

**THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FBI NATIONAL
ACADEMY ASSOCIATES – MONTANA/IDAHO CHAPTER**



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PREAMBLE:

For God and Country, we, the FBI National Academy Associates Montana-Idaho Chapter associate ourselves together with the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitutions of our country and state. To protect our country from any and all enemies, whether foreign or domestic. To promote training programs in the various duly constituted law enforcement agencies within our country, giving to the members thereof the benefit of our training received at the FBI National Academy. To cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in every way possible. To use and encourage the use of the facilities of the Bureau available to all law enforcement agencies. To perpetuate the memory of our Association with the members of our class, associates, and faculty, and to encourage attendance at all retraining sessions. To encourage and assist in the enlightenment and education of the general public. To cooperate with all duly constituted law enforcement agencies and officers, and the general public, in all matters of mutual interest, and particularly, the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information; the detection and prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals; to strive for the highest degree of respect for the law and order and the maintenance thereof; and

The objectives, aims, and purposes of the association shall not be in conflict with nor exceed the scope of the FBI National Academy Associates; and

To these ends, we pledge to always conduct ourselves in a manner that will lend strength, dignity, and credit to the profession of law enforcement.

ARTICLE I THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:

The FBI National Academy Associates, Montana-Idaho Chapter.

ARTICLE II TERM OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The term of this Association shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The purpose of this Association shall be to uphold and defend the Constitution of our country and state, also local laws in our respective jurisdictions. To protect our country and its citizens from any and all enemies, whether foreign or domestic; to always be on the alert and ready to take the proper action against any persons or person who propose the overthrow of our form of government or who violate a law involving the person or property of any citizen. To promote and encourage training programs in the various duly constituted law enforcement departments in our states. To maintain police training under the direction, control and sponsorship of law enforcement officials and organizations; to assist in every way possible, individually and as an organization, to the end that all law enforcement officers of our state may receive the benefit of our training received at the FBI National Academy. To cooperate and encourage cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any and every way possible. To use and inform all law enforcement officers of the various facilities of the FBI and like facilities in their respective areas available to them, and encourage their use and in doing so increase the efficiency of law enforcement throughout the world. To perpetuate the memory of our association with the members of our class, associates, both National and International, and the faculty of the FBI National Academy. To attend and encourage attendance at all meetings of our local or regional chapters of the FBI National Academy Associates and all Retraining Sessions of the FBI National Academy Associates.

To encourage and assist in the enlightenment and education of the general public in matters of interest to our citizenry, and particularly regarding this responsibility to cooperate with law enforcement officers in the detection and prevention of crime, and to avail all information possible to the proper authorities that will aid

in the solution of crimes when committed and the apprehension of criminals responsible therefore. To exchange and disseminate ideas and information with all duly constituted law enforcement officers and the general public in all matters of mutual interest, thereby pledging and striving for the highest degree of respect for law and order and the maintenance thereof and to always conduct ourselves in both private life and official position in a manner that will lend strength, dignity, and credit to the profession of Law Enforcement.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in this association shall be limited to the following:

- i. Persons who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of instruction in the FBI National Academy and upon whom there are no adverse activity reports known to existing members, may be members of this Chapter upon payment of their yearly dues.
- ii. Graduates of the National Academy who are retired from law enforcement work, the nature of which would qualify a candidate for admittance in the FBI National Academy.
- iii. Active and retired Special Agents of the FBI who have served as counselors and/or Field Office National Academy Coordinators for a National Academy session or who have been directly involved as a regular appointed full-time administrator of the National Academy Program at the FBI Headquarters. Active and retired Special Agents shall not be eligible to hold elective office.
- vi. There shall be no honorary or other types of membership, except active membership.

SECTION 2. DUES:

The dues of this Association shall be established by the Executive Board based on the two-thirds majority of all of the members of the board. The dues shall be payable in advance for each calendar year and shall be paid on or before any business meeting of this Association.

The dues of this Association will be maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer whose duties are described hereinafter in Article VII. Section 4.

