



FLORIDA 911 COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Articles of Incorporation established November 28, 2017

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be Florida 911 Coordinators Association, Inc.

Section 2. Florida 911 Coordinators Association, Inc. - Mission Statement

“United We Stand”

United we stand as 911 professionals in the State of Florida.

Our membership is committed to providing sound, experienced and unified advice to The Florida 911 Board and Florida Legislators to strengthen the development and implementation of 911 services statewide.

The 1st Amendment provides each of us with a constitutional right to proudly project our voices into the halls, chambers and offices of our elected representatives.

Join us and let our “United Voice” be heard in representing our 67 counties.

911 It's Who We Are

Section 3. Articles of Incorporation

The Florida 911 Coordinators Association, Inc. shall be incorporated by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, in compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit). The Executive Board shall appoint a corporate agent and ensure that the corporate status shall be renewed on an annual basis.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. County/State 911 Coordinator

Those appointed as the 911 Coordinator for each County in the State of Florida and the appointed State of Florida 911 Coordinator with a maximum voting total of (68). **Each appointed County 911 Coordinator member or designee and State 911 Coordinator member or designee shall have one (1) vote on business before the Association.**

Section 2. County 911 Coordinator - Retired

Those who served for a minimum of 10 years as the appointed 911 County Coordinator in the State of Florida but is no longer affiliated with the appointment and/or agency. Non-voting membership.

Section 3. County 911 Database/GIS Representatives

Those who are associated with the 911 Database or 911 GIS at a public safety agency or public safety answering point (PSAP) within the State of Florida. Non-voting membership.

Section 4. 911 PSAP Representatives

Those who are associated with a public safety agency or public safety answering point (PSAP) within the State of Florida or from any other agency within the State of Florida that has involvement with a 911 PSAP, be it County, City, Town, Village, State or Tribal entity or supporting personnel. Non-voting membership.

Section 5. Elite Corporate Membership

Those who are employed by companies that provide products and/or services related to public safety, including for-profit or non-profit organizations. Four (4) company representative memberships included. Non-voting membership.

Section 6. Corporate Membership

Those who are employed by companies that provide products and/or services related to public safety, including for-profit or non-profit organizations. Two (2) company representative memberships included. Non-voting membership.

Section 7. Corporate Add-On Membership

Additional Elite Corporate or Corporate representative memberships are available for add-on memberships. Non-voting membership.

Section 8. Associate Membership

Those who are not eligible for any other membership category but who wish to support the goals and objectives of the Florida 911 Coordinators Association. Non-voting membership.

ARTICLE III – ANNUAL DUES

Section 1. Dues Rate

County/State 911 Coordinator, annual membership dues of this Association shall be forty dollars (\$40.00 – Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18) and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year.

County 911 Coordinator – Retired, annual membership dues of this Association shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00 – Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18) and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year

County 911 Database/GIS Representative, annual membership dues of this Association shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00 – Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18) and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year

911 PSAP Representative, annual membership dues of this Association shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00 – Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18) and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year.

Elite Corporate Membership, annual membership dues of this Association shall be two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00 - Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18) and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year.

Corporate Membership, annual membership dues of this Association shall be one-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00 - Special member pricing - “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18) and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year.

Add-On Corporate Representative, annual membership dues of this Association shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00 - Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18 and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year.

Associate, annual membership dues of this Association shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00 - Special member pricing – “founding member” designation valid only until 12/31/18 and shall be payable on or before March 1st of each year.

Section 2. Dues Payment Schedule

The annual membership dues are payable annually in March of each year. Members who are delinquent over 90 days shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The Officers of this Association shall consist of the following:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Corporate Liaison

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to the right of any member to appeal.

