

## Constitution and By-Laws

### Illinois Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention

#### Article I

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the “**Illinois Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention**” and hereinafter referred to as the “**Arson Advisory Committee**” or the “**Committee.**”

Section 2. The objective of the Arson Advisory Committee shall be:

- A. To conduct Arson Awards Program acknowledging citizens and professionals whose cooperation led to the suppression of arson in Illinois.
- B. To foster cooperation amongst Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Public Officials, Insurance Industry personnel and other interested parties in furthering fire prevention activities and combating arson and related crimes.
- C. To support the education of Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Public Officials, Insurance Industry personnel and interested parties on fire prevention and the control, detection and prosecution of arson.
- D. To support the exchange of fire prevention and arson related technical information and developments between Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Public Officials and Insurance Industry personnel.
- E. To educate the public on fire prevention and the extent and seriousness of arson.
- F. To review and assist in creation of legislation regarding arson.

Section 3. The Arson Advisory Committee shall not be operated for profit.

#### Article II

##### Membership

Section 1. Any individual or organization actively engaged in some phase of the suppression of arson shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Applications for membership shall be made to the Chairman. Such application shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at the next earliest meeting for approval.

Section 3. Termination (a) voluntary withdrawal (b) dismissal, by majority vote of the Board of Directors, having found that the member has conducted himself in such a manner as is prejudicial to the good name and best interests of the Committee.

## **Article III**

### **Election, Terms and Officers**

#### Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Committee shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### Section 2. Board of Directors

The officers and not less than ten (10) other members of the Committee, duly elected, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

#### Section 3. Terms of Office

The officers shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until the election of their respective successors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to terms of one (1) year or until election of their respective successors.

#### Section 4. Election

Election of Officers and Board members shall take place in January at the first meeting held in that month.

#### Section 5. Nominations

The Chairman in November will appoint a Nominating Committee to draw a slate of Officers and members for the Board of Directors at the next election. Any Committee member can submit a nomination to the Nominating Committee by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Article IV**

### **Meetings**

Section 1. Meeting dates will be as determined by the Committee.

Section 2. The Chairman can call a special meeting at any time.

Section 3. The meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called by the Chairman on the same day as the General Meeting.

Section 4. Sub-Committee meetings will be held after each General Meeting.

## **Article V**

### **Amendment**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Committee by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

## **Article VI**

### **Sub-Committees**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall appoint from the membership the following sub-committees:

**Communication/Publicity  
Program and Education  
Finance  
Fire Service  
Insurance Industry  
Law Enforcement  
Legislative  
Illinois Arson Awards**

Section 2. The Chairman of each sub-committee, with approval of the Chairman and the Board of Directors, shall select from the membership personnel to serve on each sub-committee.

Section 3. Members of the sub-committee will serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are appointed.

Section 4. Any vacancies in or additions to the sub-committee may be filled by appointment made by the Chairman.

Section 5. Membership in I.A.C.A.P. is not a prerequisite to membership in the Illinois Arson Awards sub-committee.

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