

SOUTHERN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I *Name*

The name of this association shall be the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

ARTICLE 11 *Objectives*

The objectives of this association shall be:

To provide for communication among members, with other associations of higher education and training, and with the agencies of the criminal justice system;

To promote a philosophical approach of criminal justice as a systemic process;

To promote the highest standards in criminal justice education, training, and practice;

To foster the highest ethical and personnel standards in criminal justice and allied fields; and

To promote high standards in criminal justice planning and research.

ARTICLE III *Membership*

Regular membership shall be open to individuals who support the purposes and objectives of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Student membership shall be open to students interested in criminal justice and enrolled in an accredited educational institution.

Membership is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV *Board of Directors*

The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the immediate past president, the elected officers, and five (5) Directors-at-Large.

All members of the Board of Directors shall be regular members in good standing of the Association.

ARTICLE V *Officers*

The Officers of the Association shall be:

President

First Vice-President (President Elect)

Second Vice-President (First Vice-President Elect)

Treasurer

All Officers shall be regular members in good standing of the Association.

ARTICLE VI *Elections*

Elections of officers and Directors-at-Large shall be conducted by mail ballot prior to the Annual Meeting and in accordance with the procedures set by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII *Meetings*

The date(s), time, and location, of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII *Amendments to the Constitution*

The Constitution may be amended by mail ballot or electronic ballot. Constitutional amendments should be labeled "Amendments to the Constitution." Proposed amendments may be received from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the Association, or by the Board of Directors, or by petition from twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership. The vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid ballots received on a mail ballot or electronic ballot is required for the passage of a Constitutional Amendment. Procedures for balloting shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Original Constitution effective October 26, 1972.

Amended October 18, 1973
Amended October 17, 1974
Amended May 9, 1977
Amended October 10, 1984
Amended October 11 1) 1985
Amended February, 1987
Amended September 30, 1988
Amended October 3, 1991
Amended October 5, 1994
Amended April 14, 2005
Amended January 2013