The President, upon assuming office, shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

By-Laws
Legislature
Media/Website
Spring/Fall Meetings

The President shall preside as Chairman of the Board of Directors

The President has the authority to convene a special meeting of the Executive Board of Directors and/or the General Membership when he or she deems necessary.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice President shall, during the absence of the President, and upon the death, resignation, or removal from the office of the President, assume all the functions of that office.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall execute all normal duties of such office, keeping a record of all meetings of the membership and the Executive Board of Directors, and maintaining the correspondence of the Association.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to the Association or the Executive Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall purchase all supplies required for operation of this office and shall submit a yearly financial report to the Association. An Audit of Association 'Books' and 'Associated Receipts' will be completed by the Regional Vice Presidents at the Fall meeting. The Committee Chair shall report its findings to entire membership and membership shall vote on such at fall meeting.

Section 5. Corporate Liaison

The Corporate Liaison shall encourage communications between the Association members and industry vendors to help identify areas for next generation 911 hardware and software solutions.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Executive Board of Directors

The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

Immediate Past President
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Section 2. Duties

The Executive Board of Directors shall be charged with the management of the Association, including ways and means of carrying out its purpose, subject to the wishes of the membership as expressed at any meeting of the Association, and shall be subject to the tenants of the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election Procedure Officers

The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot at the Association's fall meeting and will serve a (2) two year term starting January 1st following their election. In the event there is only one (1) nominee for a position, then through a motion and a second, the secretary can cast one (1) ballot and that person shall be deemed elected to that position.

Section 2. Terms of Office

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer shall assume their duties and authorities upon their being installed in office during the Association's fall meeting. Officers shall remain in office for a two (2) year term and/or until the installation of their elected successor; their resignation or removal from office in accordance with the By-laws of this Association.

Section 3. Vacancies in Office

In the event of a members' death, removal from office or resignation of any Officer, the Executive Board of Directors shall appoint a member to serve in such capacity until the next fall meeting. In the event the President is unable to complete their term of office, the Vice President will assume the office and a new Vice President will be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors until the next election.

Section 4. Bonds for Officers

At such time as the Executive Board deems necessary, the President and Treasurer shall be bonded in the minimum amount of the total assets of the Association and/or as otherwise stipulated by the Executive Board. Estimates of the value of the Association Treasury are to be made at the Associations Fall Conference and each officer identified above is to be bonded at a minimum to that level.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The President may establish any committee deemed appropriate.

Article IX – MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Membership Meeting

The Association shall have at least two (2) full membership meetings a year in coordination with the Florida NENA conferences and or workshops.

Section 2. Quorum

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised establishes the following quorums (which would apply if *Robert's* is your parliamentary authority and no higher rule or statute applies):

- For most organizations and boards, a majority of all the members.

Section 3. Meeting Rules

Meetings will be conducted under the Robert's Rule of Order.

Section 4. Special Meetings

The Executive Board of Directors may call special membership meetings.

ARTICLE XI – BY-LAWS

Section 1. By-Laws

Alteration, changes or additions to the Constitution and By-Laws should be proposed by email to the Association Secretary at least two (2) weeks prior to commencement of either Bi-Annual Meeting. The By-Laws Committee shall convene and discuss proposals submitted. The Committee Chairperson shall inform Association members of proposals / changes at either Conference. This will be considered as the 1st reading. Any or all changes voted on and passed by membership shall take effect immediately.

Current Association By-Laws shall be posted on the Florida 911 Coordinators Association, Inc. website.

ARTICLE XII – RETENTION OF PROPERTY INTEREST

Section 1. Retention of Title

All right, title, and interest, both legal and equitable, in and to property of the Florida 911 Coordinators Association, Inc. shall remain in the Association.

Section 2. Requirement for Return of Property

Any property of the Florida 911 Coordinators Association, Inc. in the possession or trust of a member or employee shall be returned immediately to the Association in the event of their death, resignation, suspension, or expulsion.

ARTICLE XIII – DISBURSEMENT OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Statement of Intent

Upon the dissolution, termination, or winding up of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of

Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. *(It is also permissible to name specific 501(c)(3) organization(s) to which a distribution shall be made in the event of a dissolution or termination).*