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Starkville Business League By-Laws

Business League (Starkville, Miss.)

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BY-LAWS. 



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BUSINESS LEAGUE,

—OF—

Starkville, Mississippi.

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TIMES PRINT, STARKVILLE, MISS.

## OFFICERS.

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| F. L. Wier   | - | - | - | President      |
| F. L. Hogan  | - |   |   | Vice President |
| W. H. Miller | - | - |   | Secretary      |
| D. A. Clardy | - | - |   | Treasurer      |

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## Board of Directors

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| F. L. Wier,     | L. D. McDowell, |
| F. L. Hogan,    | Simon Fried,    |
| G. D. Hartness, | Max Stern,      |
| W. W. Magruder, | J. L. Caldwell, |
|                 | L. Kleban.      |

## BY LAWS.

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SEC. 1. The officers of the Business League shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine directors (including the President and Vice President) to be elected (except the Secretary and Treasurer) by ballot by the members of the Business League on the second Friday in January of each year. The Secretary shall give notice of such election by publication in one or more of the papers published in the city of Starkville for one week prior to said election.

SEC. 2. Each officer and director shall hold his office for the term of one year, commencing from the second Friday of January of each year, or until his successor is elected and qualified. In case of vacancies, the same shall be filled by appointment by the President subject to the confirmation of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors shall have a meeting directly after the election of officers and elect by ballot a Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 4. No officer shall receive compensation for his service, except the Secretary, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Directors.

### THE PRESIDENT.

The President shall exercise general supervision of

the business of the League, and as early as possible after each annual election, by and with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint members of the Business League to serve on the following standing committees. The chairman shall designate the chairman of the committees.

Executive and Finance.—Three members.

Manufactures.—Three members.

Public Improvement—Three members.

Country Roads.—Five members.

Statistics and Information.—Three members.

Membership—Three members.

Advertising.—Three members.

Commerce and Transportation.—Three Members.

Real Estate.—Three members;

Entertainment.—Five members.

Arbitration.—Three members.

Rules.—Three members.

Buying and Handling Cotton.—Three members.

Legislation.—Five members.

Sanitation.—Three members.

#### THE SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors, and may be added to or changed from time to time. He shall give bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his office in such a sum as the Board of Directors may require. And the Secretary shall collect the monthly and membership dues and initiation fees from each member of the Business League and give his receipt for same to each member when paid, such receipts to be printed in blank, in book form, with a stub for each receipt, and stub to be numbered. The Secretary

shall immediately turn over to the Treasurer all amounts collected by him and take the Treasurer's receipt and file a list of the names of members collected from, with the Chairman on Membership, and at the same time furnish the Chairman on Membership with a list of all members in arrears.

#### THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive and keep all money belonging to the Business League and pay the same out on orders signed by the President (or Vice President) and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall give bond in such sum as the Board of Directors may require. No money shall be expended for any purpose whatever except by order of the Board of Directors, unless in case of emergency, when the President shall have the right to expend sums not exceeding \$25.00, the order for the same to be countersigned by the Secretary and Vice President.

#### THE EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,

This committee, together with the President, shall see that the Secretary and Treasurer perform their duties and shall audit all claims and all accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and shall make a report to the Board of Directors at the end of each fiscal year, or at such other time as they may require.

#### MANUFACTURES COMMITTEE.

This committee shall have special charge of all matters pertaining to the industrial interests of Starkville which are introduced into the Business League. It shall endeavor to set before the Business League and the public, through the proper mediums, the advantages of Starkville as a manufacturing center, learn about manufacturers who are looking

for sites, assist the plants already here, and encourage others to come.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

This committee's particular duty shall be to look after the camp house, the streets and sidewalks of Starkville, and such other matters as would improve and beautify the city.

#### COMMITTEE ON COUNTRY ROADS.

It shall be the duty of this committee to inspect and examine the public roads of the county, familiarize themselves with the condition of the same, to encourage and stimulate public sentiment favorable to their improvement, to confer and co-operate with the county officials, and to exercise all diligence in the interest of good roads throughout the county.

#### COM. ON STATISTICS AND INFORMATION.

This committee shall collect facts and information pertinent to the objects of this organization. It shall confer with the President as to the best method of utilizing such intelligence with reference to matters to be referred to in his Annual Report, and to perform such other duties as may be required.

#### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE.

This committee is especially charged with the duty of suggesting to the Business League anything that may contribute to make the improvement of realty the desire of every owner. It shall consist of persons who are either large owners of property in the city, or who are interested in buying and selling real estate. It shall also assist strangers and all persons desiring to move to Starkville to secure locations for residences, for manufactories and for business establishments of any kind.



