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EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION**

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**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the State of Illinois.

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**ARTICLE II  
OBJECT**

Section 1. Purpose

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are educational, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including but not limited to the advancement of emergency nursing through education and public awareness.

Section 2. Mission

The mission of the ENA is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice.

Section 3. Objectives

ENA exists to:

- A. Promote the specialty of emergency nursing.
- B. Promote the interests of ENA's members and to improve the professional environment of the emergency nurse through education and public awareness.
- C. Promote ethical principles as defined in the ENA Code of Ethics for Emergency Nurses and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics.
- D. Collaborate actively with other health related organizations to improve emergency care.
- E. Be the primary resource for emergency nursing leadership, education, and research.
- F. Define standards that serve as a basis for emergency nursing practice.
- G. Develop, disseminate and evaluate emergency nursing education and research.
- H. Encourage interaction and mentorship among emergency nurses.
- I. Identify and disseminate information on key trends affecting and pertinent to emergency nursing.
- J. Serve as an advocate for the public regarding emergency care.

Section 4. Official Publication

The official publication shall be the *Journal of Emergency Nursing (JEN)*, which shall reflect the purpose, mission objectives and positions of ENA.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERS**

Section 1. Membership Applications

Membership applications must be submitted to the headquarters office with any required fees. Upon acceptance, a membership card is sent and the state council is notified.

Section 2. Responsibilities of Membership

Each member has the responsibility to support the purpose, mission, objectives, and positions of ENA.

Section 3. Classifications

- A. Voting Members – voting members shall be classified as national, international, senior and

56 military. Voting members shall have the right to vote, hold elected office, serve on the board  
57 of directors, serve on committees, and attend ENA's meetings and social functions.

- 58 1. National membership may be granted to any individual who is a professional registered  
59 nurse licensed in the United States or its territories, hereinafter defined as Guam,  
60 American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.
- 61 2. International membership may be granted to any individual who is a professional  
62 registered nurse licensed (or the equivalent thereto) outside of the United States or its  
63 territories.
- 64 3. Senior membership may be granted to a professional registered nurse who is age 65 or  
65 older and licensed in the United States or its territories.
- 66 4. Military membership may be granted to a professional registered nurse licensed in the  
67 United States or its territories who:
  - 68 a. is serving in the United States military (including military reserves or National Guard);  
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  - 70 b. has a service-connected medical discharge; or
  - 71 c. has retired after 20 years of active service in the United States armed forces or  
72 military reserves.

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74 B. Nonvoting members – nonvoting members shall be classified as affiliate, student and  
75 honorary. Nonvoting members shall be entitled to serve on ENA committees and attend  
76 ENA member meetings and social functions.

- 77 1. Affiliate membership may be granted to any individual residing in the United States or its  
78 territories who shares interest in and supports the purpose, mission and objectives of  
79 ENA but does not otherwise meet the criteria for voting membership in ENA.
- 80 2. Student membership may be granted to any individual enrolled in a primary nursing  
81 education program in the United States or its territories leading to eligibility for licensure  
82 as a professional registered nurse.
- 83 3. Honorary membership may be awarded to an individual meeting such criteria as shall be  
84 determined by the president and the board of directors.

#### 85 86 Section 4. Dues and Finance

- 87 A. Members' dues shall be currently maintained or termination of membership shall result.
- 88 B. Membership dues of ENA members shall be determined by the board of directors, except  
89 that there shall be no dues for honorary membership, and senior membership member fees  
90 will not be more than that of the affiliate membership. At the start of the term, the president  
91 shall be granted a dues waiver for life, provided that he or she maintains eligibility as a  
92 voting member.
- 93 C. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.
- 94 D. Each state council and chapter shall receive an annual allocation for each dues paying  
95 member within the state or chapter.
- 96 E. A surcharge may be added to the dues in some states by the state's request.

#### 97 98 Section 5. Suspension and Termination of Membership

- 99 A. ENA members may have their membership suspended or terminated by a two-thirds vote of  
100 the board of directors for failure to adhere to the ENA bylaws or for cause.
- 101 B. Such action shall not be taken until a member is advised of specific charges and given the  
102 opportunity to respond.

