

Missouri Division of Tourism
By-laws of the Missouri Tourism Commission

Article I Organization

1. Membership of the Tourism Commission is established by statute RSMo. 620.450-620.465. All Commission members must reside in the state of Missouri.
2. The Commission has three areas of statutory responsibility as outlined In RSMo. 620.450-629.465.
 - Determine all matters relating to policy and administration of tourism promotion.
 - Report to each regular session of the General Assembly its recommendation for legislation in the field of tourism promotion and related subjects in Missouri.
 - Employ a staff headed by a director of tourism. The director serves at the pleasure of the commission.

Article II Mission

To work side-by-side with Missouri tourism industry members to increase travel in and to Missouri, thus ensuring jobs, revenue, and economic growth for the citizens of our great state.

Article III Meetings

1. The Tourism Commission, by statute, is required to meet a minimum of four times in a calendar year. The Commission may meet more often at the call of the Chair or at the written request of 6 or more members.
2. The location, date and time of the Commission meeting is set by the chairman. Meetings held January – May may be held in Jefferson City to accommodate the legislative members of the Commission. Additional meetings are held at various tourism locations throughout the state.

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3. The Chairman sets the meeting agenda with input from the Commission members and division staff.
4. Meetings and committee meetings are subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law and are conducted by Robert's Rules of Order.
5. A majority of sitting members is required to establish a quorum. Proxies are not permitted under any circumstance, although if members are unable to attend a meeting in person, a real-time electronic presence can be utilized to establish a quorum.

Article IV Officers

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission are elected annually by the Commission members. These positions may, with the consent of the Commission, succeed themselves.

Article V Additional Items

1. Commission members shall serve without compensation, but are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Expenses of Commission members follow the guidelines established by the Office of Administration and the Department of Economic Development.
2. The Chairman approves all Commission travel, subject to the Division of Tourism's budget.
3. Commission members may recommend potential candidates to the Governor for membership on the Tourism Commission. Individuals whose experience is beneficial to the tourism industry shall be highly recommended when considering nominees. Outgoing Commission members will be appropriately recognized and thanked for their service to the tourism industry and state.
4. The Commission approves all committee assignments of the division.

Article VI Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by a majority of the Commission members.