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## ARTICLE I

### Name and Location

Section 1. The name of this association shall be FEDERATION OF CENTER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

Section 2. Its principal office shall be located at all times at the center in which the Executive Secretary and Treasurer resides. The principal office at this time is at the Granada Relocation Center, Amache, Colorado.

## ARTICLE II

### Purposes, Scope and Methods

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes for which this association is formed are as follows:

A. To promote the economic welfare of its members by utilizing their united efforts for the purchase and distribution of any or all commodities and for the performance of services in the interests of the members in the most economical way.

B. To associate itself with other Consumer Cooperative Association for the purpose of mutual aid.

C. To advance the cooperative movement, its ideals and philosophy.

D. To promote the principles of international brotherhood, peace and goodwill among all men.

Section 2. Buying Office. In carrying out the purposes of this organization, the association shall operate a New York buying office for the mutual benefit of its members. It shall employ one head buyer at a salary of Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$275.00) per month, and such assistant buyers at a salary of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per



month as may be deemed necessary by the Federation Delegates. All buyers shall be selected by the Federation Delegates.

Section 3. Payment of Expenses. Expenses of operation of the New York office, including salaries of the buyers and traveling expenses within the City of New York, shall be paid by the federation out of funds derived from its members as hereinafter set out. Traveling expenses of the buyers outside of the City of New York shall be paid by the member, or members, in whose behalf such trips are made.

Section 4. Fees of Members. Each member of the association shall pay to the association an initial fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and shall pay a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month for the duration of its membership. Additional fees necessary to defray the expenses of the association shall be charged to and paid by each member in proportion to the services rendered to it.

Section 5. Revolving Fund. All purchases shall be made for the account of the interested member and shall not be made for the account of the association. However, in order to facilitate purchasing in behalf of the various members, each member shall pay into a revolving fund of the association, a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from which initial payments on purchases may be made on behalf of any members. In such case, the benefiting member must immediately repay to the association the amount withdrawn from its revolving fund for the benefit of such member.

Section 6. Liability. Members of this association shall not be liable for any debts incurred by or on behalf of any other member of the association.

Section 7. Services to Non-members. The buying services of the association may be rendered to non-members upon payment of a fee of five percent(5%) of the total amount of the purchases made for such non-members.



*Article III*  
Membership

Section 1. Qualifications for Membership. Any center Business Enterprise, or other bonafide cooperative may become a member of this association by making application in writing for such membership and paying the fees appertaining to membership.

Section 2. Membership Application. A form of application for membership shall be provided and may be obtained from the Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Every application for membership shall be filed with the Executive Secretary and Treasurer and shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Federation Delegates thereafter.

Section 3. Withdrawal of Membership. A member may withdraw from membership in the association at the end of any fiscal year by giving to the Executive Secretary of the association at least thirty (30) days' notice in writing of its intention to withdraw and by paying to the association all fees due it for the then current fiscal year. ✓

Section 4. Expulsion. A member may be expelled by a majority vote of the members represented at a regular or special meeting of the Federation Delegates after hearing. The member against whom charges are to be proffered shall be informed in writing of the charges at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting and shall have an opportunity to be heard by counsel or other representatives at said meeting.

## ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. Federation Delegates. Each member shall elect ~~1~~ two (2) persons to represent it as members of the Federation Delegates. The terms for such Federation Delegates shall be for one (1) year. The control of the affairs of the association shall be in the Federation Delegates. ✓

Section 2. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Federation Delegates shall be held annually on the first Wednesday in September of



each year, at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, and specified in the notice of the meeting. Such notice shall be sent to each member not less than twenty (20) days before the meeting is to be held.

Section 3. Special Meetings. The Executive Secretary and Treasurer shall call special meetings of the Federation Delegates, which shall be held within thirty (30) days after demand therefore, by at least one-third ( $1/3$ ) of the members; or when urgent matters, in the opinion of the President, Vice President, and Executive Secretary and Treasurer, require a special meeting. Notice of special meetings of the Federation Delegates shall be given in the same manner as is provided in the case of regular meetings and shall also specify the purposes for which the meeting is being called.