## 103 104 105 **ARTICLE IV** 106 **OFFICERS**

### 107 Section 1. Officers

- 108 A. There shall be three officers: president, president-elect, and secretary/treasurer. The term of  
109 office shall commence January 1 each year and terminate on December 31, except that the  
110 president-elect shall succeed to the office of president at the conclusion of the term. Officers

- 111 shall exercise the duties and responsibilities required of a member of the board of directors.  
112 B. The president shall:  
113 1. Serve as the official ENA representative and spokesperson, unless such duty is  
114 delegated;  
115 2. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominations Committee;  
116 3. Serve as chair of the Finance Committee;  
117 4. Appoint representatives to affiliate organizations and other positions as necessary  
118 during the term of office; and  
119 5. Fill, with the approval of the board, vacancies on committees that occur during the term  
120 of office.  
121 C. The president-elect shall appoint chairs and members of committees and a board liaison to  
122 each committee for the following calendar year.  
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### 125 Section 2. Eligibility Requirements

- 126 A. Each officer must be a voting member and must have been a voting member during each of  
127 the previous five years immediately prior to submitting a candidate application.  
128 B. Each candidate for president-elect and secretary/treasurer must currently serve as a voting  
129 member of the board of directors.  
130 C. Each candidate must submit to, and pass as acceptable, a limited background check  
131 verifying personal identity, professional licensure, employment, highest academic level and  
132 an investigation for criminal activity.  
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### 134 Section 3. Election

- 135 A. In the event of a tie vote for the position of president-elect, there shall be a second balloting  
136 of ENA membership.  
137 B. In the event of a tie vote for the position of secretary/treasurer, lots shall be drawn.  
138 C. A candidate for an officer position who is not elected shall continue to serve the remaining  
139 unexpired years of the original term as a director.  
140 D. All directors who are elected as officers shall have their unexpired terms of office filled by  
141 the candidates who receive the next highest number of votes; the candidate receiving the  
142 highest number of votes shall receive the position with the longest term.  
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### 144 Section 4. Vacancies

- 145 A. If the office of president becomes vacant, the president-elect shall succeed to the office of  
146 president for the unexpired term and shall subsequently serve the one-year term of office of  
147 president to which elected. In such case, the immediate past president may remain as  
148 immediate past president for a second year or the office may remain vacant for that year.  
149 B. A vacancy in the office of president-elect may be filled by a current member of the board of  
150 directors, or remain vacant as approved by a majority vote of the board of directors. If the  
151 vacancy is filled, the president-elect shall not automatically assume the office of president  
152 for the subsequent term.  
153 C. In the event that the office of president and president-elect are vacated during the same  
154 year, the board of directors shall appoint an acting president to serve until the next  
155 scheduled election, at which time an election will be held for both president and president-  
156 elect.  
157 D. A vacancy in the office of secretary/treasurer may be filled by a current member of the board  
158 of directors or remain vacant as approved by a majority vote by the entire board of directors.  
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## 161 **ARTICLE V** 162 **MEETINGS**

### 163 Section 1. General Assembly

- 164 A. The General Assembly shall be composed of delegates from all states and international  
165 delegates representing the international members.

- 166 B. The number of voting state delegates allocated for General Assembly shall be 700,  
167 apportioned as follows:  
168 1. No state shall have less than two delegates which shall include the state president or a  
169 lead delegate appointed by the state.  
170 2. In addition to the voting delegates, there shall be one nonvoting alternate delegate.  
171 3. The remaining delegates will be allocated to the states based on the percentage the  
172 delegation is to the national membership, determined annually as outlined in procedures.  
173 C. The number of voting international delegates allocated for General Assembly shall be in  
174 addition to the 700 voting state delegates.  
175 1. There shall be no more than five international voting delegates.  
176 2. In addition to the voting delegates there shall be one nonvoting alternate delegate.  
177 3. International delegates will be selected by a point system developed by the board of  
178 directors; the system will be administered and overseen by the ENA component  
179 relations department. The members receiving the highest number of points will be  
180 selected.  
181 D. In addition to the state delegate and international allocation, ENA past presidents may  
182 speak and vote at General Assembly.  
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#### 184 Section 2. Authority