**MEMBERSHIP.**

The Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the committee. It shall be his duty, assisted by members of that committee, to use his best endeavors to secure additional membership of the Business League. The committee shall revise the list of membership quarterly and report to the Business League the members who are so far in arrears that they ought to be suspended. The committee shall consider all applications for membership and shall inform themselves as to the character and standing in the community of any person proposing to become a member, and shall report favorably or unfavorably on all applications to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors at some regular meeting as soon as possible after the report of the committee has been made, shall determine whether or not the applicant shall be admitted to membership.

**COM. ON COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION.**

This committee shall obtain useful information relating to railroads, freight and passenger rates and keep itself advised with reference to the transportation interests of the city, and make special reports thereon whenever it may be considered necessary.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT.**

This committee is charged with special attention to hospitality within the city of Starkville. Its duties shall be to extend the courtesies of the Business League, and of the people, so far as it can be done, to all strangers visiting the city, and especially those who come for the purpose of selecting a home or making investments. It shall have charge, together with other officers of the Business League, to extend



invitations to strangers and guests to public meetings and entertainments that may be ordered by the Business League.

#### COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION.

This committee shall hear grievances preferred by any member of the Business League against any other member, and shall endeavor to promote harmony, and shall give an opinion in writing upon any matter that may be submitted to it, in regard to any grievance of any committee. It shall endeavor by every practical means to educate and elevate the people of the city to the highest and best business idea that any assistance to, or good word spoken of, any business enterprise or firm, or individual of the city, is an actual advantage to the citizens of Starkville.

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES.

This committee shall have general supervision of the general laws and rules of the general conduct of business in the meetings, shall propose from time to time such changes in the By-Laws and Rules, or order of business as may seem to the committee advisable.

#### COMMITTEE ON ADVERTISING.

This committee shall have special charge of the diffusion of intelligence to the general public on all matters relating to manufacturing, real estate and commercial and financial interests of Starkville. The Secretary shall be a member of the committee. This committee shall forthwith report the names of such persons and establishments to the chairman of the committee on entertainment, and make reports of said matters, if they deem it best, at any meeting of the Business League.

## COMMITTEE ON BUYING AND HANDLING COTTON.

It shall be the duty of the committee on buying and handling cotton to look after the charges of weighing, sampling and storing and compressing of cotton; to see that all cotton weighers give good and sufficient bonds; to see that the law relative to the inspection of the scales of cotton weighers, and all other matters relative to the weighing and handling of cotton be rigidly enforced. They shall examine into the methods and charges for handling cotton and prices paid by other towns, and from time to time make suggestions to the Business League of any change that might be made which would benefit the city of Starkville. They shall inform themselves as to the trade territory which of right belongs to Starkville, and if they find cotton or trade going from any part thereof to other towns, shall ascertain the cause and report the same to the Business League, together with recommendations as to preventing the same.

## COMMITTEE ON SANITATION.

The duties of this committee shall be to advise with the Board of Health when requested to do so, and from time to time call the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Board of Health's attention to any nuisance or anything that is detrimental to the health of the city, and urge that the same be abated.

## COM. ON CITY AND STATE LEGISLATION.

The committee on City and State Legislation is to consist of five members whose duties shall be to urge the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from time to time to have certain ordinances enforced, and to suggest

new ordinances to the Board that they, in their judgment, deem necessary, and urge their adoption, and also on our Representatives in the State Legislature and to see after said laws for the promotion and better interests of our town and county.

#### DUES AND FEES.

Twenty-five cents shall be paid as a membership fee at the time of joining, and dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors payable monthly on the first day of each month, next succeeding the one in which a member joins. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to levy an extra assessment for advertising and other purposes on each member, when said directors shall deem it necessary, the Business League concurring.

#### REGULAR MEETINGS.

The regular monthly meetings of the Business League shall take place on the second Friday in each month at 7:30 p. m. for the months of November, December, January, February, March and April, and at 8 p. m. for the remaining months of the year. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the call of the President.

At these meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Roll call of officers and chairmen of standing committees.
2. Roll call of Business League.
3. Reading of the preceding minutes of the Business League and Board of Directors.
4. Reports of the standing committee in the order in which they are named.
5. Reports of special committees.

6. Communications.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Addresses,
10. Adjournment.

Any question as to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate.

It shall be the duty of the President upon the written request of any five members of the Business League to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors or chairman of standing committees.

#### QUORUM.

Nine members of the Business League shall constitute a quorum to transact any business that may come before the Business League.

