

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
911 COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the “State of Mississippi 911 Coordinators/Directors Association”.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be to serve the “Voice of 911” in the State of Mississippi and to conduct public affairs, communications, and educational programs that will foster better 911 management, public awareness, and utilization as well as to promote better understanding of and appreciation for the 911 Systems established in the State of Mississippi.

Specifically, the Association will work to coordinate and stimulate programs and legislation that will:

1. Promote, develop and protect the 911 Systems in the State of Mississippi and cooperate with city/county/state government bodies, allied associations, and other public agencies to develop and foster programs and legislation for the benefit of 911 Systems throughout the State of Mississippi.

ARTICLE III

Membership, Privileges and Dues

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR - Membership shall be limited to Mississippi’s 911 Coordinators and Directors and Assistant 911 Coordinators and Directors.

ASSOCIATE - Associate membership shall be limited to individuals affiliated with the operation of 911 individuals affiliated with the operation of 911 systems in member counties subject to the approval of this Association Membership Committee.

SECTION 2: PRIVILEGES

Each duly qualified “REGULAR” member shall be entitled to one vote each.

SECTION 3: DUES

Dues will be set at \$225.00 for Large Agency Membership (Two voting members and five non-voting members), \$150.00 for Small Agency Membership (One voting member and six non-voting members), \$100.00 for Single Membership (One voting member only) and \$10.00 for Associate Membership (Non-voting member). Recommendations for any changes shall be made and voted upon at the annual association meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

- SECTION 1: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers and the Prior Year President.
- SECTION 2: In the event of a vacancy in the Board, the Board shall appoint a member of the Association to serve for the unexpired term.
- SECTION 3: The Board shall act upon all business of the Association arising between annual meetings.
- SECTION 4: The Board shall act at least once every sixty (60) days and as often as it decides. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President as needed. In the case of special meetings, five (5) days written notice of the time and place shall be given.
- SECTION 5: A majority of the Board present shall constitute a Quorum.
- SECTION 6: All officers and Directors shall be dues paying members of the State Association.

ARTICLE V

Officers

- SECTION 1: The membership shall elect such officers as it feels necessary annually, to serve for a term of at least one (1) calendar year; provided, however, that the elective officers shall always include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, the immediate past President (from previous year) and may include (if possible) a Northern District Representative, a Central District Representative and a Southern District Representative.
- SECTION 2: The term of the officers shall begin on January 1st. Elections shall be held each November.

ARTICLE VI

President and Vice President

- SECTION 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the State Association. The President shall appoint the Chairpersons of all committees and shall sign all contracts made for an in behalf of the State Association.
- SECTION 2: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall assist the President and shall act in his/her place in the event of sickness or inability of the President to perform the duties imposed upon him/her or incident to the Office of President.
- SECTION 3: The immediate Past President shall be considered an officer of the Association for the calendar year following his/her tenure as President.

ARTICLE VII

Secretary/Treasurer

SECTION 1: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to properly account for all receipts and disbursements. The Secretary/Treasurer shall make annual reports to the membership showing the balance on hand and outstanding obligations. In addition, he/she shall, upon the request of the Board make special financial reports to the Board. The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct the correspondence of the Association, have charge of and be responsible for the membership records and other books of account, give notice in writing of all annual and special meetings of the Association and its Board, keeping a permanent record of all the business conducted thereat.

ARTICLE VIII

District Representatives

SECTION 1: Each District shall elect a qualified member from its District. District Representatives will represent their district as elected officers and on the Association's Board of Directors. District Representatives shall also serve as President of their respective Districts (northern, central, southern) should the District choose to establish a chapter under the auspices of the State Association's By-laws.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

SECTION 1: Annual meetings of this Association shall be held in November of each year at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Notice of said meeting shall be given to the membership at least one (1) month prior to said meeting. Regular meetings will be held twice per quarter, first quarter being October through December.

SECTION 2: Special meetings may be called by action of the Board of Directors provided the membership is given five (5) days written notice.

SECTION 3: Twenty-five percent (25%) of currently paid voting members constitutes a quorum at any membership meeting.

ARTICLE X

Procedure

SECTION 1: Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all the members present at an annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose provided that written notice of such meeting shall include a copy of the proposed amendment.

SECTION 2: The fiscal year for the Association shall be October 1 through September 30.

SECTION 3: Parliamentary proceedings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI

Committees

- SECTION 1: The chairpersons of the following standing committees shall be appointed by the President:
1. Membership
 2. Communications
 3. Policy
 4. CMRS
 5. Others as needed
- SECTION 2: Additional committees established as the Board or the President deem necessary or established by resolution or motion by the Association shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise directed.
- SECTION 3: The term of non-standing committees shall expire with the term of the appointing President unless another expiration is provided by establishing resolution or motion.

ARTICLE XII

Association/District Relationships

- SECTION 1: In addition to dues, the members may assess themselves for any costs incurred in connection with the activities of the Association.
- SECTION 2: Each District organization (if chartered) shall file copies of its minutes and an annual report with the State 911 Coordinators/Directors Association. Each District President or accredited representative shall represent the District Organization at all meetings of the State Association and meetings of the State Association's Board of Directors.
- SECTION 3: District organizations shall abide by these Bylaws as adopted and amended by the State Association. District Bylaws must be consistent with the bylaws of the State Association and shall file their bylaws with the Association's Board of Directors.
- SECTION 4: District organizations shall have the right to release through its officers, or a duly Authorized spokesperson, expressions of opinion, views, statements, or other public pronouncements on matters of interest to and affects the welfare of the members of the chapter and the general public. Said public pronouncements shall not contain directly, indirectly, or by implication material at variance with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Policy Statements of the State of Mississippi 911 Coordinators/Directors Association.
- SECTION 5: The State of Mississippi 911 Coordinators/Directors Association does not assume any responsibility for, nor will it necessarily report, the action of any District organization unless such action shall have first received the approval of the State Association.
- SECTION 6: The Mississippi 911 Coordinators/Directors Association will not assume any liability for debts incurred by, or for the expenditure of any District organization.
- SECTION 7: The Mississippi 911 Coordinators/Directors Association shall have the right to rescind any charter of any District organization and thereby terminate its existence.