

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

North Suburban Bar Association

ARTICLE II

Objectives

The following are the objectives of this Association:

1. Promote and maintain a high standard of legal ethics among all of the members of our Bar Association.
2. Promote, preserve and protect the high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, in the administration of justice, and in the resolution of disputed relationships for the social and political freedom and well being of the public.
3. Cultivate, facilitate and promote the efficient administration of justice and resolution of disputed relationships, particularly among persons of the communities of North Suburban Cook County.
4. Exert and initiate a good influence upon the life and relations of persons, particularly within the North Suburban communities, by providing the highest competent legal representation to all persons who seek such services.
5. Cultivate a spirit of collegiality among members, encouraging and assisting members in providing the highest competent legal representation to all persons who seek such services.
6. Promote and improve the legal education of the members and inform the public of legal issues.
7. Support and assist the courts in their Administration of Justice.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. The membership of the Association shall consist of regular, honorary, special, law student and associate members.
2. Regular Membership: Any person licensed to practice law in Illinois, and who also either resides or practices in the North Suburban community, or otherwise expresses an interest in North Suburban Bar Association's community affairs, and who is in good standing as hereinafter set forth, shall be a regular member of the Association.
3. Honorary or Special Membership: The Board of Directors may elect to honorary or special membership any person who in its opinion, has made an outstanding contribution to the administration of justice or the advancement of the profession.

Honorary or special members shall neither vote nor be required to pay dues, but may vote if dues are paid.

4. Law Student Member: Any law student who is enrolled in an accredited law school and is a member in good standing will be entitled to receive all general mailings of the association and participate, in a non-voting capacity, in all association programs. They shall not be entitled to vote in any election, or hold office.
5. Associate Member: Any person who has an interest in a law related field and is a member in good standing will be entitled to receive all general mailings of the association and participate, in a non-voting capacity, in all association programs. They shall not be entitled to vote in any election or hold office.
6. Termination of Membership: Membership shall be terminated upon any of the following: (a) resignation of a member.
- (b) non-payment of dues for a period of 90 days after the date said dues are due.
- (c) upon disbarment or suspension, during the period of such suspension.
7. Honorary, special, law student or associate memberships may be terminated in accordance with rules established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Board of Directors

1. Only regular members in good standing shall be eligible to hold elective office.
2. The following shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting by the regular members in good standing of the Association, and shall serve without compensation:
 - (a) A President shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, appoint the chair and members of all committees, not designated hereafter and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - (b) A First Vice-President, who shall in the absence of the President, preside at all meetings of the Association, shall chair the Continuing Legal Education committee and shall perform such other duties as from time to time, are delegated by the President.
 - (c) A Second Vice President, who shall in the absence of the President and First Vice President preside at all meetings of the Association and shall chair the Lawyer Referral Committee and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, are delegated by the President.
 - (d) A Third Vice President, who shall in the absence of the President, First and Second Vice-President, preside at all meetings of the Association, shall chair the Newsletter Committee and shall perform such other duties as from time to time, are delegated by the President.
 - (e) A Fourth Vice President, who shall in the absence of the President, First, Second and Third Vice-President, preside at all meetings of the Association, shall chair the

Membership Development Committee and shall perform such other duties as from time to time, are delegated by the President.

(f) A Secretary, who shall keep the records, take the minutes of the meetings, present them for approval at the next regular meeting, conduct the correspondence of the Association and keep an accurate roll of officers and members.

(g) A Treasurer, who shall collect the dues and shall receive receipts and preserve all funds of the Association, who shall make such disbursements therefrom as the President may direct from the Association's bank account, and who shall present a report of such receipts and disbursements at each monthly meeting of the Association.

(h) A Board of Directors consisting of (1) ten members in good standing at large other than the officers, each to serve a two year term, and (2) the officers listed in paragraphs (a) to (g) above; (3) the immediate past president, (4) five members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at large, every year, at the annual meeting. (5) All past Directors who are members currently in good standing.

5. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors, or the Officers of the Association, shall be filled by the President with the advice and consent of the of the Board of Directors and Officers. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Board of Directors and Officers shall fill the vacancy by a majority vote.

