

TENNESSEE NARCOTIC OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

March 15, 1990

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this association shall be the Tennessee Narcotic Officers Association (TNOA), Inc.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The general purpose and objective of the Tennessee Narcotic Officers Association, Inc., shall be to promote the cooperation, education, and exchange of information among all law enforcement agencies involved in the enforcement of drug laws.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be eight (8) classes of members; active members, non-active members, honorary members, charter members, retired life-time members, associate members, professional members and corporate members. All applications for any class of membership are to be reviewed by the Executive Board and for subsequent approval or denial.

SECTION I. ACTIVE MEMBERS. Persons making applications for active membership must qualify under one or more of the following requirements:

- A. Any full-time sworn law enforcement officer actively engaged in narcotics enforcement.
- B. Any attorney general, district attorney general, and state attorney general actively employed in a capacity of narcotic enforcement.

SECTION II. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Any full-time, sworn, law enforcement officer not assigned to or actively engaged in drug enforcement shall become an associate member upon proper application and payment of all required dues and fees. Federal and state law enforcement officers are exempt from certification requirements. An associate member shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an active member except the right to attend business meetings and vote therein and the privilege of holding office on the executive board. An associate member who leaves the field of law enforcement shall automatically be dropped from the membership roll. A retiring associate member, whose

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dues have been maintained in current status throughout the (5) years preceding retirement may make written application to the executive board to retrain the status of an associate member. Upon approval of the board, the associate member may thereafter remain an associate member through continued payment of dues. Dues for an associate member shall be \$20.00, per year.

SECTION: III. CHARTER MEMBERS – There shall be only forty-nine (49) charter members. These charter members shall be as follows:

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| 1. | Joe R. Bartlett | 35. | Hugh Miller |
| 2. | George Barturen | 36. | Stuart Mills |
| 3. | Milton B. Bowling | 37. | Steve Penny |
| 4. | Dale Brandon | 38. | Tommy A. Prince |
| 5. | Robert Brunner | 39. | Bernie Redd |
| 6. | J. Steven Burns | 40. | Bruce Rollins |
| 7. | Eddie Caples | 41. | Sammy L. Sanders |
| 8. | Treva Ann Carlton | 42. | Lance Saylor |
| 9. | Eugene Cathey | 43. | Paul Shults |
| 10. | Dennis Cheairs | 44. | Ricky L. Smith |
| 11. | Joe Chunn | 45. | Clayton H. Thomas |
| 12. | Ron Coleman | 46. | Buddy Tidwell |
| 13. | Billy Cook | 47. | John W. Tullis |
| 14. | Jeff Davis | 48. | Tom Wall |
| 15. | A.N. Duncan | 49. | Jon C. White |
| 16. | Mike Duncan | | |
| 17. | Ricky Duncan | | |
| 18. | Howard M. Gish | | |
| 19. | Rob Griffin | | |
| 20. | Dennis Haggard | | |
| 21. | Kyle R Hall | | |
| 22. | Jack A. Hammonds | | |
| 23. | Danny Harris | | |
| 24. | Blake Hauk | | |
| 25. | Jimmy Higdon | | |
| 26. | Mark N. Hooper | | |
| 27. | Billy D. Johnson | | |
| 28. | Charles Daniel Jones | | |
| 29. | Jim Lawson | | |
| 30. | Joel P. Lovell, Jr. | | |
| 31. | Grant L. Lowe | | |
| 32. | Clifton Melton | | |
| 33. | Randall Merks | | |
| 34. | John Mehr | | |

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SECTION: IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The TNOA will also have a Board of Directors, which will consist of all Directors of Judicial District Drug Task Forces in the State of Tennessee. These are Judicial District Drug Task Forces that operate under Edward Byrne Grant Funding, which is administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Programs in the State of Tennessee. This Board of Directors will be responsible for making recommendations to the Executive Board of TNOA regarding topics of interest for annual training conferences.

BYLAWS OF THE TENNESSEE NARCOTIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATION/OPERATION

The bylaws of the Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association, Inc., shall govern administration and operation.

ARTICLE II. DUES

The fiscal years shall be from July 1 to June 30. Dues shall be payable on or before July 1 of each year. Members who do not pay their dues shall not be eligible to serve on committees or vote for officers. Any member who is in arrears for two (2) consecutive months shall be dropped from active membership, provided, however, upon payment of past and present dues such members may be automatically reinstated to full membership. The executive board shall set dues. Dues are currently \$35.00, per year.

ARTICLE III. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

At least sixty (60) days prior notice shall be given for each business meeting of members of the association and of the executive board of the association.

ARTICLE IV. QUORUM

A quorum of the executive board shall be at least one-half of the members. At any duly called business meeting or special meeting of members, one-twentieth of members entitled to vote, represented in person, shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes of the members present at a meeting, which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted on by members.

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ARTICLE V. VOTING

SECTION I. In all elections for officers, every active member entitled to vote shall be permitted to cast only one vote, in person at the annual meeting, for each elective office.

SECTION II. Any active member entitled to vote may vote in person or in writing by such members when it pertains to any articles and/or bylaws.

Application for active membership must be completed in their entirety and must be accompanied by payment of all applicable fees and a minimum of one-year dues. Applications for active membership must be submitted to the treasurer. The secretary shall furnish each new member with a printed copy of the constitution and bylaws. The applicant shall then become a full and active member, subject to and bound by the constitution and bylaws existing at that time or as they may thereafter be amended. Provided, however, that the president or his designee may refer the application to a committee for investigation of the qualifications and/or character of the applicant before approving the application. Further, should the committee or any member of the executive board find the applicant to be disqualified for membership by reason of his failure to meet the minimum qualifications or any other reason deemed to so serious so as to preclude favorable consideration, the application together with any remittance for fees and dues shall be returned to the applicant along with a letter detailing the reason(s) the application was declined.

