



# **BYLAWS: PARENTS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS SHREVEPORT CHAPTER**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

**A** The name of this organization shall be: The Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Shreveport Chapter.

**B** The Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Shreveport Chapter shall hereinafter be referred to as “chapter,” and The Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. shall hereinafter be referred to as “PFLAG.”

## **ARTICLE II AUTHORITY**

**A** Charter – The charter authorizing the organization of this chapter shall be granted by the Board of Directors of PFLAG.

**B** Bylaws –

- 1 The chapter shall be subject to the bylaws of PFLAG, a copy of which is attached.
- 2 The bylaws of PFLAG, by virtue of their attachment to these bylaws, are incorporated herein.

## **ARTICLE III PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

**A** Support PFLAG

- 1 The purpose of this chapter shall be to support the mission of the PFLAG organization; to promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

2 Under no circumstances shall this chapter fund, endorse or contribute in any way to the election campaign of a candidate for public office, or act in any way as to jeopardize the status of PFLAG as a tax exempt corporation under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)3.

**B Limits** – The chapter shall take no legal action without the approval of the Board of Directors of PFLAG.

**C Logo** – The PFLAG logo may be used on chapter publications, advertisements, and in materials to be sold for fundraising purposes, letterhead, publicity, and whatever other uses are consistent with national objectives and authorized by the chapter as set forth in PFLAG’s Trademark and Trade Name Licensing Agreement.

## **ARTICLE IV GOVERNMENT**

**A Government** – The government of the chapter shall be entrusted to the members of the chapter, who shall elect a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**B Meetings** –

1 The membership shall hold regular monthly meetings.

2 Special meetings may be called by the President, or ten percent of the members.

**C Delegation** –

1 The membership may delegate duties to whatever committees or individuals it designates; except that such committees and individuals must serve under the authority of and at the pleasure of the membership.

2 The chapter may if it wishes, appoint an Executive Committee to carry out the day to day business of the chapter.

**D Quorum** –

1 A quorum shall consist of one-third of the chapter membership, however, if 10 days written notice of the agenda is given to membership, then agenda items may be acted upon at a meeting with ten percent of the membership in attendance.

2 No other business shall be acted upon unless one-third of the membership is present.

**E Election of Officers –**

- 1 All chapter members in good standing shall have the right to one vote at the annual election meeting.
- 2 No officer of the chapter may serve more than four consecutive terms in the same position.
- 3 The membership may establish a nominating committee to present nominees at the annual election.

**ARTICLE V LIAISON WITH PFLAG**

**A** Six months after the organization of the chapter, the President of the chapter shall submit an annual plan of activities.

**B** Chapters shall maintain open communication with the PFLAG organization submitting such information as requested by the organization in a timely manner.

**ARTICLE VI MEMBERS**

**A** Any member of the public, including at-large members, is eligible for chapter membership.

**B** In addition to the PFLAG organizational annual dues, the chapter may set chapter dues.

**ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS**

**A** Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be read at two consecutive chapter meetings prior to voting.

**B** Amendments shall be made by a majority of chapter members voting.

**END**