

BY-LAWS  
OF  
IOWA MAYORS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

- 1.1 Name – The name of this organization shall be Iowa Mayors Association, referred to in these by-laws as “the Association”. It shall be affiliated with and constitute a division of the Iowa League of Cities.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- 2.1 Mission Statement - The Mission of the Iowa Mayors Association is to develop and support creative and effective leaders by providing education, mentoring and mutual support to benefit the cities they serve and be a voice for collective action statewide.

- 2.2 Purpose – The purpose of the Association is:

2.2.1 To assist in the furtherance of the objectives of the Iowa League of Cities.

2.2.2 To provide opportunities for mayors to meet as a distinct group.

(1) To secure a closer official and personal relationship among the mayors of the State of Iowa;

(2) To discuss municipal topics affecting all persons holding the office of mayor;

(3) To discuss those topics, responsibilities, and experiences unique to mayors as the elected heads of municipal governments in the state of Iowa;

(4) To provide educational opportunities to assist mayors in performing their duties of elective office;

(5) To secure unity of action in matters pertaining to the mayors and cities in the State of Iowa;

(6) To use the unity of action generated through the Association in advocating the interests of cities in Iowa before the Iowa Legislature, the United States Congress and state and federal administrative bodies and agencies. In order to secure effective lobbying efforts, the Association

shall coordinate its activities with the Iowa League of Cities.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES AND FINANCES

- 3.1 Full Membership – The incumbent mayor of any member city of the Iowa League of Cities is eligible for Full Membership in the Association and has the right to vote.
- 3.2 Associate Membership – Former mayors are eligible for Associate Membership and enjoy all the privileges of the Association, but do not have the right to vote.
- 3.3 Dues and Finances – Dues for Full Membership and registration fees for events shall be established by the Executive Committee. The Association may receive voluntary contributions. Funds received by the Association will be used to pay expenses of the Association, or for any other purpose authorized by the Executive Committee.
- 3.4 Contracts – The Executive Committee has the authority to approve contract terms with the Iowa League of Cities.

### ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ELECTIONS

- 4.1 Executive Committee – The Executive Committee shall consist of the three (3) Officers as set forth in Article 5 and five (5) members which will be chaired by the President, or in their absence the Vice-President.
- 4.2 Qualifications of Executive Committee – Each Executive Committee member of the Association, excluding the Secretary/Treasurer, shall, at a time of his or her election, be a full member of the Association.
- 4.3 Term and Election – The Executive Committee members of the Association shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of two full years and may be re-elected for one additional consecutive two-year term. Executive Committee members shall serve no more than two consecutive terms, unless serving as Officers. Terms shall begin the first day of the month following the Annual Meeting.
- 4.4 Nominations and Ballots – The Executive Committee shall serve as a nominating committee. It shall be the nominating committee's responsibility, by majority vote, to nominate a full member from each of the seven association districts as established by the Executive Committee for each Executive Committee position for the ensuing year. The nominating committee report will be presented at the

annual meeting and nominations will be open from the floor.

- 4.5 Vacancies in the Executive Committee – A vacancy occurs when an Executive Committee member is no longer serving as an official for a member city or by reason of death, resignation or disqualification. A vacancy occurring in the position of an Executive Committee member shall be filled by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy is eligible to serve two one year terms in addition to the remaining term they have been appointed to.

## ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- 5.1 Officers - The officers of the Association shall consist of a President and Vice President. The Association Secretary/Treasurer shall be a staff member of the Iowa League of Cities who serves as an ex-officio non-voting officer.
- 5.2 Qualifications of Officers –The President and Vice President of the Association shall, at a time of his or her election, be a full member of the Association. No person shall be eligible to be President or Vice President unless the individual is a member of the Executive Committee at the time of the election.
- 5.3 Terms and Election – The President and Vice President shall be chosen by the members of the Executive Committee following the Annual Meeting to serve a term of one year. A President or Vice President shall serve in such office for one full year and shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in such office for one additional year. The Vice President may also be chosen to serve a term of one full year as President with an additional year as an option.
- 5.4 Vacancy - A vacancy occurs when an officer is no longer serving as an official for a member city or by reason of death, resignation or disqualification. A vacancy occurring in the position of President shall be automatically filled by the Vice President elevating to the role of President. A vacancy in the position of Vice President shall be filled by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee. An officer who is serving due to a vacancy shall serve out the remaining term of that office, and shall be eligible to serve one additional year in the position beyond the term of the vacancy.

## ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS, ORDER OF BUSINESS, STANDING COMMITTEES

- 6.1 Meetings – The Association shall hold at least one meeting each year.
- 6.2 Annual Meeting – The Association shall hold its Annual Meeting on a date selected by the Executive Committee.
- 6.3 Agenda and Program - The Annual Meeting agenda and program will be planned by the members of the Executive Committee.
- 6.4 Rules of Procedure – Robert’s Rules of order shall govern procedure, unless in conflict with these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 Procedure – These By-Laws may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a two thirds vote of the members in attendance, provided that any proposed amendment is submitted in writing to the membership at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting. An amendment becomes effective immediately upon passage unless the amendment provides for a different effective date.

## ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTIONS

- 8.1 Procedure – Should the Association be dissolved for any reason, its assets shall be equally divided amongst the active member cities at the time of such dissolution.

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