

**CONSTITUTION
of the
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED POSTAL INSPECTORS**

**ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose**

Sec. 1 The name of the organization shall be National Association of Retired Postal Inspectors.

Sec. 2 The purpose of the organization is to provide a means for bringing together retired Postal Inspectors, their former Postal Service associates as defined in Article X, and spouses for social fellowship.

**ARTICLE II
Officers**

Sec. 1 National officers shall be members of the association as defined in Article X, Section 1, and shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Sec. 2 The officers shall hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected and installed. The national President and national Vice-President shall not succeed themselves.

Sec. 3 Candidates for election to each office shall be obtained in the following manner:

a. Self-nomination.

b. Solicitation by the nominating committee.

c. Nomination from the floor at the National Reunion and from Regional Reunions during the year preceding the year of election.

Sec. 4 Names of candidates shall be published in the newsletter prior to being placed on the ballot. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall publish the final date for declaring candidacy.

Sec. 5 Officers shall be elected by ballot of the members and associate members. A ballot shall be mailed to each member and associate member and shall be returned prior to the national reunion. Ballots will be tabulated by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Candidates for each office receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected and shall be installed at the National Reunion.

**ARTICLE III
Duties of the President**

Sec. 1 The President shall preside at business meetings of the Association, appoint committees, and perform such duties as custom and parliamentary procedures may require. The President shall appoint a member to fill any vacancy which may occur, including regional vacancies.

Sec. 2 The President or officer presiding at the annual business meeting shall be guided, as far as practicable, by the manual entitled "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised."

**ARTICLE IV
Duties of the Vice-President**

Sec. 1 The Vice President shall assume the office of the President in the event the President is absent or the office becomes vacant and perform such other duties as are delegated by the President.

**ARTICLE V
Duties of the Secretary**

Sec. 1 The Secretary shall keep the records and minutes of the Association and make an annual report thereof. The Secretary shall, via a quarterly newsletter (NARPI NEWS), notify members of dates and places of reunions, and conduct correspondence as may be appropriate to the office.

Sec. 2 The Secretary shall receive a salary limited to the basic minimum quarterly amount to be eligible to qualify for Social Security benefits.

ARTICLE VI Duties of the Treasurer

Sec. 1 The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association, issue membership cards and receipts for money received, keep an accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements and present those records, along with supporting papers, to the auditing committee for audit.

Sec. 2 The Treasurer shall maintain a current record of members and their addresses. That listing in the form of mailing list (labels) or computer file shall be furnished to the Secretary, as needed, for required mailings.

Sec. 3 The Treasurer shall receive a salary limited to the basic minimum quarterly amount to be eligible to qualify for Social Security benefits.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Sec. 1 The Audit Committee, Constitution Committee and Nominating Committee shall each consist of three (3) members, one from each region. The Chairperson of each committee shall be named by the President.

Sec. 2 The President shall name such other committees as are deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII The Executive Committee

Sec. 1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected or appointed officers, the immediate past President and regional presidents. They shall have power to act on matters arising between reunions which are not provided herein.

Article IX National Electronic Communications Coordinator (NECC)

Sec. 1 The President, with the advice of the Executive Committee, will appoint a National Electronic Communications Coordinator (NECC). The NECC will be responsible for the design and maintenance of the NARPI web site. The Coordinator will also be responsible for the dissemination of information via e-mail to NARPI members and others designated by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2 Specific duties and responsibilities of the NECC are outlined in a separate Instruction from the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3 The National Electronic Communications Coordinator shall receive a salary limited to the basic minimum quarterly amount to be eligible to qualify for Social security benefits.

ARTICLE X Membership

Sec. 1 Membership in the Association shall consist of retired Postal Inspectors, retired persons who served as Postal Inspectors under permanent appointment and left the position under honorable circumstances, and those persons now retired who served at least five (5) years in the position of Investigative Aide, Special Investigator, or Document Examiner (Analyst), or who retired directly from such position under honorable circumstances.

Sec. 2 Spouses of members as defined in Section 1 shall also be members with full voting rights. Spouses of deceased members as defined in Sec. 1 shall retain their membership by payment of dues as set by the Executive Committee. Spouses of deceased persons who were eligible for membership under Sec. 1 may become members upon application and payment of required dues.

Sec. 3 Postal Inspection Service domicile, division, regional or national headquarters employees and Postal Police Officers who either retired from any Inspection Service position or served in one or more Inspection Service positions for at least five (5) years, and left the Inspection Service and, if applicable, the U. S. Postal Service under honorable circumstances shall, upon proper application and payment of dues, be accepted as Associates. Spouses of Associates as defined in this section shall also have Associate member status, and surviving spouses of deceased Associates may retain their Associate membership by payment of required dues. Associate members and spouses shall also be members with full voting rights.

Sec. 4 Application for membership shall be made on the official application furnished by the Association or from the NARPI Website and shall be submitted to the Treasurer together with dues in the proper amount. In the event of rejection, dues tendered shall be returned to the applicant.

ARTICLE XI Dues

Sec. 1 The Executive Committee shall set the dues schedule. The schedule will be printed on the official application blank. Dues shall become due and payable by January 1 of each calendar year and if not paid by March 1 of that year, membership status shall be terminated.

ARTICLE XII

Sec. 1 The Association shall consist of three (3) regions: Atlantic, Mid-America and Western. Reunions for social purposes shall be held by each of the three (3) regions when satisfactory arrangements are made; however, regions may hold joint reunions. The Vice-President shall serve as coordinator to advise and assist, so as to prevent conflict of dates. Business transacted at regional meetings shall not be binding on the National Association.

Sec. 2 The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held each year during the period of September 1 through October 31 on a rotating basis between the three (3) regions.

Sec. 3 National officers shall be allowed expenses equivalent to round trip coach airfare and single lodging to attend the national reunions, with total not to exceed an amount recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by members present at the prior national reunion. The President or designee shall be allowed expenses equivalent to round trip coach airfare and single lodging not to exceed an amount recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the members present at the prior national reunion to attend regional reunions.

ARTICLE XIII Inter-regional organizations and local chapters

Sec. 1 The members within each of the regions may establish intra-regional organizations and each region may adopt a constitution and a set of by-laws, elect officers, collect dues and provide for establishment of local chapters of NARPI. Only members as defined in Article X, Section 1, shall be eligible for offices of Regional President and Regional Vice-President. No region or chapter shall have the power to prescribe purposes or adopt rules in conflict with this constitution. Members of such regional organizations and local chapters shall be members or Associate members of NARPI who are current with their national dues.

ARTICLE XIV Constitution Revisions

Sec. 1 Any proposed revisions in, or amendments to, this constitution shall be by action of members present at the national reunion, and then submitted to the entire membership for vote by mail.