SECTION 3: RIGHT TO VOTE:

All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

SECTION 4: SUSPENDED FROM MEMBERSHIP:

Any member of this Association shall be suspended from membership:

1. Upon non-payment of any required dues.
2. Upon participation in activity unworthy of or inimical to the best interest of law enforcement, as evidenced by any dismissal or requested resignation from any law enforcement agency based upon misfeasance or malfeasance, and by a majority vote of the Executive Board of the Association.
3. Upon participation in activity unworthy of or inimical to the best interest of the FBI National Academy or upon participation in activity unworthy of or inimical to the best interests of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when so decided administratively by the Bureau.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD:

SECTION 1.

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Immediate Past President of the Association. The Board will provide for the annual audit of the books and accounts maintained by the Secretary –Treasurer. The Executive Board shall perform all other duties required of it by this constitution.

All correspondence and records of all action taken by the Executive Board of this Association shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association.

A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2:

Interim vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Executive Board and such officer shall hold office until the next regular business meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

SECTION 1.

Association officers shall be elected for a term of one year by those chapter members present and voting at the annual business meeting of the chapter held during the Annual Retraining Session. Nominations of these officers shall be made from the floor during said business meeting. Candidates receiving a simple majority of the votes shall be declared elected.

The election of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall alternate between Idaho and Montana members. This is to ensure that: 1. Representatives from both states will be included on the Association's Executive Board. 2. The office of President shall alternate between Idaho and Montana members

SECTION 2.

In the event a regular business meeting is not held at the appropriate time for the election of officers, the election shall be held at the next business meeting.

ARTICLE VII SECTION 1. PRESIDENT:

The president shall preside at all regular and special business meetings of the Association. In conducting meetings of the Association, his decision shall be final unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution. His decision may be reversed by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any business meeting of the Association. He shall appoint all pro-tem officers in case of absentees. If in the opinion of the President, an occasion or circumstance should arise to warrant the calling of a special business meeting of the Executive Board, he shall have the authority to call such a meeting and shall notify the board members of the date, time and place of such meeting, and the purpose of the meeting.

The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Board.

The President shall appoint the members of all Committees not otherwise provided for.

The President shall be a member of all Committees.

SECTION 2: FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: (President-Elect)

The First Vice President shall perform all duties for the good of the organization required of him by the President.

The First Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in his absence.

The First Vice President shall serve as a Chairman of the activities and membership committee.

The First Vice President shall participate in Board of Officers and executive committee responsibilities.

SECTION 3. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

The Second Vice President shall perform all duties of the First Vice President in his absence.

The Second Vice President shall serve as Vice Chairman of the activities and membership committee.

The Second Vice President shall participate in Board of Officers and executive committee responsibilities.

SECTION 4. SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect all dues and make an accounting of all funds annually. He shall have the authority to disburse such monies as required in keeping with policies established by the Executive Board.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as secretary to the Executive Board and perform such other duties as directed by the President.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the duty of association historian and shall maintain a permanent history of the Association.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete roll of the membership of this chapter, furnishing up-dating listing at frequent intervals to the National Academy Coordinator, Salt Lake Div., FBI, Chapter President, and Vice Presidents.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a financial report and present it at the Annual Retraining Session.

SECTION 5. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The Immediate Past President shall remain as a member of the Executive Board for one year following his term as President.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES:

SECTION 1.

All committees, not otherwise provided for by this Constitution, shall be appointed by the President of the Association.

ARTICLE IX BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

SECTION 1.

Regular business meetings of the Association shall be held during the Annual Retraining Session and during any additional conferences as scheduled by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X ORDER OF BUSINESS:

SECTION 1.

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling meeting to order
2. Roll call of members
3. Report of officers
4. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting
5. Bills and communications
6. Report of the committees
7. Nominations and elections of officers
8. Installation of officers
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Discharge of committees
12. Memoriam to deceased members
13. Adjournment

SECTION 2.

For the conduct of business the Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed when not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI VOTING BY MAIL:

SECTION 1.

The election of officers and any question, issue or matter requiring action by the membership of this Association at any time other than at regular business meetings of the Association shall be voted on by mail.

ARTICLE XII CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

SECTION 1.

Any changes and amendments to the Constitution may be made by a two-thirds vote of the active members voting whether by mail or at a regular business meeting.

Whenever the male gender is referred to in this Constitution, it is also used to refer to the female gender when applicable.

Approved – By unanimous vote of the membership, Helena Montana on September 28, 2013.