



NATIONAL PROCUREMENT INSTITUTE, INC.

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Executive Board Members and Directors, with the exception of the AEP Officer, shall be elected by those NPI Members identified in the NPI Constitution and Bylaws as having a right to vote on NPI matters. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of qualified candidates to the Membership at the time and in the manner described herein. A majority of those voting will be required to win the election. The candidate(s) receiving the highest number of votes cast will be elected to the position(s) available.
2. No member shall be eligible to be considered for a Board position unless he or she is a ~~Regular, Dual, or Associate Member, and has been a~~ Regular member ~~Member~~ in good standing. ~~for at least one year immediately preceding the election.~~ No member shall be eligible to be considered for an elected Executive Board position unless he or she has served at least one year on the Board of this Association, or has served on the Board of another Professional Procurement Association, or demonstrates like leadership experience.
3. After developing the slate of qualified candidates for Board members, the Nominating Committee shall conduct the election in the following manner:
 - a. A ballot will be sent electronically by a contracted on-line voting service to all eligible members at the e-mail address provided by each Member.
 - b. Voting will be open for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days and shall be completed not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Conference.
 - c. The Nominating Committee shall certify the results to the Board of Directors and the Vice President shall announce the results to the members at the Induction Ceremony.
~~present at the Annual Membership Business Meeting~~
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- ~~3.~~4. The Secretary will automatically advance as the sole nominee for the office of Treasurer, upon completion of term of Secretary.
- ~~4.~~5. The Treasurer will automatically advance as the sole nominee for the office of Vice President, upon completion of term of Treasurer.
- ~~5.~~6. The Vice President will automatically advance as the sole nominee for the office of President, upon completion of term of Vice President.
- ~~6.~~7. The President will automatically advance as the sole nominee for the office of Immediate Past President, upon completion of term of President.
- ~~7.~~8. The AEP Officer is not an elected position and will be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE II: TERM OF OFFICE

1. The term of office of all elected Officers and Directors shall begin immediately upon adjournment of the Annual ~~Membership Business Meeting~~ Conference.
2. The term of office of all elected Executive Board Members shall be for a period of one year. Executive Board Members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position, and only upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, ~~and if elected by the membership as provided herein.~~
3. The term of office of all Directors shall be for a period of two (2) years, with the terms staggered such that one half of the Directors' terms ~~shall~~ may expire each year, at the discretion of the President. Directors may serve consecutive terms, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, and if elected by the membership as provided herein.
- ~~4.~~ The term of office of all Chapter Representatives shall be for a period of one year. Each Chapter will be represented by its elected Chapter President.

ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES

1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall assume the responsibilities and office of President and shall serve the remainder of the vacant term as well as the following year (their originally scheduled term). If the Vice President is unable or unwilling to assume the responsibilities of the President, the Executive Board shall recommend an alternate plan. The Plan will be implemented upon ~~written~~ confirmation by the majority of the Board of Directors.
2. In the event of a ~~vacancies~~ vacancy in the office s of the Vice President or Treasurer, the next Officer in succession may assume the responsibility, through the remainder of the term, as well as the following year (their originally scheduled term). ~~If the next Officers in succession are unable or unwilling to assume the responsibilities of the role, the next Officer in succession may assume the responsibility or the President shall recommend an alternate plan to Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. the Treasurer shall assume the responsibilities of the Vice President. If the Treasurer is unable or unwilling to assume the responsibilities of the Vice President, the President shall recommend an alternate plan, with advice and consent of the Executive Board. The plan will be implemented upon written confirmation by the majority of the Board of Directors.~~
- ~~2.~~ In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, the Secretary shall assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer. If the Secretary is unable or unwilling to assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer, the President shall recommend an alternate plan, with advice and consent of the Executive Board. The plan will be implemented upon written confirmation by the majority of the Board of Directors.

