

FOUR STATE PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
ARIZONA, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, UTAH
CHARTERED 1985

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

- A. The organization shall be known as the “FOUR STATE PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION”.

ARTICLE II – GOALS

FOR PEACE OFFICERS IN THE STATES OF ARIZONA, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, UTAH.

- A. Further common interests of peace officers.
- B. Promote spirit of cooperation among peace officers.
- C. Disseminate information.
- D. Provide opportunity for increased inter-departmental communications through personal acquaintance.
- E. Unite for the common goal of increasing professionalism.
- F. Provide or sponsor training in areas of common concern.
- G. Support matters of legislative concern.
- H. Assist with common problems.

ARTICLE III – MOTTO

“PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH UNITY”

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be limited to active full-time paid peace officers. Any retired member can continue membership on an active basis. Any member may be removed for just cause. Those members that join the first year (1985) will be considered charter members of the Association.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

The Association will meet semi-annually in the spring and fall. These fall meetings will be a banquet meeting with spouses or invited guests. The President will host the fall meeting, and choose the location which should be within a 300 miles radius of the Four Corners Monument. The Board of Directors will meet at least one time a year in

addition to the two meetings listed; however, it may be in conjunction with one of the two meetings.

ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The elective officers of this Association shall be: President and four Vice Presidents and Secretary/Treasurer, all of whom shall hold their respective offices for one year. All officers may be re-elected except the President who may hold this office only one consecutive time. The past President will serve as advisor to the board the following year. The Secretary/Treasurer will be appointed by the President. The position of President will rotate through the four states on a clockwise basis with the Vice President from that state automatically becoming President the year following his vice-presidency. The Vice Presidents will be elected through nominations from the floor and a majority of the votes of those present at the fall business meeting. Members will vote for all Vice Presidents positions. A vacancy will be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors to complete the current term.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to the bylaws may be presented before the voting membership during the business meeting of the fall meeting. Amendments can only pass by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President's duty: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees and such special committees as he shall desire. It shall be the duty of the President to host the fall meeting of the Association.

Vice President's duty: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President from his state.

Secretary/Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep a correct record of the transactions of each and every meeting of the Association; receive and file applications for membership and issue membership cards upon receipt of the required dues from each member annually. He shall be a keeper of the funds and records for the Association, have charge of the correspondence as may be of interest to the members of the Association at each meeting. Further, he shall: (1) Keep a record of money transactions, (2) Have at his disposal, at all times, a financial statement, and (3) He shall deliver up, within one calendar month, all moneys, securities, papers or other property of the Association to his successor in office. In the event of a vacancy in this office for any reason, the Board of Directors of the Association shall appoint an Acting Secretary/Treasurer to fill the unexpired term. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have printed and furnish membership cards to all active members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI – CHAPLAIN

A Chaplain will be appointed locally at the time of each meeting.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The officers may meet at any time and place, agreeable to all concerned, upon call of the President to conduct any necessary business of the Association. They shall have full power and authority of the Association during the intervals between meetings of the Association. They shall have no power to amend the constitution or bylaws during an executive meeting. A quorum shall consist of any three of the five voting officers. The Secretary/Treasurer shall not have a vote.

ARTICLE VIII – FUNDS

The funds of the Association shall be derived from membership fees.

Special Donations: The Association, upon approval of the executive officers, may accept special donations or contributions from public spirited persons or organizations having an interest in police work through the Association.

All Association funds shall be deposited in a bank accredited to do business in any of the four states. All expenditures shall be paid by check signed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX – REMOVAL

Any officer or member shall be removed for good cause by a majority vote of the active members present at any spring or fall meeting.

ARTICLE X – DUES

The membership dues for the Association will be \$10 the first year (\$5 initiation fee, \$5 dues), and \$5 per year thereafter.

ARTICLE XI – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Where not inconsistent with the Constitution of Bylaws of the Association, all business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the CONSTITUTION will be attached to the original CONSTITUTION for future reference by members and elected officers.

ARTICLE X – DUES
(amended fall 1994 - Farmington and spring 1996 – Moab)

The membership dues for the Association will be \$10 per year. A conference fee of \$10 may be charged for each member attending a conference. A conference fee of up to \$40 per member may be charged by the President for each conference attended in his State with the approval of the Vice Presidents from each State.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP
(amended fall 1995 – Flagstaff)

Membership will be limited to active full-time paid peace officers. Any retired member can continue membership on an active basis. Any member may be removed for just cause or may be dropped from the membership if he/she, excluding Charter Members, fails to pay membership dues for three (3) consecutive years.

ARTICLE II – CONFERENCES
(amended fall 1995 – Flagstaff)

The Association will meet semi-annually in the spring and fall. The fall conference will be a banquet meeting with spouses or invited guests. The President will host the spring and fall conferences, and choose the location which should be within a 300 mile radius of the Four Corners Monument. The Board of Directors will meet at least one time a year in addition to the two conferences listed; however, it may be in conjunction with one of the two conferences. (THE WORD CONFERENCE(S) WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR “MEETING(S)” WHERE APPROPRIATE.)

ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(amended fall 1995 – Flagstaff)

The elective officers of this Association shall be: President and four Vice Presidents. The Secretary/Treasurer will be appointed by the President. The past President will serve as advisor to the board the following year. The position of President will rotate through the four states on a clockwise basis with the Vice President from that state automatically becoming the President the year following his vice-presidency. The Vice President will be elected through nominations from the floor and a majority of the votes of those present at the fall conference. Members will vote for all vice presidents positions. A vacancy will be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors to complete the current term.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS (amended fall 1995 – Flagstaff)

President's duty: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and conferences of the Association, appoint all committees and such special committees as he/she shall desire. It shall be the duty of the President to host the spring and fall conference of the Association. (CHANGE ALL REFERENCES TO "HE" TO BECOME "HE/SHE".)

Vice President's duty: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President from their state. The Vice President from Colorado will be responsible for filing Incorporation Papers with the State of Colorado in every odd numbered year.

Secretary/Treasurer: In the event of a vacancy in this office for any reason, the Board of Directors of the Association or the President may appoint an Acting Secretary/Treasurer to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI – CHAPLAIN

A Chaplain may be appointed locally at the time of each conference by the President.

ARTICLE VIII – FUNDS

All expenditures may be paid by check signed by the Secretary/Treasurer or the President.