6. Terms of all officers shall be for one year and until the successor is installed. A President may serve successive terms in office by election, provided that two-thirds of the Board of Directors and Officers shall give their advance consent to the nomination.

7. The officers of the Association and the Board of Director, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, shall establish the amount of dues, fees to be paid to the Association, etc., and shall plan and manage the affairs of the Association.

8. Removal of Officers or Board Members: Upon the filing of a Petition with the secretary or President signed by not less than twenty (20) members in good standing requesting that an officer or board member be removed for cause, the matter shall be placed on the agenda and notice shall be sent to the members that the Question of removal will be voted on at a regular meeting provided that notice of said vote shall be sent to the members and personally served on the officer or board member in question not less than 20 days nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The petition for removal shall clearly set forth the acts or conduct giving rise to the cause. Removal shall be by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting and shall be effective immediately.

ARTICLE V

Meetings of Officers and Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall meet at regular intervals, at least four times per year.
2. Special meetings of the Board of Directors and Officers may be called by the

President, or at the written request of one-third of the Board of Directors and Officers.

3. Eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Regular Membership Meetings

(see By-Laws)

ARTICLE VII

Election of Officers

1. At the General Meeting held in April, the President shall select five members of the Association, in good standing, as the nominating committee. At least three of the six members of the Nominating Committee shall be past Presidents of the Association in good standing. One member shall be appointed by a vote of the membership. The President shall be an additional voting member of the Nominating Committee. The President shall designate one of the past Presidents as the Committee Chairperson. The nominating committee shall report its recommendations for nominations for the various offices and Board Members set forth in Article IV hereof, to the President and Secretary. They shall, in turn transmit such report to all voting members of the Association at the general meeting held in May.

2. Fifteen or more voting members of the Association, in good standing, may nominate other candidates to any or all of such offices by Petition signed by them, and filed with the President or Secretary, within thirty (30) days after the May meeting.

3. The names of all candidates for each office shall be announced at the June Board meeting and included in the notice of the July or annual meeting.

4. At the July or annual meeting, voting by the regular members shall be conducted either by a showing of hands or by written ballot, if requested by any member.

(a) In the event that any of the offices has two or more nominees for said office, the nominee who receives the majority of the votes at said meeting shall be declared elected to said office.

(b) In the event that there is only one nominee for the office being voted upon, said nominee must receive an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members present at said meeting.

(c) Except as provided in (c) below, no nominations shall be permitted from the floor at said July or annual meeting.

(d) In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that particular office, then the two candidates receiving the greatest plurality shall be voted upon again, and the one receiving the majority of the votes shall be declared the winner of the office.

(e) In the event that an unopposed candidate shall fail to receive a majority of the votes

cast by the members present, the President shall reconvene the Nominating Committee to renominate another candidate for said office.

5. Officers and Board Members shall take office at the Installation Banquet when sworn in to their new offices or in any event, not later than September 30th.

6. The time provisions set forth herein, shall be considered guidelines, and not mandatory.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

(see By-Laws)

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to the Constitution

1. Amendments to the Constitution shall be initiated as follows:

(a) By majority resolution of the Board of Directors and Officers or;

(b) By petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) members in good standing.

2. Proposed amendments shall be filed with the President and/or Secretary, who then shall send copies of the proposed Amendments to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of any general monthly meeting, for the submission to the membership at the meeting for discussion and debate. After the "debating" meeting has been held, the President shall notify the membership, by mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next following general meeting, that the proposed amendment shall be voted upon at the said next general meeting.

3. The Amendment or Amendments proposed and submitted at the aforesaid next general meeting shall be voted upon and, shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present; but, not less than fifteen (15) members.

ARTICLE X

By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Association may be amended, altered or repealed by a two thirds vote of those present of the Board of Directors and Officers, upon fifteen (15) days prior notice to the membership.

ARTICLE XI

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on October 1st of each calendar year and end on September 30th of the succeeding calendar year.

ARTICLE XII

Effective Date of the Amended Constitution

This Amended Constitution shall take effect on the first day of July, 1995.