3. Vacancies occurring for any reason in the office of Secretary, or any Director position, shall be filled for the unexpired term through appointment by the President, or the President may recommend an alternate plan for approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. ~~All a~~Annual membership dues shall be determined from time to time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
2. Agency discounts shall be determined from time to time by the majority of the Board of Directors.
3. Membership dues are payable annually in January and cover the period of January 1 through December 31.
 - a. Members joining or renewing membership during the period of January 1 through November 16 will pay dues through December 31 of that year and renew annually at the full price thereafter in January.
 - b. Members joining during the period of November 16 through December 31 shall pay full membership dues, which will cover the remainder of the calendar year, as well as the next calendar year.
 - c. The Board of Directors shall have discretionary authority to allow alternative payment schedules in special circumstance.
4. A member of the Association whose dues are not paid within sixty~~-days~~ (60) days of being invoiced may be expelled from membership in the Association upon notice by the Association to such member, such expulsion shall ~~to~~ be effective upon the date of such notice. A member expelled from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon full payment of all delinquent dues and initial new membership fees.

ARTICLE V: FINANCES

1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1 of each year and terminate on December 31.
2. Appropriations. Funds appropriated in the annual Association budget shall be allocated to each funded activity. "Funded activities" are defined as those elements of the annual Association budget for which there are anticipated expenses during the fiscal year. During the appropriation year, if it is necessary to exceed a budget item, for each funded activity to receive Executive Board approval if it should become necessary to exceed its allocated amount in the annual budget.
3. Indebtedness. The Association shall not incur long term debt i.e. loan, lines of credit, etc.~~Indebtedness. The Association shall incur no indebtedness whatsoever.~~

~~3.4.~~ Annual Audit. An annual audit of the Association's financial records shall be completed by a competent Accountant, the Treasurer, or a NPI member assigned by the Board of Directors, prior to the Annual Membership Business Meeting, or as requested by the majority of the Board of Directors.

~~4.5.~~ Funds. The bank account for the Association shall be maintained with three (3) signatures registered, to include that of the President, the Treasurer, and the Executive Director. The Executive Director must obtain written approval from the President or Treasurer for expenditures in excess of the maximum dollar amount in accordance with policy & procedures, as established and amended by the Board of Directors.

~~6.~~ Books and Accounts. The Association's books and accounts shall at all times be open to inspection by any member of the Association.

~~5.7.~~ Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer shall report the status of the Association's Finances annually to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. ~~The report shall be approved by a ballot that will be sent electronically by an on-line vote to all eligible members at the e-mail address provided by each member and listed in the member's NPI account profile. Voting will be open for a period of not less than fourteen (14) calendar days and shall be completed not less than thirty (30) calendar days after the completion of the annual audit.~~

ARTICLE VI: ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

1. Annual Membership Business Meeting and Conference. The Association shall hold a Membership Business Meeting at least once each year. The date, location, and/or method shall be determined by the ~~Executive Board and Conference Team~~ Association and announced to membership.
 - a. A quorum at the Annual Membership Business Meeting shall consist of the number of Association members present at the meeting.
2. Board of Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold up to two ~~(2) in-person~~ meetings annually, and such other meetings, either in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic means, as may be called by the President, or a majority of the Board of Directors. The presence of a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
3. Emergency Situations. In emergency situations, the Board of Directors shall be allowed the use of teleconferences, or other electronic means, in lieu of in person meetings.
4. Conduct of Association Meetings. All meetings of the Association, including Board of Directors, Team, and Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except when in conflict with the Bylaws, in which the Bylaws shall take precedence.

ARTICLE VII: CERTIFICATION

~~1. This Association recognizes and supports all professional procurement certifications, including but not limited to:~~

- ~~● Accredited Purchasing Practitioner (A.P.P.)~~
- ~~● Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.)~~
- ~~● Certified Professional Purchaser (C.P.P.)~~
- ~~● Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM)~~
- ~~● Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB)~~
- ~~● Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO)~~
- ~~● Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM)~~
- ~~● Supply Chain Management Professional (SCMP)~~

