

**CONSTITUTION  
FLORIDA STATE  
AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this Association shall be the Florida State Air Force Association.

**ARTICLE II**

**OBJECTIVES**

The Association provides an organization through which we, as free people, may unite to address the defense responsibilities of our nation imposed by the many advances in aerospace technology that have been, and will continue to be made; to educate the members and the public at large as to what that technology can contribute to the security of free people and the betterment of mankind; and to advocate and support military preparedness of the United States and its allies adequate to maintain the security of the United States and the free world.

The purpose and objectives of the Florida State Air Force Association are to carry out the goals and objectives of the Air Force Association through its duly constituted chapters and members at-large located throughout the State of Florida; to supervise and coordinate the activity of the chapters; and to act as an administrative liaison between the Air Force Association, and the chapters in the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE III**

**LIMITS**

The Florida State Association shall be civilian and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles, nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking office or preferment, nor for any other personal or commercial gain.

The Florida State Association shall operate exclusively for the purposes specified in AFA's Articles of Incorporation, and shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the Florida State Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Members of this Association shall be those Air Force Association members whose chosen chapter affiliation or official mailing address is located in the State of Florida and who have so registered with Association headquarters.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **ORGANIZATION**

The Florida State Air Force Association shall be organized in Chapters chartered by the Air Force Association. No person may be a member of more than one Chapter.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **FINANCE**

Section 1. Dues. Annual dues are paid to the Air Force Association as required by the Association. No other dues are required.

Section 2. Fiscal and Operating Years. The Fiscal Year of the Florida State Association shall be October 1 to September 30 of the following year. The Operating Year shall also be October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **OFFICERS**

Section 1. Elected Officers. The officers of the Florida State Air Force Association shall be a President, Executive Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the delegates at the State Convention held annually and shall assume office the first of October of that year. No person may be elected to the office of President for more than one (1) term. The term of office for President shall be two (2) years. No person may be elected to the office of Executive Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer for more than three (3) consecutive terms (one (1) year term). The person elected Florida State President shall also serve as the Florida Region President.

Section 2. Appointed Officers. The State President may appoint additional officers with the approval of the Executive Committee to serve concurrently with the President. Appointed officers may be removed from office by the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Vacancies. In case of a vacancy in any elective office, it shall be filled by appointment of the President for the remainder of the unexpired term and thereafter until a successor is elected, except that in the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the duties of that office shall be assumed by the Executive Vice President until such time as a President shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. President. The President shall exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned by the Constitution; supervise the management of the state organization; enforce the provisions of the Constitution; appoint all standing and special committees or councils; perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The President shall preside at the Florida State convention and shall be chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Executive Vice President. The Executive Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or by the Executive Committee and shall discharge the duties of the President whenever the disability or absence of the President, as determined by the Executive Committee, makes such service advisable.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and of all other matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Executive Committee; notify the officers and all members of committees of their election or appointment; issue notices of special meetings; perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee, or that are usually incident to the office.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds and be the custodian of such funds; make annual financial report and, at such other times as requested by the Executive Committee, or by the President, make financial records available for inspection by any member of the Executive Committee, when requested; perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee, or are usually incident to the office. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **STATE CONVENTION**

Section 1. State Convention. An annual convention shall be held in the fourth quarter of each year at the time and place set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Notification. All Chapters in the State, and the President of the Air Force Association shall be notified in writing of the date and location of the annual State Convention at least sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 3. Delegates. Each Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) delegate, and (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) of its voting members, or major fraction thereof, provided, that no single Chapter shall be entitled to more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total accredited votes at the convention. All delegates shall be affiliated members of a Chapter in Florida. The Executive Committee shall determine procedures for certifying delegates from the Chapters.

Section 4. Voting. Only delegates who have registered for the convention shall exercise the right of voting. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. If a Chapter has more votes than it has delegates present and registered, the delegation will decide by majority vote how the remainder of the Chapter votes will be cast. The Chapter President shall be the chairman of the delegation or may designate another member of the Chapter to act as chairman if the President is unable to attend.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum shall exist when at least one-third (1/3) of the Chapters of the State Association have registered and are present.

