

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION LIAISON OFFICERS
(NASORLO)**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

This Constitution is promulgated to create and to delineate the purposes, membership, organization and management of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers (NASORLO).

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of the Association shall be focused on outdoor recreation and related matters and shall include the following:

- a. Establishment of a coordinated, unified State effort in presenting state views to Congress and appropriate federal agencies on existing and proposed legislation, related regulations, and appropriations;
- b. Origination and development of proposals for new legislation and programs;
- c. Joint action by the States in developing and communicating strong and definitive positions relative to improving the administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund programs and other similar programs existing or subsequently created;
- d. Encouragement of prior consultation with the States by Congress and Federal agencies before developing legislation, amendments to existing legislation, regulations and appropriations;
- e. Promotions of better consideration and coordination of Federal resources and programs in developing State plans in outdoor recreation and related areas;
- f. Seeking of improved coordination of interrelated planning efforts among contiguous states;
- g. Exchange of information among the States, and with Federal, interstate and local agencies relative to programs, legislation, administration and problems of management and staffing;

- h. Enhancement of the States' posture and role; and
- i. The general improvement of practices, programs and management.

ARTICLE III

Membership

This Association shall have four classes of members: SLO Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, and Honorary Members.

SLO Members - Each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Marianas shall be represented in the Association by one "State Liaison Officer," as legally designated to the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior. The SLO may designate a person, including but not limited to an Alternate SLO, as the SLO's representative to the Association, and such designee shall be the state's SLO Member for this Association even if not otherwise designated to the National Park Service.

Associate Members - Local, regional, state or interstate government officials having an area of interest consistent with the purposes of the Association may become Associate Members. They may hold appointive office in the Association, but shall not hold elective office and shall have no automatic vote.

Affiliate Members - The Association may admit affiliates. Organizations with similar purposes, aims and objectives may petition the Board of Directors for affiliation, but may not hold elective office and shall have no vote.

Honorary Members - Honorary Membership may be conferred upon outstanding individuals for exemplary service toward the purposes of the Association or for distinguished contributions to the people of the United States. Honorary Members may not hold elective office in the Association and shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV

Voting

Each of the states and territories shall have one (1) vote in the affairs of the Association. The vote of the state shall be cast by the SLO Member or his/her proxy.

An SLO Member may designate a proxy to represent his/her state at meetings or to cast the vote for his/her state. Any ASLO designated to the National Park Service shall automatically be a proxy for the SLO unless the Association is otherwise notified in

writing by the SLO. Designation of a proxy shall be in writing, signed by the SLO Member.

At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the full membership, a quorum shall consist of twenty-six (26) SLO Members and/or proxy votes.

In the absence of a quorum at a meeting, or when a meeting is not feasible, the Board of Directors, by simple majority, may authorize the cast of votes by mail. Votes on mail ballots will be cast by SLO Members.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the SLO Members and proxy votes is required for passage of any question except as directed by Articles VII, IX and X of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at a place decided upon by a simple majority of membership at annual meetings. The Annual Meeting will be held, in general, at about the same time each year and must be preceded by at least thirty (30) days written notice. The Annual Meeting shall provide for the election of Officers and Directors and establishment of budget, as hereinafter provided. Special meetings shall also be called by the President on request of one-third of the SLO Members, or at the request of a majority of the Board of Directors. At least ten (10) days notice must be given to the Membership before scheduling a Special Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Board of Directors

The Officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Immediate Past President; and shall be the SLO or Alternate SLO from their respective states.

Officers shall be elected for two (2) year terms at the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall assume the duties of their offices at the close of the Annual Meeting and shall serve until the close of the next Bi-Annual Meeting.