Section 4. Voting Rights. Each member of the association shall be entitled to only one vote upon any question which may come before any meeting of the Federation Delegates, regardless of the number of representatives which it may have present at such meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. At any regular or special meeting, a quorum shall consist of representation of the majority of the members of the association.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

Section 1. The Federation Delegates shall elect a President, Vice President and an Executive Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold office for one (1) year.

Section 2. Duties of President and Vice President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Federation Delegates and shall perform other duties usually pertaining to that office. In his absence



the Vice President shall preside and perform the other duties of the President. All contracts made on behalf of the association shall be executed by the President and the Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. Duties of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Secretary and Treasurer shall:

- A. Circularize the By-Laws of the association.
- B. Act as a coordinator agency for the Business Enterprises in the various centers.
- C. Execute contracts on behalf of the association in conjunction with the President.
- D. Keep minutes of the meetings of the Federation Delegates and carry on correspondence on behalf of the association.
- E. Accept payments and fees from the members of the association, be responsible for the funds of the association and for the preparation of proper financial reports. At the expense of the association, he shall be under bond to the association in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and shall be compensated by the association in accordance with wage scales of the War Relocation Authority.

## ARTICLE VI

### Miscellaneous

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this association shall begin on the first day of November of each year and close on the last day of October of each year.

Section 2. Amendment of By-Laws. By-Laws of this association may be amended, repealed, or otherwise changed, by a vote of the representatives



of two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the members of the association at any regular or special meeting of the Federation Delegates, provided at least thirty (30) days' notice of the proposed change has been given to the members.

Section 3. Record of By-Laws. The original and a true copy of these By-Laws shall be recorded and kept in the principal office of the association.

Section 4. Lien on interest of Members. The association shall have a lien on the interest of each member in the association and in the revolving fund established by the members of the association and on any other indebtedness of the association to its members for any debt owed by such member to the association.

Section 5. Annual Report. The association shall annually prepare a statement of its condition, a copy of which shall be sent to each member and a copy of which shall be kept on file at the principal office of the association.



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ARTICLE III. This association shall be a voluntary association composed of the Cooperative Associations, incorporated and un-incorporated, in the nine Relocation Centers and Tule Lake Center, operating under the jurisdiction of the War Relocation Authority, each of whom shall upon joining the association subscribe their names to these articles.

ARTICLE IV. The capital funds of this association shall consist of the dues and contributions of its members which shall be an amount sufficient only to defray ~~the~~ expenses of the association, and the association shall not engaged in business for a profit at any time. Each member of this association shall pay an initial fee of One Hundred



Dollars (\$100.00) and shall pay a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month for the duration of its membership in this association, which sum shall be used to defray expenses of the association. Additional fees necessary to defray expenses of the association shall be charged to each member based upon the services rendered to such member.

ARTICLE V. A member ~~may~~ may withdraw from membership in the association at the ~~end~~ end of any fiscal year by giving to the Executive Secretary of the association at least thirty days' notice in writing of its intention to withdraw and by paying to the association all fees due it for the then current fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI. The officers of this association shall be a President, Vice President and Executive Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer. Said officers shall ~~perform~~ perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices.

ARTICLE VII. The location and address of the principal office of this association shall be at Amache, Prowers County, Colorado, where the first Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the association now resides. The principal office shall be at the place of residence of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the association and may be moved from place to place from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII. Each member of the association shall be entitled to only one vote upon any question which may come before the association.

ARTICLE IX. Members of this association shall not be liable for any debts incurred by, or on behalf of, any other member of the association although incurred by employees of the association engaged in carrying out the purposes of the association.

ARTICLE X. The governing body of this association shall consist of two delegates elected by each member of the association, which body shall



