

Bylaws of the  
Coalition of Large Urban Townships (CLOUT)

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this committee shall be the Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT).

ARTICLE II

Mission Statement

To provide input and practical solutions to the Ohio Township Association (OTA) on problems and issues affecting large and/or urban townships in Ohio.

ARTICLE III

Membership and Funding

The criteria for participation in CLOUT is a minimum unincorporated population of 15,000 or minimum budget of three million dollars (\$3,000,000). Participating townships shall pass a resolution by its board of township trustees to become a member of CLOUT and shall send a copy of such resolution to the OTA office. On, or after January 1, 2001, dues will be set at \$200.00 and shall be paid annually prior to the OTA Winter Conference. The monies collected from CLOUT dues shall predominantly be used for the creation and funding of a litigation fund. Additional uses for the membership fee include: CLOUT mailings, committee meetings, and forums.

ARTICLE IV

Relationship with OTA

The OTA Board of Directors supports CLOUT and shall recognize such as an organization to serve as a committee within OTA. OTA shall provide the necessary staff support. The Chair of CLOUT may serve on the OTA Board of Directors as an "ex-officio" member, upon the approval of the President of the OTA.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. At the OTA Winter Conference each year, an organizational meeting will be held to elect the Executive Committee. Thereafter, members of the Executive Committee will meet quarterly or at the call of the Chair. Notice of such meetings shall be given to all Executive Committee members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. The entire CLOUT membership will meet semi-annually at the OTA Winter and Summer conferences. Any business may be transacted at any meeting.

Section 2. The OTA shall notify Executive Committee members of the date, time and place of Executive committee meetings and shall notify all CLOUT members of the date, time and place of CLOUT membership meetings.

Section 3. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee may be taken by a vote of a majority of the members present for recommendation to the full membership of CLOUT.

## ARTICLE VI

### Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of this organization shall consist of nine (9) members consisting of three (3) members and one (1) alternate from each of three (3) regions of the State of Ohio: Northwest, Northeast and South, as described in the attached boundary map. Each region shall select its regional representatives and alternate to the Executive Committee. Only CLOUT townships may vote for Executive Committee members. Each township gets one (1) vote. The alternate shall serve as an ex-officio member and will have voting rights only when an Executive Committee member from his or her region is not present at an Executive Committee meeting. The purpose of the Executive Committee is to consider all issues pertinent to CLOUT for recommendation to the full CLOUT membership and, if appropriate, the OTA Board of Directors.

Section 2. A member shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed. Vacancies will be filled by the remaining voting members of that region. The organizational meeting of the entire CLOUT membership will occur at OTA's Winter Conference. At such time, the new Executive Committee will be seated and officers will be elected by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VII

### Officers

Section 1. The officers of this committee shall be Chair and Vice Chair. The Executive Committee shall select the Chair and Vice Chair from its ranks.

Section 2. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the members, may designate the date, time and place of meetings as provided herein, shall be the official spokesperson to OTA for the Committee and shall perform such other duties as the members may require. In the case of the absence or inability of the Chair to act, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair.

Section 3. Staff of OTA shall serve as secretary and shall take and keep records of all meetings and perform other duties as the Executive Committee may request.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Subcommittees

The Chair may create subcommittees including members and/or persons to perform such duties as determined by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any meeting of CLOUT provided that the required notice of such meeting is given and the notice indicates that one of the purposes of such meeting is to amend the Bylaws.