

**THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION
OF
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, INC.**

Official Bylaws

ARTICLE I: MEMBERS

This corporation shall have the following classes of membership:

Section 1. Active Members

Active members shall be APOSTC law enforcement officers in good standing, working under the direction of a law enforcement agency, who are specifically selected and specially trained (including completing NASRO Basic) for the school setting as a School Resource Office (SRO) or as an SRO supervisor or any federally certified officer working on Federal property or Reservation as a School Resource Officer. To vote, active members must be current in their dues.

Section 2. Associate Members

Associate membership may be conferred on a person who expresses an interest in furthering the objectives and purpose of TAASRO. School safety stakeholders, emergency medical personnel, first responders, mental health professionals working with youth, and employees of nonprofit organizations working with youth are eligible for such membership.

Section 3. Honorary Members

Honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on any person who has expressed and demonstrated an interest in the advancement of School Resource Officer programs in Alabama.

Section 4. Educator Members

Educator membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on any person who is employed by a public or private school or is a member of a school board or city council who furthers the objectives of TAASRO or is engaged in school safety.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings of the active members shall be held at least annually and at such place that the Board designates or, if not so designated, at the principal office of the corporation, upon giving one month's notice by mail, email, or publication.

- (a) The annual membership meeting will be held for the purpose of election of officers and directors and to approve matters pertaining to TAASRO, as the Board of Directors may direct.
- (b) The agenda of the annual meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors and may be amended by the membership at the meeting.
- (c) The active members present at any annual meeting of members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of election or to transact business. Only active members may vote in any election or on matters presented at the meeting.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation and Term of Office

Each term of office shall be for two years. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Conference Coordinator, Logistics Officer, and Immediate Past President.

Section 2. Vacancies in an Officer Position

A vacancy or vacancies in any office shall exist on the occurrence of the following:

- (a) An officer ceasing to be an active member or the death or resignation of that officer.
- (b) A resolution of the Board of Directors declaring a vacancy in that office of an officer who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court, convicted of a felony, or good cause, but only by a 75% vote of the remainder of the entire Board.

Section 3. President

The President shall be the general manager of TAASRO and shall supervise, direct and control TAASRO's activities and affairs. The President shall preside at all board meetings and membership meetings. The President shall have such other powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.

Section 4. Vice President

If the President is absent or disabled, the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President.

Section 5. Secretary

The Secretary shall provide notice of and oversee maintaining minutes of meetings and TAASRO's books and records.

Section 6. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall oversee the financial books and records of TAASRO.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Service on the Board of Directors

The Directors shall be all officers and all regional directors; plus (1) a Conference Coordinator, (2) a Logistics Officer, and (3) one educational advisor for each region identified in Section 2, all who serve two-year terms and are selected by the President and approved by the officers and regional directors at a Board of Directors meeting. The Conference Coordinator and Logistics Officer must be Active Members. Educational advisors must be current or retired educators who have been certified by the Alabama State Department of Education.

Section 2. Regional Directors

The Board of Directors shall include a regional director from each of the following regions:

Region I representing the counties of:

Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, Colbert, Lawrence, Morgan, Franklin, Marion, Winston, Cullman, Lamar, Fayette, and Walker.

Region II representing the counties of:

Jackson, Calhoun, Clay, DeKalb, Cleburne, St. Clair, Marshall, Etowah, Talladega, Blount, Cherokee, and Randolph

Region III representing the counties of:

Shelby, Chilton, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Elmore, Autauga, Dallas, and Perry

Region IV representing the counties of:

Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, Bibb, Greene, Hale, and Sumter

Region V representing the counties of:

Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell, Montgomery, Bullock, Barbour, Pike, Henry, Dale, Coffee, Geneva, and Houston

Region VI representing the counties of:

Marengo, Choctaw, Clarke, Wilcox, Lowndes, Crenshaw, Butler, Monroe, Washington, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Baldwin, and Mobile

Section 3. Vacancies on the Board of Directors

A vacancy or vacancies on the Board shall exist on the occurrence of the following:

- (a) A director (other than an educational advisor) ceasing to be an active member or the death or resignation of any director.
- (b) A resolution of the Board of Directors declaring a vacancy in the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court, convicted of a felony, or good cause, but only by a 75% vote of the remainder of the entire Board.

Section 4. Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as the Board may determine. The Board may meet virtually.

- (a) Special meetings of the Board, for any purpose, may be called at any time by the President, the Vice President, or half of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Notices of Board meetings shall be sent to directors at least seven days prior to a Board meeting. Notice of the time and place of meetings shall be given to each director by one of the following:
 - 1. By personal delivery of written notice.
 - 2. By first-class mail, postage prepaid.
 - 3. By email, return receipt required.
- (c) A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (d) Action Without a Meeting. Any action that the Board is required or permitted to take may be taken without a meeting if a majority of the Board consent in writing to the action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as any other validly approved action of the Board. All such consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

Section 5. Departmental Board Seat Limitation

No more than two people from the same government agency shall serve on the Board at the same time.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There is created an Executive Committee of the Board which shall be comprised of the President, who shall serve as chairman, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and the Education Coordinator. The Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Board to act on behalf of TAASRO when the Board is not meeting. The Executive Committee may meet virtually.

ARTICLE VI: SELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Each regional director shall be elected by the active membership of their region to a two (2) year term of office at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected from the active membership at the annual meeting.

Section 2. An active member in good standing may run for any officer or regional director position, provided the candidate meets the following qualifications:

- (a) The candidate must certify that the candidate has the time and support from the candidate's Chief or Sheriff to fulfill the duties of office if elected.
- (b) Nominations must be submitted, in writing, to the Elections Official on or before 30 days prior to the start of the annual meeting of the election year.
- (c) An officer must have previously been elected to three two-year terms as a Regional Director.

Section 3. Elections shall be by ballot at the annual meeting. Only those active members attending and registered for the annual meeting may vote.

Section 4. The Elections Official, who need not be an active member, shall be selected by the President and approved by a majority of all directors, for officer and regional director elections. The Elections Official shall complete a voting roll of active members for each election. There shall be an elections committee chaired by the Elections Official composed of the officers whose positions are up for election in even years in every odd year election and composed of the officers whose positions are up for election in odd years during every year elections. The elections committee shall be responsible for administration of the elections and certifying the results of the election at the adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 5. Elected officers and regional directors shall assume their office upon the adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 6. The Immediate Past President officer position is not filled by election but instead by the outgoing President.

Section 7. Election Dates

(a) In even years, the following positions will be up for election:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Region I
4. Region III
5. Region V

(b) In odd years, the following positions will be up for election:

1. Vice President
2. Secretary
3. Region II
4. Region IV
5. Region VI

Section 8.

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, lack of nomination for election or any other cause shall be filled by a person selected by the President and approved by the Board at a Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE VII: BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The Board may adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws at any regular or special meeting provided the Board of Directors provides seven days' written notice to the Board members and by publishing proposed changes on the website of TAASRO of the subject area of the bylaws to be considered for adoption, amendment, or repeal. Any bylaw change by the Board will not be effective unless it is ratified by a two-thirds majority of the active members who are present at a membership meeting.

Adopted and effective following the _____ membership meeting.

President (Date)

Secretary (Date)