For the purpose of providing balanced geographical representation in the affairs of the Association, two Directors shall be elected from each of the six NASORLO Regions, as follows:

Northeast Region

Connecticut
Maryland
New Jersey
Rhode Island

Delaware
Massachusetts
New York
Vermont

Maine
New Hampshire
Pennsylvania

Southeast Region

Alabama
Georgia
Puerto Rico
Virgin Islands

District of Columbia
Mississippi
South Carolina
Virginia

Florida
North Carolina
Tennessee

North-Central Region

Indiana
Michigan
West Virginia

Illinois
Minnesota
Wisconsin

Kentucky
Ohio

South-Central Region

Arkansas
Louisiana
Oklahoma

Iowa
Missouri
Texas

Kansas
Nebraska

Northwest Region

Alaska
North Dakota
Washington

Idaho
Oregon
Wyoming

Montana
South Dakota

Southwest Region

American Samoa
Colorado
Nevada
Utah

Arizona
Guam
New Mexico

California
Hawaii
Northern Marianas

One Director shall be elected from the SLO Membership of each NASORLO Region at each Annual Meeting of the Association. However, in the event there are no Directors available or interested in serving on the Board in any election cycle from a particular Region, a Director at large from the membership may be elected to serve and represent that Region on the Board for that term.

The Officers, Directors, and the Immediate Past President jointly shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Association and shall function under the leadership of the President in the conduct of the management of the Association. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Director at Large. In the absence or inability of the President to perform, duties of the position will be assumed first by the Vice President and then by the Secretary if the Vice President cannot serve.

Vacancies occurring among the Officers or Directors between Annual Meetings may be filled by the Board of Directors to complete the unexpired term.

The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Association between the Annual Meetings and may meet as often as required on the call of the President, or a majority of its members.

Business of the Board of Directors may be conducted by a quorum of eight (8) Board Members.

The Board of Directors may employ appropriate paid staff to carry out the purposes of the Association.

The Board of Directors may take action that modifies the position of the full membership on legislative and fiscal matters affecting the purposes of the Association when circumstances prohibit polling of the membership and time is of the essence. Such action shall be reported to the full membership.

ARTICLE VII

Operation and Management

The Association may accept such funds as it becomes eligible for by grant, dues, budget or the like; it may not borrow or create debt. An annual budget for the Association shall be created and adopted by the Board of Directors.

The Board will provide proper rules, regulations, controls, and accountability for commitment and expenditure of such funds for amendments to the budget.

The establishment of dues for membership in the Association is permissible under this Constitution, subject to approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SLO Members. The amount of the dues shall be as set from time to time by the By-Laws of the Association and as consistent with the budgeting of the member jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

The President may appoint committees as deemed necessary for the operation of the Association and shall designate the Chairperson of each Committee so appointed.

Committees may consist of any number of Members. Members may be Associate Members.

The entire Board of Directors shall functions as the Association's Legislation Committee.

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of one member from each of the six NASORLO Regions.

In addition to the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee, other SLO Members may be nominated for Officers and/or Directors by SLO Members from the floor.

Committees shall report to the President who will bring their reports, as appropriate, before the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

By-Laws

The Association may adopt By-Laws in harmony with this Constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the state voting representatives present at the annual meeting, or, if by mail vote, by majority of the membership.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by four-fifths, (80%) vote of the state voting representatives present at the annual meeting, or in the event of a mail vote, by majority of the membership, provided that written notice and text of proposed amendments shall be mailed at least (15) days in advance of such voting.

ARTICLE XI

This Constitution was adopted at Washington, D.C., on the 26th day of September, 1967.

Articles of Incorporation were filed for this Association as a non-profit Corporation in the State of North Dakota.

Amended August 26, 1968 - Las Vegas, Nevada

Amended August 20, 1969 - Mackinac Island, Michigan

Amended August 23, 1970 - Tan-Tar-A Lodge, Missouri

Amended February 27, 1977 - Washington DC (Mailed Ballot)

Amended September 24, 1980 - Springfield, Illinois

Amended September 11, 1984 - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Amended September 25, 1989 - Niagara Falls, New York

Amended September 18, 1990 - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Amended effective September 24, 1991 (by mail ballot)

Amended effective March 31, 1993 (by mail ballot)

Amended February 26, 2003 - Washington DC

Amended September 10, 2015 - Greenville, South Carolina