ARTICLE VIII: CHAPTERS

1. Chapters. Organization of chapters in NPI may be initiated by any NPI member who, at the request of the Membership Chair, shall be appointed member/sponsor for the purpose of calling an organizational meeting.
2. Charter Petition. The sponsor shall call a meeting for the purpose of authorizing a formal petition for a charter, as a chapter of NPI. Persons attending the organizational meeting will sign a petition stating the purpose of the proposed chapter, the geographic area to be served, the chapter name, and the type of activity and operations to be conducted by the proposed chapter.
3. Charter Authorization. The Board of Directors of NPI shall have the power to authorize the charter to the petitioning chapter and levy such charter fees as may be necessary.
4. Objectives and Purposes. Objectives and purposes of chapter bylaws should be compatible to the bylaws of NPI.
5. Autonomy. Chapters of NPI should be completely autonomous, except for its official action, which cannot be contrary to the objectives of NPI.
6. Charter Revocation. Revocation of a chapter charter may be accomplished by the NPI Board of Directors by either of the following methods:
 - a. A vote by 3/4 of the chapter members' eligible to vote and communicating to the National Board of Directors certification of the local chapter's desire to leave NPI.
 - b. A vote by 2/3 of the entire National Board of Directors, with notice to the local chapter that its charter has been revoked for cause.
7. Board Representation. The Board may establish the number of representatives to be nominated from the chapters on a formula so stated by the Board.
8. Chapters shall abide by and follow the guidelines set forth in the policy and handbook.

ARTICLE ~~III~~X: TEAMS AND COMMITTEES

1. The following Teams were established by the Association Board of Directors to perform duties in accordance with policy & procedures, as amended from time to time:
 - Achievement of Excellence in Procurement
 - Communications
 - [Programs / Conference](#)
 - [Membership/Marketing](#)
 - [Nominations](#)
 - [Partners/Sponsors](#)
 - [Scholarship](#)
 - [Bylaws/Policy](#)
 - ~~Professional Development~~
 - ~~Research and Development~~

2. The following Committees ~~were~~ was established by the Association Board of Directors to assist the Board and/or Association Teams in the performance of Association duties. The President may establish additional committees as required.
 - a. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist ~~of up to of not less than~~ five members, including the Vice President, ~~immediate~~ Immediate Past President, and three other ~~regular or dual~~ members of this Association appointed by the President, who have considerable knowledge of the Association and its members. The President shall appoint the Committee Chairperson.
 - i. The Committee shall receive and evaluate recommendations from the membership regarding individuals suggested for candidacy for [the Secretary position](#), all Board [of Directors](#) positions, ~~and Lifetime~~ [Retired Members](#) and Honorary Members.
 - ii. The Committee shall select at least one candidate for each ~~position~~ office of the Board for which a term is expiring. This slate of nominees will be presented to the President and the Vice President in order to commence the election process described herein in a timely fashion.
 - iii. No changes in nominees on this slate may be made after submission to the President, except at the request of the nominee.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

1. Dissolution. The Association may be dissolved upon adoption of a plan of dissolution, and distribution of assets adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the ~~regular~~ membership of the Association, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, as amended from time to time.

2. Dedication of Funds. The Association shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws, and no part of said funds shall incur or be distributed to the members of the Association. On dissolution of the Association, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified organizations engaged in the

promotion or education of the public procurement ~~and supply management profession~~, to be selected by the Board of Directors and ~~regular~~ members of the Association.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Amendments and Resolutions. The Constitution and Bylaws and Resolutions may be amended and presented in one of the following below ways, at the option of the majority of the Board of Directors. Notice regarding The Constitution and Bylaws and any Resolutions shall be delivered to each member entitled to vote at the meeting not later than the 10th day and not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the meeting:
 - a. At the Annual Business Meeting~~Membership Business Meeting~~ by a two-thirds majority of the members present.
 - b. By written ballot, mailed, or any electronic means available to all members of the Association, with a two-thirds majority of those voting necessary for amendment.

~~Resolutions. Resolutions presented for approval by the General Membership at the Annual Membership Business Meeting shall be posted for membership inspection no later than one day prior to the Annual Membership Business Meeting of the Annual Conference.~~

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

July 17, 1980	August 1, 1981	July 15, 1982	August 30, 1983
July 25, 1984	July 22, 1987	July 19, 1988	September 11, 1991
July 28, 1993	September 22, 1994	December 16, 1996	October 13, 1998
October 5, 1999	October 3, 2000	October 9, 2001	October 15, 2002
March 22, 2004	January 30, 2005	May 26, 2006	November 30, 2007
December 19, 2011	January 30, 2012	October 22, 2014	August 19, 2016
July 13, 2018	October 21, 2021	October 11, 2023	September 19, 2024