of Directors (the Board) manages the affairs of the 32nd DAA and guides its strategic direction. Board Members are state officers appointed by the Governor of California. In accordance with the Code, the Board delegates certain powers and responsibilities for managing the affairs of the 32nd DAA to the Chief Executive Officer (the CEO) and other designated employees. This delegation is subject to the 32nd DAA's Bylaws as well as the Board Policies set forth in this manual.

Board Policies set forth the framework for how Board Members, the CEO, and other 32nd DAA employees are to carry out their individual and shared responsibilities as they work together to serve the community. These policies formalize:

- The core institutional values and ethical framework of the 32nd DAA;
- The responsibilities and authority of the Board as a body and of its members individually;
- The responsibilities and authority of the 32nd DAA's employees, including the CEO;
- The relationship between the Board, the CEO, and other employees of the 32nd DAA; and
- The general principles that guide the Board's governance practices.