Section 6. Convention Rules. The Executive Committee shall establish rules and procedures for the convention which shall be approved by the convention body at the opening of the first business session.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Membership. Between State Conventions, the administrative power of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers, the chapter presidents who shall serve upon assuming their office and until their successor is elected by the chapter, the appointed subordinate officers, including the state area vice presidents, the chairmen of standing and special committees, and past Florida State Presidents, so long as they do not miss two (2) consecutive meetings. The term of appointed officers or chairmen shall be concurrent with the appointing President.

Section 2. Administrative Authority Between Executive Committee Meetings. The elected officers and chapter presidents shall have administrative authority between meetings of the Executive Committee for matters not otherwise assigned by the Constitution. This body may meet in person, or may vote by mail, or electronic communications. Decisions shall be by majority vote and a report of any actions taken shall be made to all members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Powers and Duties. The Executive Committee shall exercise the powers and perform the duties assigned by the Constitution; be responsible for the general management of the state organization; approve appointments of standing committees and special committees and councils; and provide for the appointment of subordinate officers as may be needed for proper administration of the affairs of the state.

Section 4. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least bi-annually: second and fourth quarters. Special meetings may be called by the President, and also shall be called upon the written request of at least ten (10) of its members.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of at least one-third (1/3) of its members.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be at least Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Leadership Development/Nominating Committee. Where otherwise not specified in this Constitution, the President, annually, shall appoint the members of each Standing Committee, designate the chairmen, and fill vacancies.

Section 2. Special Committees. Special Committees may be created by the President, the Executive Committee or the convention body. The President shall appoint the members of such committees, designate the chairman, and fill vacancies. When any special committee so created makes its final report, the committee shall cease to exist.

Section 3. Meetings. Standing and Special Committees shall meet after due notice to its members is given by its chairman, by the President, by the Executive Committee, or upon the written request of a majority of its members.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Membership. The Leadership Development/Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members elected by the Executive Committee. The immediate past Florida State President shall serve as chairman of the committee.

Section 2. Quorum. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum of the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Nominations. The Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the election. Nominees shall be selected by majority vote of the committee and may be selected by conference call or other communications. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall inform the Chapter Presidents of the nominees not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election of officers.

Section 4. Nominations from the Floor. Nominations may be made from the floor at the State Convention provided that such nomination(s) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee(s) to serve.

Section 5. Developing Leadership. The Committee shall be responsible for assisting chapters in their leadership developments efforts, provide mentoring suggestions to chapters and individuals, and seek to identify new leaders in the state for state and chapter offices.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Section 1. State Delegates. The President shall be the Chairman of the Delegation to the National Convention. In the event that the President is unable to attend, the chairman shall be the Executive Vice President and if neither officer is able to attend, the President shall designate the delegation chairman from among other voting members of the Florida State Association.

Section 2. Delegate Selection. The State Convention may determine the manner in which the other delegates to the national convention are selected or the President may select the delegates to represent the state and then manage the delegation in compliance with the National Constitution.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **DISCIPLINE**

Section. 1. A State Organization which violates the Constitution of the Air Force Association, reflects discredit upon the Association, or has been inactive may have its charter suspended or revoked. Disciplinary action may be taken against any state organization elected or appointed officer according to the procedures established in the Constitution and the Operations and Procedures Manual of the National Air Force Association.

Section 2. The Florida State Association shall not enter into any agreements, leases or other commitments, or involvements of any kind or nature whatsoever, the direct or indirect effect of which shall be legally to obligate or constrain the Air Force Association, without the prior written approval of the National President of the Air Force Association; nor shall they engage in any activity contrary to or inconsistent with, the objectives or policies of the National Air Force Association.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Florida State Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitutions and any special rules of order the State Organization may adopt.

**ARTICLE XVI**

**AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at the State Convention, or by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the total Executive Committee; provided, however, that any amendment adopted by the Executive Committee shall be subject to amendment or ratification by the majority vote of the delegates at the following State Convention

Adopted 15 July 2006  
(original date)

ENDORSEMENTS

*Max Friedauer*  
State/Region President

25 July 2007  
Date

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AFA Constitution Committee

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Date