Active members who retire from employment in a law enforcement or narcotics enforcement agency shall be entitled to a free lifetime membership, provided that the member has been an active, dues-paying member for the five (5) years preceding retirement. Active members is good standing who retire from law enforcement but who don not meet the qualifications for a free lifetime membership shall be entitled to continue their membership by payment of their dues.

SECTION: III. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS – Professional members shall be those whose professions interact or closely align themselves with the area of narcotics enforcement, education, or treatment. This membership shall carry all rights and privileges except that of voting (shall be non-voting). Membership dues shall be \$25.00, per year.

SECTION: IV. CORPORATE MEMBERS – Corporate members shall be those corporations who align themselves with the ideas and goals of this association, (drug free workplace, drug free schools, drug free Tennessee, etc.) Membership fees are set at the discretion of the executive board. Membership shall carry all rights and privileges except that of voting (shall be non-voting).

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SECTION V. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP – Membership shall cease upon termination of the member’s employment as a law enforcement officer. However upon written application being made, the executive board may, by their unanimous vote, continue the membership of a person who has left the employment of a law enforcement agency. Any member, whether active or honorary, may resign his membership. Such resignation shall be in writing, signed by such resigning member, and shall be delivered to the secretary, who alone is authorized to receive same, or otherwise as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

SECTION I. DESIGNATION: The principal officers shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary and a treasurer. The president may appoint a parliamentarian, state representative, a sergeant-at-arms and such other appointees as the president and the executive board deems necessary.

SECTION II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The active members at the business meeting shall elect the officers annually. The term of office shall run for a period of twelve (12) months. Absentee voting for such election is prohibited. No more than two (2) members of the executive board may reside in the same grand division of the State of Tennessee.

Any active member seeking election to the executive board or nominated from the floor during an election must have attended at least two (2) of the previous four (4) called business meetings immediately preceding the meeting, which the member seeks election or is nominated.

SECTION: III. TERM OF OFFICE: No officer may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. If the First Vice-President serves two consecutive terms in office, he/she will automatically be installed as the President of the TNOA for a one-year term. He/she then has the right to run for one additional year as the President of the TNOA. If the President of the TNOA is required to leave office after serving two consecutive years and the First Vice-President or Second Vice-President has only one year in office, he/she would both be eligible to run for the position as the President of the TNOA. Any candidate for President of the TNOA must be holding either the First Vice-President or Second Vice-President position prior to being eligible to assume office as the President.

SECTION: IV. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS: Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the executive board, any officer may be removed, with cause, and his successor elected at any regular meeting of the executive board, or any special meeting of the board called for such purpose.

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SECTION: V. PRESIDENT: The president shall be the chief executive officer. He shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the executive board. The president shall approve all disbursements of funds and shall be the primary signatory on all checks.

He shall have all of the general powers and duties, which are usually vested in the office of president. These duties include but are not limited, the power to appoint committees from among the membership from time to time as he may in his discretion decide are appropriate to assist in the conduct of the business of this association.

SECTION: VI. FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: The first vice president shall take the place of the president and perform his duties whenever the president shall be absent or unable to act. The first vice president shall also perform such other duties, the president or executive board shall from time to time charge him with.

SECTION: VII. SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: The second vice president shall take the place of the first vice president and perform his duties whenever the first vice president shall be absent or unable to act. The second vice president shall maintain, update, and preserve all documents, records, and photographs of this association. The second vice president shall also perform such other duties, as the president or executive board shall from time to time charge him with.

SECTION VIII. SECRETARY: The secretary shall keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the executive board and the minutes of all association meetings, have custody of the association seal, have charge of the membership books, and of other books and records as the executive board may direct. The secretary shall issue all notices, bulletins, membership certificates and cards, conduct the official correspondence, and keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the executive board and the association meetings. The secretary shall prepare a full business report at the end of each year and shall report to the president and/or association membership, upon request. The secretary and treasurer shall receive all funds of the association membership. The secretary is authorized to disburse funds on all checks with in the absence of the president, with the president's approval. In that event, the secretary shall report to the treasurer any disbursements so made. In addition, the secretary shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary.

SECTION: IX. TREASURER: The treasurer shall have responsibility for the association's funds and shall be responsible for keeping complete and accurate records and accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the association. The treasurer shall receive and deposit, in the name and to the credit, of the association, all monies belonging to the association as directed by the president.

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The treasurer shall disburse such funds as are directed from time to time by resolution of the executive board. This requirement does not apply to disbursements made in the ordinary course of business. The treasurer shall annually report to the executive board or the president upon request. In addition, the treasurer shall perform all duties generally and specifically incident to the office of treasurer. At the expiration of the treasurer's term, he shall deliver to his successor all monies and property of the association in his care, custody, or control.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The current officers shall constitute the executive board, which shall act for the association between meetings. The executive board shall decide all questions, which may arise under the bylaws subject to, appear from its decision to the general meeting.

ARTICLE VI. BUSINESS MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the executive board. Other meetings may be call at the discretion of the executive board.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

These articles may be amended at any annual business meeting by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed changes having been given in the call for the meeting. Amendments shall be proposed by the executive board on it's own motion or upon the written request of any (5) members.

ARTICLE VIII. BYLAWS

Bylaws may be passed, amended, or repealed at any meeting by the majority vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed changes has been given to the members in the call for meeting. The executive board or any five (5) members may propose changes to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE TENNESSEE NARCOTIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Tennessee Narcotic Officers Association (TNOA), Inc. shall not be dissolved unless three-fourths (3/4) of the active members present at the annual business meeting vote for dissolution.