

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
CINCINNATI MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION**

The organization shall be known as the Cincinnati Municipal Employees Retirement Association, otherwise known and referred to in this document as "CMERA." CMERA is incorporated and self-governed as a corporation not for profit, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1701.01 *et. seq.*, Ohio Revised Code and in compliance with IRS Section 501 (c) (3).

**ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE**

The purpose and function of CMERA is as follows:

Work toward enhanced quality of life for all retired members of CRS, by:

- advocating for the interests of retirees;
- offering information and education for retirees on their retirement benefits, rights, and other topics of interest;
- monitoring implementation of the 2016 Collaborative Settlement Agreement (CSA);
- partnering with the CRS Board of Trustees, CRS administration, and all other stakeholders to work to assure long-term stability of the CRS.

**ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of CMERA consists of all retired members of CRS and their beneficiaries. This membership shall consist of "Active" and "Associate" Members, as defined in the By-Laws of CMERA.

**ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

CMERA will hold membership meetings not less than two (2) times a year. These membership meetings will be held in May and October of each year.

## **ARTICLE 5 - PROCEDURE**

CMERA will follow the procedures in *Robert's Rules in Plain English* by Doris P Zimmerman (Scott Foreman 1997) wherever they are applicable and whenever the rules are not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws and Operational Guidelines of CMERA.

## **ARTICLE 6 - AMENDMENTS**

The Articles of this Constitution may be amended or repealed by vote of at least ten (10) members of the CMERA Governing Board.

***Revised/Approved by the Governing Board on the 1st day of August, 2017.***