

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE AGENCIES FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

Constitution

Preamble

This organization as a collective body and its individual members subscribe unreservedly to the principles set forth in their Code of Ethics to motivate and guide them in the proper conduct of their deliberations. To achieve the objectives of this organization, the members agree to be open-minded and liberal in judgment towards all legitimate topics brought before them for discussion or investigation.

To assume and maintain active leadership in establishing and promoting ways and means of acquiring and distributing equitably federal personal property to public agencies and other eligible entities.

To conduct an education program that will lead to a better understanding of the public benefits derived from educational, health, local governmental, and other eligible utilization of such property.

To cooperate with the federal government in developing, promoting, and maintaining standard practices throughout the nation in warehousing, distributing, accounting and transferring of federal property available for such use; and,

To assemble, analyze, and disseminate information on the effective utilization of such property by eligible entities.

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the NASASP, Inc., also known as the “National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property.”

Article II – Organization

Section I

The National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property, hereinafter referred to in this Constitution and the By-Laws as “Association,” shall be composed of the several regional organizations of state agencies that distribute and cooperate in transferring property under the provision of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended and other federal acts. The chief executive officer of each state agency, responsible for carrying out all phases of this state program, or their designee, shall constitute the voting membership of the Association.

Section II

Each regional organization of the state agencies shall be known as an “Area.” Each Area shall be composed of the states as provided in the By-Laws.

Article III – Meetings

Section I

The Association may meet annually at a time and place as provided in the By-Laws. The National Committee, properly convened, is empowered to call extraordinary meetings of the Association in the event of an emergency or other justified cause and may, for the same reasons, cancel or postpone any Association meeting.

Section II

Each Area may meet one or more times each year as provided by the By-Laws of this Association.

Article IV – Officers

Section I

At its national meeting, the Association shall elect and install a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who will also serve as Trustees of the Association. Each such officer shall serve until such time as a successor to the office has been qualified. Each member of the Association shall be eligible to serve as an officer in the Association or as an Area Vice-President, but not concurrently. The term of office for the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall commence on the first day of the month following the election or September 1st (whichever comes later) and shall terminate on August 31st or until such time as a successor to the office has been qualified. The oaths of office shall be administered by the past President or National Committee designee at the national meeting.

Section II

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. Further, the President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

Section III

Members of each Area shall elect an Area Vice-President to serve as a Trustee of the Association, and an Area Member to the Association Nominating Committee, and such other representative as the Area may choose to elect. The election and announcement of each Area's representatives shall precede the closing of the first administrative session of each national meeting of the Association, and each such Area representative shall serve until such time as a successor to the position has been qualified.

Section IV

Trustees of the Association shall serve as defined in Article V, National Committee and as directed by that Article.

Article V – National Committee

Section I

The interim governing body of the Association is the National Committee consisting of all Area Vice-Presidents and the Association President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Association President may vote to break a tie.

Section II

The National Committee shall be invested with the powers, duties and responsibilities, both specific and implied, as set forth in the Association Constitution and By-Laws, the adopted parliamentary authority, and such additional policies and actions as have been directed by the Association.

Article VI – Mode of Amendment

Section I

Any member may propose amendment of this Constitution. Such written proposal shall be considered at the national meeting of the Association provided that all members of the Association shall be notified in writing thirty days in advance of the opening session of the national meeting, specified in the By-Laws.

Section II

At any national meeting by a two-thirds vote, any of the Articles or Sections of this Constitution may be amended, subject to notice in accordance with the provisions of Section I of this article.

Section III – Effective Date of Amendments

All amendments to the Constitution shall become effective on September 1st of each year following the national meeting at which it was approved.

Article VII – Effective Date

This constitution shall become effective the Twenty-third day of July, 1961. Adopted by the Association in meeting assembled this nineteenth day of July, 1961, at Scottsdale, Arizona.

Adopted this Nineteenth day of July, 1961, by the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property, in regular session assembled, at Scottsdale, Arizona.

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