



NORTH STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall within the limits of the Constitution and By-Laws, have supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the Association.

All policy making decisions of the Executive Board must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Executive Board. All Executive Board voting must be done by the Executive Board members being physically present at the time of vote or by proxy accompanied by written authority signed by the Executive Board member.

In the event an Executive Board member holds the office of Chartered Chapter President and holds a State Association office; he/she shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.

The Executive Board shall appoint all vacancies of the office of Financial Secretary Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian and Chaplain.

Section 2.

Executive Board Membership

The Executive Board shall be composed of the Association's President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, Chaplain and all current Chartered Chapter Presidents. Past State Association Presidents, in good standing are also members of the Executive Board and have full rights and privileges as other Executive Board members, except they shall not be counted in a negative way in determining the 2/3 total board membership required to be present to constitute a quorum.

Section 3.

Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet during the months of September, December, March and June with the June meeting being the first day of the Annual Conference. The Association's President and the Chapter hosting the meeting shall coordinate the dates and details of these meetings.

Section 4.

Each State-elected officer (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian and Chaplain), excluding the State President, shall be reimbursed in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for their travel expenses to the Executive Board meetings, provided he/she travels one hundred fifty (150) miles or more round trip.

Notice of all meetings of the Executive Board shall be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to each member of the Executive Board as least ten (10) days in advance of such meetings.

The Executive Board shall also meet upon call of the President at such times and places as he/she may designate.

The Executive Board shall also be called to meet upon demand of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board members provided that these members submit a request in writing to the President.

ARTICLE II

STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1.

There shall be the following Standing Committees: Nominating Committee, Grievance Committee, Constitution Committee, Finance Committee, and Training and Standards Committee.

Section 2.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson and the President of each Chartered Chapter.

The Nominating Committee shall receive all nominations for office sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual Conference date and present nominations to the body at the Conference for the election process.

Section 3.

Grievance Committee

The Grievance Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, appointed by the President of the Association, and a member from each of the Chartered Chapters.

The Grievance Committee shall investigate any charges made against officers or members of the Association and submit recommendations for action to the Executive Board.

Section 4.

Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee shall consist of a chairperson, selected by the State President, and the Presidents of each Chartered Chapter, or his designee. The Constitution Committee shall review revisions, additions, or regulations of the Constitution and By-Laws at the discretion of the Executive Board. When revisions have been properly voted upon, the Committee shall prepare copies for each member of the Association and place a copy in the permanent file of the Association.

Section 5.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will be comprised of the Financial Secretary as Chairperson, the Treasurer as Vice-Chairperson, and the Chapter President or their designees as members. The procedure to be followed will require all requests for funds to be made in writing to the Chairperson thirty (30) days prior to the Winter Executive Board meeting or thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Conference. Disbursements will be made at these times only. The Finance Committee will screen all requests and make recommendations to the Executive Board for final approval.

Section 6.

Training and Standards Committee

The Training and Standards Committee will be comprised of the Chairperson, appointed by the State President, and the Chartered Chapter Presidents. The Chairperson will be appointed for a three (3) year term.

The Training and Standards Committee shall update the members of any proposed or current changes of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, and solicit input and information from the members, to relay these concerns to the commission.

ARTICLE III

ELECTIONS

Section 1.

The Chairperson shall make a report from the nominations committee for each vacant position at the Annual Conference. The person in charge of the election will receive nominations from the floor. Any eligible voter can make a nomination from the floor.

Section 2.

Voting

Members must be physically present at the Association's general elections to vote.

Section 3.

The Candidate for each office receiving the majority of vote's cast shall constitute a choice.

Section 4.

The term of office shall be for one (1) year. Each office holder may succeed him/herself if re-elected.

ARTICLE IV

CHARTER PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Section 1.

All Chapters must abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association and chartering provisions set out by the State of North Carolina.

Section 2.

Any applicant group must be composed of at least twenty (20) North State members to secure a local chapter, and that number may not fall below fifteen (15) members to maintain a chartered status. If a Chapter's membership falls below fifteen (15) members,

that Chapter's President may make a written appeal to the State Executive Board to maintain their status as a Active Chapter. This appeal must be made prior to the next scheduled Executive Board meeting following the change in membership status.

Section 3.

Chartered Chapters may raise funds in the name of the Association with prior written approval of the President and the concurrence of the Executive Board of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

All rights to sell item(s) at the Conference are reserved for the Chapter hosting the conference with the exception of T-shirts, which the Auxiliary has the right to sell.

Section 4.

Each Chartered Chapter shall submit a written financial report of funds raised and expended to the Executive Board at the State Conference each June, indicating the funds raised for that year (June 1st to June 1st).

Section 5.

State Dues are \$32.00 per year for Active and Associate members. Each Chartered Chapter shall present to the State Treasurer a check in the amount that equals the number of the Chapter's Active and Associate members for State Dues. This check shall be forwarded to the State Treasure prior to registration for the Annual Conference.

Section 6.

The provisions for the issuance and maintenance of Chartered Chapters, as emulated above, are subject to revisions by the full membership of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Upon notification of death of a member, the President of the Association shall give written authorization to the Treasurer to disburse a check to the beneficiary of the deceased member in the amount of One Thousand dollars (\$ 1000.00). The Treasurer shall execute this order without delay. Honorary members are eligible for this benefit only upon the discretion and approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2.

Upon receipt of an application for membership signed and approved by a Chartered Chapter President and a check for the dues, the State Association Secretary shall add the new member to the roster of members in good standing and the Chartered Chapter shall be responsible for the assessment for this individual payable at the next Annual Conference.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1.

No person shall be permitted to enter or remain in any meeting of the Association unless he is properly identified as a member in good standing or has the approval of the State President. Identification must be determined by presentation of a current name tag, membership card or other document adopted by the Executive Board to the Sergeant-at-Arms or designee.

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