185 The General Assembly shall provide direction and stewardship for the organization, and shall  
186 develop and adopt policies and positions affecting the emergency nursing profession in  
187 furtherance of ENA's purposes. The General Assembly shall also approve, revise, or amend  
188 these bylaws, and receive reports of the board of directors, committees and other volunteer  
189 groups, the findings of the annual audit, and transact such other business as may come before  
190 the meeting.  
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#### 192 Section 3. Quorum

193 A quorum for all meetings is a majority of the total voting delegates who have completed  
194 credentialing procedures.  
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#### 196 Section 4. Annual Meeting and Special Meetings

- 197 A. The regular business meeting of the delegates shall be held annually and designated as the  
198 General Assembly. A formal notice of the meeting shall be published in ENA publications 60  
199 days prior to the meeting.  
200 B. Other meetings of delegates shall be summoned by a two-thirds vote of the board of  
201 directors as circumstances warrant and shall be designated as special meetings of the  
202 General Assembly. Delegates shall be given at least thirty days advance notice of any  
203 special meeting of the General Assembly. Notice for special meetings shall state the general  
204 nature of the subject or subjects to be considered.  
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## 208 **ARTICLE VI** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### 209 Section 1. Composition

210 The board of directors shall be composed of the following: three officers, seven directors, the  
211 immediate past president serving as an ex-officio member for one year, and the executive  
212 director serving as a non-voting advisory member. No member may run for more than one  
213 nationally elected position at a time. No member may hold more than one nationally elected  
214 position at a time.  
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#### 216 Section 2. Authority

217 The board of directors shall be the ENA official governing body responsible for the management  
218 of the affairs of ENA. To that end, it shall also:

- 219 • Perform all duties entrusted to officers and directors of a corporation;
- 220 • Debate and determine ENA policy;

- 221 • Oversee ENA's business and financial affairs;
- 222 • Provide strategic direction for ENA; and
- 223 • Provide leadership for all of the component divisions of ENA.

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### 225 Section 3. Eligibility Requirements

- 226 A. Directors must be a voting member and must have been a voting member during each of
- 227 the previous five years immediately prior to submitting a candidate application.
- 228 B. Candidates must have attended at least one ENA General Assembly within the previous
- 229 three years in an approved verifiable capacity as outlined in the election rules.
- 230 C. Each candidate must submit to, and pass as acceptable, a limited background check
- 231 verifying personal identity, professional licensure, employment, highest academic level and
- 232 an investigation for criminal activity.
- 233 D. Candidates shall have served in an elected or committee position on the local, state or
- 234 national level within the previous five years.

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### 236 Section 4. Term of Office

237 Directors shall serve for a three-year term of office on a rotating basis. The term of office shall  
238 commence on January 1 each year following the election and terminate on December 31.

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### 240 Section 5. Elections

241 Elections shall be held annually. All voting members shall have the opportunity to elect officers  
242 and directors by ballot. Balloting may be by electronic means. Candidates receiving the highest  
243 number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie for the director  
244 positions, lots shall be drawn.

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### 246 Section 6. Meetings

- 247 A. Regular meetings of the board shall be held at least quarterly as determined by the board.  
248 At least ten days' notice shall be given to all members of the board.
- 249 B. Special meetings shall be held as called by the president or any three members of the  
250 board. At least three days' notice shall be given to all members of the board.
- 251 C. Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means, provided that all participants can  
252 hear and speak to one another at the same time.
- 253 D. A majority of the voting members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for all  
254 meetings. All decisions of the board of directors require an affirmative vote of a majority of  
255 the board of directors.

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### 257 Section 7. Vacancy

258 A vacancy that occurs in the position of director shall be filled in the following manner:

- 259 A. If the vacancy occurs between January 1 and before the completion of the current year's  
260 election the vacancy shall be filled by the person receiving the next highest number of votes  
261 in the previous year's election with the term ending December 31.
- 262 B. If the vacancy occurs after the current year's election and there is more than six months left  
263 in the unexpired term, the vacancy shall be filled by the person receiving the next highest  
264 number of votes in the current year's election with the term ending December 31 of the  
265 following year.
- 266 C. If all such persons decline to serve, if there were no additional candidates for that office  
267 during the most recently concluded election, or if the vacancy occurs with fewer than six  
268 months left in the unexpired term, the vacancy shall not be filled.