Any person desiring to become a member of the Business League will file with the Secretary his application, which application shall be accompanied by membership fee and shall be referred to Committee on Membership.

No member of this Business League shall resign unless he tenders his resignation to the Secretary in writing, which resignation shall be read out by the Secretary at some regular meeting. The person resigning must hand or remit to the Secretary the full am't of his dues. Dues payable monthly in advance, and a member failing to pay in 30 days shall not be entitled to a vote, and may be excluded from the Business League until such dues are paid. Any member failing to pay for six months shall be suspended by the League and his membership declared forfeited.

Members are privileged to hold more than one membership besides his regular membership: such

members shall pay five dollars (\$5.00) but no additional dues, nor shall such additional membership entitle any member to cast more than one vote.

#### ABSENCE.

If any officer or chairman of a standing committee is absent three consecutive regular meetings, his office, shall, in such event, be declared vacant unless he can and does at once render such reasonable excuse for such absence as is satisfactory to the meeting present and considering the same. It shall be the duty of the Secretary or acting Secretary to report every such successive absence, and a vote of the meeting considering the same shall be taken by yea and nay, and their finding shall be final in such case, or cases. In case any officer or chairman of a standing committee shall be thus deposed from his office, or chairmanship, the President of the Business League shall appoint his successor, who, after being confirmed by the Directors, shall at once succeed to such office or chairmanship for the unexpired term.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Special Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and President. or the Business League.

#### AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a motion made for the purpose, in writing, which motion shall lie on the table until the next regular meeting, and shall then be referred to the committee on rules. If after the report of the said committee, said motion should receive a majority vote of the members of the Business League present, the By-Laws shall be amended as required.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.—Philip Goodman, chairman; A. H. Ames, J. Wirt Carpenter,

MANUFACTURES.—J. W. Norment, chairman; G. S. Turner, Albert Moore.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.—L. D. McDowell, chairman; W. F. Pierce, B. Blumenfeld.

PUBLIC ROADS.—W. W. Magruder, chairman; D. A. Saunders, G. W. Smith, L. D. McDowell, B. F. Bell, Jr.

STATISTICS AND INFORMATION.—T. J. Wood, chairman; A. C. Ervin, R. K. Wier.

MEMBERSHIP.—G. D. Hartness, chairman; L. Kleban, Max Stern, W. H. Miller.

ADVERTISING.—T. B. Carroll, chairman, B. T. Johnson, W. H. Miller, J. J. Gill.

COMMERCE AND TRANSPORTATION.—D. A. Saunders, chairman; J. O. Gunn, Simon Fried.

REAL ESTATE.—J. B. Hogan, chairman; A. M. Maxwell, G. Odie Daniel.

ENTERTAINMENT.—D. A. Bardwell, chairman; J. B. Hogan, Max Stern, Simon Fried, W. H. Gunn.

ARBITRATION.—J. C. Robert, Sr., chairman; J. L. Caldwell, H. H. Sikes.

RULES.—F. L. Wier, chairman; G. Odie Daniel, G. D. Hartness.

BUYING AND HANDLING COTTON.—J. S. Montgomery, chairman; Zeno Yeates, F. L. Hogan.

LEGISLATION.—W. W. Magruder, chairman; T. J. Wood, Simon Fried, J. W. Norment, J. H. Smith.

SANITATION.—J. W. Eckford, chairman; T. G. James, J. S. Woodward.







**Business League Meets as Follows:**

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2nd Friday of each Month.

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Friday, August 9th, 1901.

Friday, September 13, 1901.

Friday, October 11th, 1901.

Friday, November 9th, 1901.

Friday, December 13, 1901.

## Chairmen of Committes.

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| EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE.....   | P. Goodman.       |
| MEMBERSHIP.....              | G. D. Hartness.   |
| MANUFACTURES.....            | J. W. Norment.    |
| ADVERTISING.....             | T. B. Carroll.    |
| IMPROVEMENT.....             | L. D. McDowell.   |
| COUNTRY ROADS.....           | W. W. Magruder.   |
| COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION    | D. A. Saunders    |
| STATISTICS AND INFORMATION.. | T. J. Wood.       |
| REAL ESTATE .....            | J. B. Hogan.      |
| ENTERTAINMENT.....           | D. A. Bardwell.   |
| ARBITRATION.....             | J. C. Robert Sr.  |
| RULES.....                   | F. L. Wier.       |
| BUYING AND HANDLING COTTON   | J. S. Montgomery. |
| SANITATION.....              | J. W. Eckford.    |
| LEGISLATION.....             | S. Fried.         |