

## BY - LAWS

### FISH HOME EDUCATION NETWORK

**Article I: NAME**

Families in School at Home Education Network d/b/a FISH Home Education Network

**Article II: MISSION STATEMENT**

**FISH Home Education Network** exists to provide opportunities to enrich each member's homeschool, to connect homeschooling families and to encourage and equip Christian homeschooling parents.

**Article III: OUR SCOPE**

In support of the FISH Network Mission Statement, member families are encouraged to coordinate events in which they are interested and that offer a balance of the following areas:

- Academic — FISH Network seeks to encourage member families to participate in the various field trips, clubs, workshops and labs offered for one another. These activities are organized and executed by member families for the purpose of supplementing and enriching the home education experience of all FISH Network member families.
- Service — FISH Network recognizes our Biblical responsibility to "love our neighbors." To assist in training our children in this area, FISH Network encourages member families to coordinate community service opportunities in which other network member families can be invited to participate.
- Social — FISH Network encourages member families to come together in an activity, not only to provide academic and service enrichment, but also to provide social opportunities to build friendships and encourage one another.

**Article IV: FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENT OF COMMON FAITH**

The FISH Home Education Network is an organization based on Christian principles.

We recognize the common beliefs of one God eternally existent in Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the atoning sacrifice of Christ as Lord and Savior; and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge the Bible as the authority for right and holy living, including, but not limited to marriage being between one biological man and one biological woman; living in consistency with one's biological gender; and treating all people with kindness and love.

**Article V: MEMBERSHIP**

To be eligible to become a member of FISH Home Education Network, families must support the network's Mission Statement and Foundational Statement of Common Faith. Member families' participation in FISH events should be determined by each individual family as led by God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

Members must be currently participating in a private home-based educational program as described in current Wisconsin Home School Law, which includes filing a PI-1206 form in accordance with the Department of Public Instruction requirements.

Membership can include those who only have children of preschool age and are considering or planning to participate in private home-based educational program.

Member families will participate in organizing at least one network support activity. For example, coordinate a student activity, coordinate a parent activity, or help with planning an activity, etc.

**Article VI: DUES**

Member families must pay an annual membership fee to offset the operational costs of FISH Home Education Network.

**Article VII: LEADERSHIP**

FISH Network is coordinated by a group of members volunteering as the FISH Parent Advisory Team (PAT). The PAT shall consist of, but not be limited to: Chair (President), Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. Other PAT positions can be added based on the needs and interests of the Network families.

To be a member of the PAT, a person must:

- be an active member of FISH for a minimum of one year;
- have planned or attended events in the past year;
- show leadership qualities;
- be in full agreement with the Foundational Statement of Common Faith;
- and be invited to join the PAT by the current PAT Chair.

The PAT Chair may invite new members to join the Team based on the needs of the group. New members will be discerned through prayer and discussion and decided on by consensus of the sitting PAT members.

The PAT is responsible for advising member families in the coordination of field trips, enrichment activities, workshops, educational competitions and presentations, conferences, clubs, etc.

The PAT shall meet at a minimum of three times per year (Spring, Summer and Fall) and members shall do their best faith effort to attend these meetings.

**Article VIII: FISCAL YEAR**

This fiscal year of FISH Network shall begin on October 1st of each Calendar year and end on September 30 of the following year. The fiscal year is consistent with the school year. All payments will be closed-out before this date and any funds remaining will be used for the next school year activities or donated to the hosting church for our network activities, as determined by the PAT.

The Treasurer, shall prepare a financial statement to be reviewed by the PAT and approved at their meetings.

**Article IX: AMENDMENTS**

A simple majority of the PAT may amend these By Laws at any time.

The PAT must review these By Laws every five years.


Adopted this 25 day of March, 2024.

Required Signatures:

Rebecca L. Hutchinson 3/25/24

Chair/President

Date

 03/28/24

Treasurer

Date

Trisha N. Hust 4/18/24

Membership Coordinator

Date