

STATE OF WISCONSIN

NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION, INC.

CONSTITUTION (Amended October 4, 2000)

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Section 1 – Name and General Membership Requirement

This organization shall be known as The Wisconsin Chapter of the Emergency Number Association (WI-NENA).

Section 2 – Purpose

The purpose of the Wisconsin Chapter, WI-NENA shall be to:

- A. The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future tax code. Foster the development, availability and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number common to all jurisdictions through research, planning, training and education. To represent its members before communication regulating agencies and policy-making bodies as appropriate; and strive toward citizens having immediate access to emergency public safety services so that safety of human life, protection of property, and civic welfare are benefited to the utmost degree.
- B. Aid and assist in the timely collection and dissemination of information relating to a universal emergency telephone number.
- C. Provide for membership in the Association in accordance with the language and intent of its Constitution and Bylaws that are now, and may later be in effect. Membership shall not be limited other than by classification and good character, and shall have such rights and privileges as may be provided from time to time.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership Designations

The membership of this Association shall be divided into four classes: Active Member, Commercial Member, Associate Member, and Lifetime Member.

Members shall be admitted in accordance with the classification requirements set forth in this Article. Membership shall not be denied on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or numerical limitation. All members are eligible to serve on committees if appointed.

1.1 ACTIVE MEMBER

The following shall be eligible for ACTIVE membership in this Association: any administrative, supervisory and telecommunication personnel responsible for planning, organizing, staffing, directing, controlling and operating functions required in the design, promotion, construction, installation, maintenance, command and/or operation of local 9-1-1 Public Safety Communication Systems who are employed as salaried by federal, state or local government agency, or an agency substantially supported by government funds.

1.2 COMMERCIAL MEMBER

The following shall be eligible for COMMERCIAL membership in this Association: those persons in the business sector who receive the majority of their compensation from design, manufacture, sale, service, maintenance, lease, rental or promotion of equipment or systems which are used or can be used in public safety emergency systems; and those persons who are engaged in writing, publishing, advising and consulting in the public safety emergency communications field or who distribute goods and represent companies, firms, or persons including themselves and others who profit materially from such activities.

1.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Those persons not eligible for, or restricted from, the Active or Commercial class of membership shall be eligible for ASSOCIATE membership.

1.4 LIFETIME MEMBER

Members who have been recognized by the Executive Board will be eligible for lifetime membership.

Section 2 – Dues

The dues rate for each class of membership in this Association is set forth in Article V of the Bylaws of the National Constitution and Bylaws, and specifies the rate of dues returned to the State Chapter.

Section 3 – Voting and Officer Restrictions

All members of this Association have the right to vote and the right to hold elected office. Only ACTIVE members may hold the elected position of President. Members may only run for one position/office. Only one member from any agency or company may be a member of the Executive Board at one time.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Designation

The officers of the Association shall consist of the following: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

All officers will be filled by election at the Annual Fall Conference of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Association.

Section 2 – Election Procedure

- 2.1 The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall request nomination for particular offices from the membership through the Chapter Publication at least 60 days before the Annual Fall Conference. Nominees must be eligible to hold the office for which nominated in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 2.2 After receipt of nomination from the membership, the Nominating Committee will report a final slate of candidates at least 30 days before the date of the Annual Fall Conference together with ballots. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot from this final slate prepared as required by Bylaws, Article IV (Nominating Committee), and this section.
- 2.1 Election ballots shall be returned no later than 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the Annual Fall Conference. All ballots shall be returned unopened to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The full Nominating Committee will open and count each ballot. The Executive Board of Officers shall then settle challenges as to the validity of any ballot count. The results shall be forwarded to the President.
- 2.2 Election to office shall be determined by receiving a simple majority (50% plus 1) of the votes cast. If more than two candidates

compete for the same office and a simple majority of one candidate is not achieved, the candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared the winner.

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Section 1 – Definition

The annual meeting of this Association shall be known as the Annual Fall Conference. Site and date for the Annual Fall Conference of the Association shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board of Officers.

ARTICLE V – TRADEMARK PROTECTION

Section 1 – Statement of Policy

The NENA logo is a registered trademark and its use, except as specifically provided for in this Article, shall be strictly controlled by the Executive Board of the National organization.

- 1.1 Chapters are specifically authorized to use the logo for stationary purposes in the pursuit of their normal business activities.
- 1.1 The use of the logo in the manufacture of jewelry and hardware and in conjunction with the identification and/or commercial activities is expressly prohibited except as provided for in Section 1.3 herein.
- 1.2 Any deviation from restrictions of Section 1.2 above shall require the express written authority of the Executive Board of the National Association in each particular instance.

ARTICLE VI – ACTIVITIES

Section 1 – Allowable Activities

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from the Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1 – Distribution of Assets

Upon dissolution of the Association, 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 public purposes. 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 Association 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.