

CALIFORNIA JAIL PROGRAMS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Amended: January 1, 2022

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the California Jail Programs Association (CJPA).

Section 2. This association was founded on September 14, 1984.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

This organization is founded in the belief that humane and decent conditions of confinement are essential to and compatible with the management of safe and secure jail facilities. Jail programs are an integral part of humane conditions and serve to reduce tensions in the jails and relieve stress among custodial staff and inmates; and they provide constructive options to those inmates who choose them, and thereby minimize the negative impact imposed on the community by the otherwise inadequately prepared and recently released ex-offender.

Section 1. To promote a professional and social structure for its members and to provide resources for exchange of information and ideas as they relate to inmate programs and services.

Section 2. To collect information to publish and maintain current, a directory of jail programs throughout the State of California.

Section 3. To maintain the cjpa.org website, keeping current information on, meeting dates, training, links, and any other pertinent information.

Section 4. To educate legislators, press and the public that jail programs are essential to good management.

Section 5. To work with any other Association that will benefit and further the goals of the Association.

Section 6. To monitor Minimum Jail Standards to ensure they encompass the program needs of the jails, the community, and the inmates.

Section 7. To provide "in-service" training to custodial and program personnel through workshops, conferences, and seminars.

Section 8. The forgoing purposes shall be constructed as objects and purposes and as powers, and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific objects and purposes shall not be held in any manner to limit or restrict the powers of the Association.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be elected annually in the Fall to take office in January of the following year. The Association shall have an Executive Board. It is recommended that elected officers of the Board hold the same position for not more than two (2) years.

A. The Executive Board shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Member at Large

Section 2. The executive officers and voting members shall govern the Association.

Section 3. All paid up voting members shall be eligible for election to the offices after requesting of the President that their name be placed on the ballot. Request shall be made by the President not later than the Fall meeting each year to be valid. In the event there are not sufficient request for candidacy to fill the ballot, the President shall solicit the names of interested paid-up Voting Members to complete the slate of officers needed to complete the ballot Nominations can be made from the floor at the Fall meeting.

A. In the event there are not sufficient requests for candidacy from Voting members to fill the ballot, the President shall solicit the names of interested paid-up Associate Members. The Associate member must be a permanent, full-time County employee assigned to the Inmate Services/Programs Unit, or equivalent. The Associate Member must be endorsed by the Voting Member of applicable County.

Section 4. All paid up Voting Members shall be eligible to vote for the candidates of their choice whose names appear on the ballot. Voting Members unable to attend may submit their vote by mail/email. These must be received prior to the Fall meeting.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall conduct and supervise all elections.

Section 6. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office for the ensuing term.

Section 7. All officers whose terms have expired shall hold over until a successor is elected or appointed.

Section 8. In case of a tie vote at any election for an office, the matter shall be decided by the candidates so tied, drawing lots in the presence of the President on the date of the regular meeting or between that date and the date of installation.

Section 9. When any office becomes vacant, the President shall forthwith appoint a Voting Member or qualified Associate Member of the Association to fill such office for the unexpired term, from the results of the election previously held and shall take the next person receiving the next highest number of votes to fill the vacancy.

Section 10. Should any Officer of the Association during his/her term of office become physically, mentally or for any other reason be unable to perform his/her duties as such officer, the President shall be empowered to appoint a member of the Association pro term to perform the duties of the disabled or sick officer, until his/her disability or sickness shall cease, or a vacancy occurs.

ARTICLE IV.

AUTHORITY

Section 1. The President shall coordinate and manage the organization. The President shall exercise powers not specifically excluded in the Constitution and Bylaws. The President shall be spokesperson for the organization unless otherwise stated or delegated and shall seek to reflect the opinions of the members.

Section 2. The Executive Board and members shall govern the organization as to matters of policy and other specific responsibilities as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE V.

RECALL PROCEDURE

Section 1. The Executive Board may temporarily suspend an Officer from his/her office by a vote of a simple majority of the Board present at a meeting.

Section 2. Any Voting Member/Associate Member may be expelled for cause provided that the individual is advised of the intent to do so at the next regular scheduled meeting. After a proper motion has been made, seconded, discussed and passed by a simple majority of the members present at such meeting the expulsion shall take place.

Section 3. Committee members appointed by the President sit at the pleasure of the President. Persons removed from committee assignment by the President may appeal to the membership.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES AND SPONSORSHIP

Section 1. Dues for Voting Members shall be one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for one-year (successive period of twelve (12) calendar months) from the date of payment and shall entitle members to voting rights and all other benefits and privileges provided by the Association.

Section 2. Dues for Associate Members shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per one-year (successive period of twelve (12) calendar months) from the date of payment and they shall be entitled to certain benefits and privileges but not be entitled to voting rights.

Section 3. Dues are payable annually from when membership was last paid, or at the time of application for membership.

Section 4. Vendor Sponsorship shall be five hundred (\$500) dollars for one-year (successive period of twelve (12) calendar months) from the date of payment, or at the time of application for sponsorship. Sponsorship shall entitle the vendor to have a web link on the OPA web site, web site posting of company logo and description, opportunity to provide marketing materials to members, and send two representatives to attend and participate at the conferences.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS-BOARD AND GENERAL

Section 1. The President shall designate the place and time of meetings.

Section 2. The President upon seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the general membership may cancel meetings of the Association. A meeting may also be cancelled by majority vote of the members present at the previous meeting.

Section 3. The President, as needed, may call special meetings.

Section 4. A quorum for transactions for business shall be (3) Executive Officers.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. The General Membership shall meet in plenary session at least semi-annually.

Section 2. The Executive Board as is deemed necessary may schedule additional meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order shall be used to decide all questions of parliamentary procedure where not otherwise provided in this Constitution or bylaws.

Section 2. The Vice President shall act as parliamentarian and settle all parliamentary questions.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENT TO THIS CONSTITUTION

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended in the following manner: Any proposed amendment shall be submitted, in writing, for discussion and vote at a meeting of the Executive Board. A simple majority vote of the Executive Board is required for the amendment to be presented to the voting membership.

Section 2. For any change to pass, it must receive a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote by the voting members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE X.

BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. Voting Members shall be entitled to voting rights and share in all other benefits and privileges provided by the Association.

Section 2. Associate Members shall be entitled to certain benefits and privileges, but not voting rights.

Section 3. Vendor Sponsorship Members shall be entitled to receive access to an updated copy of the membership roster, and certain benefits and privileges, but not voting rights. Attendance at meetings (or any portion of a meeting) will be by invitation only.

ARTICLE XI.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. This Constitution, when adopted by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the voting membership shall become effective immediately.