

# **New Mexico Emergency Management Association CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I – Name**

The organization shall be known as the New Mexico Emergency Management Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association

## **ARTICLE II – Purpose**

The purpose of the Association shall be to encourage training, education, and professional development of its members, to enhance the program of Emergency Management in the State of New Mexico.

## **ARTICLE III – Membership**

### Section 1. Eligibility

- A. Active Member: Active Membership shall consist of any individual interested in Emergency Management in the State of New Mexico.
- B. Honorary Member: Honorary Membership shall be extended to no more than one person per year who is or once was an Active Member of this Association. Selection will be recommended by the Honorary Committee. The membership at large may make recommendations to the Honorary Member Committee for their review and selection. This membership will be paid for a period of five years.

### Section 2. Voting

Each active member whose dues are current shall be allowed one vote on each matter submitted to this Association. Voting members may designate, in writing, another member to cast his or her vote by proxy.

## **ARTICLE IV – Officers and Committees**

### Section 1: Officers

The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Election procedures for officers and duties of the officers shall be specified in the by-laws of this Association.

### Section 2. Committees

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members who are not officers. Their duties are to nominate to the membership one or more candidates for each office to be filled.
- B. The Honorary Member Committee shall consist of three members. Their duties are to nominate to the membership one deserving individual each year for consideration as an Honorary Member. The Committee need not recommend anyone if they determine there is no suitable candidate.

- C. The President, as deemed necessary to accomplish Association business, shall appoint standing committees.

### **ARTICLE V – Dues and Funding**

#### Section 1. Dues

Dues shall be charged and paid as specified in the by-laws. The Association will operate on a calendar year basis with dues payable by January 1 each year.

#### Section 2. Funding

This Association will be funded primarily from the dues of the membership. Donations from private persons, corporations, clubs, etc., will be accepted. No part of the funding of the Association shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its officers, members or other private persons, except as the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay as reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Association. The Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing or distributing statements) any political campaign or on behalf of the candidate for public office. The income of the Association for each taxable year shall be distributed at such time and in such manner as not to be subject to tax under Internal Revenue Codes.

### **ARTICLE VI – Dissolution**

This Association may be dissolved upon the affirmative vote by two-thirds of the voting members of the Association taken at a meeting called specifically for that purpose. Upon dissolution or other termination of the Association, no part of the property of the Association, not any of the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed to or insure to the benefit of any of the members of the Association. Any property and proceeds shall, subject to the discharge of valid obligations of the Association and to applicable provisions of law, be distributed as directed by the Association.

### **ARTICLE VII – Amendments**

Amendments to these Articles shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Association at a regularly scheduled meeting where an announcement to the membership has been made at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Amendments meeting the two-thirds affirmative vote are effective immediately.

### **ARTICLE VIII – Effective Date**

This Constitution shall become effective after adoption by a majority of members present at the January 18, 2000 meeting of the Association.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, for the purpose of forming the Association under laws of the State of New Mexico, the undersigned, constituting the Officers of the New Mexico Emergency Management Association, have executed this Constitution.

/s/ Name, President

/s/ Name, Secretary

/s/ Name, Vice President

/s/ Name, Treasurer