

NEW MEXICO CHAPTER
U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS

(June 12, 1996 Revision)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name shall be:

THE NEW MEXICO CHAPTER, U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II - GOALS

The goals of the Chapter shall be to serve and support the United States, the U.S. Naval Service, and the U.S. Naval Academy by:

Furthering the highest standards of the U.S. Naval Academy;

Identifying, informing, encouraging, and assisting outstanding, qualified young men and women to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and subsequently pursue careers as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps; and

Initiating and supporting activities which will perpetuate the history, traditions, memories, and growth of the U.S. Naval Academy, and bind alumni together in support of the highest ideals of leadership, citizenship, and government.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person residing in New Mexico, who has graduated from or attended the U. S. Naval Academy, shall be eligible for regular membership in this Chapter.

Section 2. Each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3. Individuals who have demonstrated a deep or extraordinary interest in the U.S. Naval Academy, or the U. S. Navy, or have rendered outstanding service to the U.S. Naval Academy, shall be eligible for election to honorary membership in the Chapter.

Section 4. The annual dues for members of the Chapter will be established each year by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote based upon previous year's expenditures and anticipated needs for the upcoming year.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee. Regular members of the Chapter shall be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 2. At a designated biennial meeting, the officers, except the President, shall be elected for terms of two (2) years each. At this meeting the President Elect shall assume the duties of President and he shall appoint one Director to serve two (2) years. The Past President shall serve one (1) year. In the ensuing year at the designated annual meeting, one Director shall be elected for two (2) years. It is the intent of this by-law that, for continuity, Directors shall serve staggered two year terms so that one new position comes open each year.

Section 3. If the office of the President shall become vacant, the President Elect shall succeed to the office. A special election shall be held within two months to elect a successor President Elect. Vacancies in all other offices shall be filled by appointment by the President. Officers and Directors so appointed shall serve until the regular expiration of that position.

Section 4. A regular meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at least quarterly at such time and place as the President may designate. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The President, or in the President's absence, the President Elect, shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, and of the Executive Committee. If these officers are absent from any meeting either of the Chapter or the Executive Committee, a temporary chairman shall be chosen for such meeting, from among the remaining Executive Committee members and by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Secretary shall cause a record to be maintained of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Chapter and give timely notice of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall keep a correct list of the name and last known address of every member.

Section 7. Treasurer shall collect dues, maintain the financial records, and shall make all payments for the Chapter. At the direction of the Executive Committee, accounts shall be submitted by the Treasurer for auditing as outlined in Section 8.

Section 8. The Executive Committee shall direct the management of the Chapter and of all its property. It shall authorize the execution, on behalf of the Chapter, of such contracts as it may deem necessary, and the making of payments. The powers conferred by this section shall be exercised subject to all other provisions of these By-Laws, to the Laws of the United States, and to the Laws of the State of New Mexico.

Section 9. The Executive Committee shall appoint an auditor(s) to audit the financial accounts of the Chapter at least once each year, and prior to change of the Treasurer.

Section 10. No officer or Director shall serve the Chapter for more than six consecutive years.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Chapter will be held in June or July of each year.

Section 2. The regular meetings of the Chapter shall normally be held when considered necessary by the President but at least quarterly.

Section 3. Other meetings of the Chapter may be called at any time by the President, Acting President, the Executive Committee, or upon written request made to the Secretary by any ten (10) members of the Chapter.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of regular members present at the June or July meeting of each year. At the quarterly meeting preceding the June or July meeting, the President shall designate three (3) members of the Chapter to serve as a committee to nominate officers and directors for the ensuing year.

Section 5. Subsequent to the consent of a nominee to serve, the name of that member of the Chapter may be placed in nomination by submitting the name in writing to the nominating committee for inclusion in the election ballot. The slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Nominations may be accepted from the floor as well.

Section 6. Guests may be invited to the meetings.

Section 7. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern this Chapter in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-laws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the regular members present and voting, at a meeting of the Chapter, called for that purpose. A written notice accompanied by a copy of said amendment, shall be sent to all members not less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE VII - REPRESENTATIVES & COMMITTEES

Section 1. At the discretion of the President, the President may appoint members as representatives of the Chapter in the community in which they live to assist in the dissemination of notices and information relative to the activities of the Chapter.

Section 2. The President may appoint such committees as are deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Chapter.

By: William E. Schuler, Ph.D., President

Signature

ATTEST:

F. Kip Paskewich, Secretary

Signature

Date