



NORTH STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, a body of Law Enforcement Officers, organized as the North State law Enforcement Officers Association, do hereby bind ourselves together for the purpose of advancing the science and art of law enforcement and crime prevention and to ensure that a just atmosphere prevails for all law enforcement officers.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1.

The name of the Association shall be the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Section 2.

The North State Law Enforcement Officers Association shall be a non-political, non-partisan, non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The North State Law Enforcement Officers Association shall have as its objectives, the fostering of law enforcement professionalism, good community relations, and the abolishment of discriminatory practices as they affect law enforcement personnel.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

In order to obtain or maintain membership in the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, an individual must be affiliated with and in good standing with an approved-chartered chapter.

Section 2.

Active Members

Active members shall consist of law enforcement officers, with the power of arrest, in the service of the Federal Government, the State of North Carolina, any Bureau or Agency thereof; or any County, Municipality, or other local government subdivision within the State of North Carolina; or any officer certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Active members must remain in good standing with the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association and local chapter. Those presently serving as active members, regardless of new classification are active members under the grandfather clause.

Section 3.

Associate Members

Associate members shall consist of supportive personnel in the service of the Federal Government, the State of North Carolina, any Bureau or Agency thereof; or any County, Municipality or other local governmental subdivision within the State of North Carolina. Associate members must remain in good standing with the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association. Active and Associate members who retire with five consecutive years as a member in good standing in the Association shall be given an Associate Membership status. A non-member having retired from a law enforcement agency shall be given an Associate Membership status.

Section 4.

Life Members

Life Members shall consist of an active or associate member, who has retired in good standing, after serving twenty (20) consecutive years in the Association or retired from his/her North Carolina state or local agency, because of a physical disability/medical disability/psychological disability in the line of duty, with a minimum of five (5) years consecutive membership in the Association.

Life members shall be recognized and appropriately honored at the annual conference, immediately following their attainment of this status.

Life members shall have voting rights at general membership meetings, and/or are eligible for all Association benefits.

Life members are exempt from payment of State and Local dues and assessments; however, Conference registration fees are required.

Any member who has met these requirements should apply for this status in writing to their local chapter. The Chapter President will determine eligibility by reviewing the criteria specified in this article. The Chapter President will then apply for the member's life status in writing to the State President, subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Section 5.

Honorary Members

Honorary members shall consist of individuals who are not in the law enforcement profession, and in the opinion of a Chartered Chapter, have contributed to the advancement of the law enforcement profession and/or this Association, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 6.

No member shall benefit financially at the expense of the Association or bring discredit upon the name of the Association.

Section 7.

The Grievance Committee shall investigate any member who knowingly brings discredit or reproach to the name of the Association. If the allegation is sustained by the Grievance Committee and confirmed by the Executive Board, the member shall be expelled for one (1) year.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICER'S - QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES

Section 1.

Officers

The officers of the North State Law enforcement Officers Association shall be President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary,

Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian and Chaplain. All officers shall serve a term for two (2) years and shall be entitled to succeed themselves.

Section 2.

Qualifications

No member shall be nominated or elected to the Office of President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, unless he or she has been an Active member of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association for at least three (3) years and be in good standing, a Lifetime member with prior Active membership status, or a Retired Active member of North State Law Enforcement Officers Association. All other officers may be filled by any member in good standing who is duly elected.

Section 3.

President

It shall be the President's duty to preside over all meetings; to appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for; to enforce due observance of the Constitution, By-Laws and regulations; to call special meetings to countersign admission of membership; to have general supervision of all Chapters; to present an annual report of the work of the Association to the body at the conference; to sign all orders for payment of money from the treasury. The President shall make no motions or have no vote except in the case of a tie, in which case the President may cast the deciding vote.

Vice-President

It shall be the Vice-President's duty to assist the President and serve in the place of the President when he/she is not present.

Secretary

The Secretary shall draw all orders for the Association, which he/she will sign after the state President has attested to them. The Secretary shall also prepare correspondence for the association as directed by the President as received with recommended action for the President's approval.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all monies incoming to the Association and present the bearer thereof with a receipt. The Treasurer shall bank all monies with a creditable bank meeting the approval of the Executive Board. All deposits must be made to an account in the name of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association. The Treasurer shall keep a correct accounting of all financial disbursements and ensure that proper signatures are

affixed to any transaction that the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association is involved in.

The Treasurer shall keep a correct accounting of all financial conditions of the Association, and present a full report in writing to all Executive Board members. The Treasurer shall present a certified check for the balance of all accounts when called for at the annual Conference. The Treasurer shall be bonded.

Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary shall assist the Secretary and Treasurer as directed by the President and serve in the absence.

Recording Secretary

It shall be the Recording Secretary's duty to be the recorder of the proceedings of the Association's meetings, shall take all minutes and shall duly record time in a book provided by the Association and shall be responsible for the distribution of the minutes to the Executive Board members in a timely manner, but in no case longer than thirty (30) days after the meeting. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for a complete reading of the minutes at each meeting unless this is waived by appropriated parliamentary procedures.

Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order and carry out lawful directions of the President.

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall judge all parliamentary questions and settle them according to the Constitution and By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Orders Revised.

Chaplain

The Chaplain shall be responsible for special duties and services of the Association.

ARTICLE V

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

There shall be an Annual Conference held during the month of June.

ARTICLE VI

DISSOLUTION

In the event this Association were to dissolve, all monies and assets should be disbursed to the United Negro College Fund, NAACP, Sickle Cell Anemia Fund or some other charitable, educational or scientific organization to be selected by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1.

The Executive Board or any other Active Member may propose amendment to the Constitution.

Section 2.

All proposed amendments must be presented to the Executive Board in writing and signed by the Petitioner.

Section 3.

In order that the Constitution may be amended, two-thirds (2/3) of the membership assembled at the Annual Conference must vote in favor of the proposed amendment.