

## **SUL ROSS GROUP**

**March 8, 2021**

**Supersedes Bylaws Dated May 4, 1957, as Amended 1952, 1984, 1995,  
2006, 2007 & 2019**

### **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be  
SUL ROSS GROUP

#### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purposes of this Group are:

1. To perpetuate the vision of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas from February 1891 to January 1898, who set AMC/TAMU on a transcendent path that sets us apart, which has been preserved by extraordinary leaders since, based on the traditions he established of honor, sense of duty, core values and selfless service.
2. To maintain and encourage the enduring Texas Aggie spirit of friendship, loyalty and support for Texas A&M that is traditional among Sul Ross Group members.
3. To keep the Sul Ross Group membership informed on pertinent topics and occurrences at TAMU via Newsletters and Bulletins and enlist their support when required.
4. To assist Texas A&M and The Association of Former Students by serving as the Elder Statesmen and Stateswomen of our University.

#### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Any person who was enrolled in Undergraduate and/or Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University – Flagship Campus and its branch campuses is eligible for membership in the Sul Ross Group when their official graduating Class celebrates their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The Sul Ross Group is a coalition of all Classes graduated 55 years and longer.

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1.**

The Officers of this Group shall consist of:

1. A President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, as well as other Officers and Directors as the membership may determine. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall be President-Elect. These Officers are members of the Executive Committee.
2. There will be three Directors, one from each of the three oldest Classes of the five most recent Classes inducted into the Sul Ross Group.
3. The Immediate Past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
4. All Past Presidents of the Sul Ross Group shall be honorary members of the Board.
5. A Historian will be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.
6. Ex-officio members of the Board are the President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, the Vice President for Student Affairs (TAMU VPSA), the Corps Commandant, and Historian.

### **SECTION 2.**

#### **Officer Duties**

#### **President**

The President is the head of the Sul Ross Group Board. He/She partners with the organization leadership to promote the Sul Ross Group Reunion and fundraising activities. The President conducts Board meetings and ensures that the Board's directives are implemented. He/She will emcee all functions other than the Cluster Dinner during the Reunion.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Board is prepared at all times to assume the role of Board President, if necessary. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, whose knowledge and commitment mirrors that of the President, may serve in the President's place for Board activities and in the spokesperson capacity. This role serves as the emcee of the Cluster Dinner the first night of the Reunion. Assumes the presidency at the conclusion of the Farewell Breakfast at the Reunion.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, whose knowledge and commitment mirrors that of the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, assists the primary Officers as needed and typically serves as a chairman on various committees throughout the year.

## **Secretary/Treasurer**

The Board's Secretary/Treasurer takes minutes at Board meetings, or designates a person for the task, and reviews and distributes the approved minutes. The Secretary/Treasurer prepares and maintains Board records, such as minutes and committee reports, and ensures the accuracy and security of the records. The Secretary/Treasurer is prepared to assume the leadership role when the President and vice presidents are unavailable. The Secretary/Treasurer serves as the financial officer and provides updates on the fundraising endeavors.

## **Director**

A Director is a member of the Board, and helps the Executive Committee plan and execute the Reunion and fundraising objectives. Directors are selected from the three oldest Classes of the five most recent Classes inducted into the Sul Ross Group.

## **Historian**

The Historian provides a record of the history of the Sul Ross Group and provides insight to the Board as they plan activities.

## **Executive Committee**

This committee shall be comprised of the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. This committee shall carry on the affairs of the Sul Ross Group Board between meetings and meet at the call of the President.

### **SECTION 3.**

The Nominating Committee will be chaired by the Immediate Past President with assistance of the Class Programs team of The Association of Former Students. They will select and present a slate of nominees for the Officers and Directors to the Executive Committee for approval.

The Officers and Directors of this Group shall be elected at the Reunion for the Group each calendar year. They shall assume office at the Reunion and shall serve for a term of one year or until the next Reunion.

## **ARTICLE V – REUNIONS**

### SECTION 1. Annual Reunions

The annual Reunion of the Sul Ross Group shall be held in the spring of each year on or near the campus of Texas A&M University on such dates as are determined by the Officers.

### SECTION 2. – Special Reunions

The President may call special Reunions of the Group at any time with the concurrence of the other Officers.

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Sul Ross Group may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Sul Ross Group members present at any annual or special Reunion of the Group.

College Station, Texas March 8, 2021.