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### 270 Section 8. Removal

271 Any member of the board of directors may be removed in accordance with the provisions of law  
272 and the Illinois Not For Profit Act of 1986, as amended, by the persons entitled to elect such  
273 director, whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of ENA would be served by such  
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Section 9. Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, the president-elect, and the secretary/treasurer as voting members, and the executive director as a nonvoting ex-officio member. The Executive Committee shall exercise all responsibilities specified in the bylaws and assigned by the board of directors.
- B. The Executive Committee shall assist the board in managing ENA on issues that are time sensitive between official board meetings and, in those urgent instances, will have and may exercise all of the powers of the board in the oversight of the management of the business and affairs of ENA.
- C. The Executive Committee assists the president in setting priorities for the board and the executive director. Actions of the Executive Committee will be communicated to the board of directors.
- D. The Executive Committee may provide counsel to the executive director.
- E. The Executive Committee shall lead the board of directors in strategic initiatives.

Section 10. Indemnification

ENA shall indemnify, as set forth below, and to the fullest extent to which it is empowered to do so by the Illinois Nonprofit Corporation Act or any other applicable laws as may from time to time be in effect, any person who, by reason of being or having been a director, officer, employee, or agent of ENA, or who is or was serving at the request of ENA as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding.

**ARTICLE VII  
CONSTITUENT DIVISIONS**

Section 1. Levels of Organization

- A. ENA shall have two levels of organization, with an optional third level:
  - National Level
  - State Level
  - Local Level, optional
- B. All levels of ENA are integral components of ENA. State councils are separately incorporated in each state in accord with bylaws and procedures. The local level within each state, where it exists, is an integral component of the state council and exists under the state council corporate status, in accord with bylaws and procedures.

Section 2. Activities

- A. National level activities shall encompass activities of the General Assembly, special meetings of delegates, and the board of directors.
- B. The state level of ENA shall encompass all activities of state councils.
  - 1. Charter – Each state council shall be chartered by ENA in accord with procedures and shall actively support the philosophy and objectives of ENA.
  - 2. Objectives – Each state council shall function within the framework of ENA to coordinate and to implement ENA activities within the state.
  - 3. Composition – In states where chapters exist, state councils will be composed of representatives from each chapter within the state in accord with bylaws and procedures. If there are no chapters, state councils will be composed of members-at-large. In the event that there is no state council, a member of the board of directors shall coordinate ENA activities within that state in accord with procedures.
  - 4. Responsibility – Each state council is an integral component of ENA and shall act in accord with bylaws and procedures. Each state council has the responsibility to monitor and to address professional issues related to emergency care. Each state council shall serve as a resource for emergency nursing within the state.

- 330 5. General Assembly delegation – Each state council shall coordinate the individual state  
331 delegation to the ENA General Assembly in accord with procedures.  
332 6. Funding – Each state council shall receive an annual allocation for each individual  
333 member within the state in accord with procedures.  
334 7. Suspension or Revocation of Charter – The charter for a state council may be  
335 suspended or revoked by the board of directors in accord with procedures.  
336 C. The third level, if it exists, shall encompass all activities of chapters. Chapters, where they  
337 exist, are integral components of states and ENA and shall act in accord with bylaws and  
338 procedures.  
339 1. Purpose – Each chapter shall be chartered by the board of directors in accord with  
340 procedures and shall actively support the purpose and objectives of ENA.  
341 2. Objectives – Each chapter shall function within the framework of ENA to coordinate and  
342 to implement ENA activities at the chapter level.  
343 3. Composition – Chapter membership shall be obtained, in those states where chapters  
344 exist, when an individual joins ENA in accord with procedures.  
345 4. Responsibility – Each chapter has the responsibility to provide representation for active  
346 participation at the respective state level in accord with procedures.  
347 5. Funding – Each chapter shall receive an annual allocation for each chapter member in  
348 accord with procedures.  
349 6. Suspension or Revocation of Charter – The charter for a chapter may be suspended or  
350 revoked in accord with procedures.  
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## ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

### Section 1. Committees

356 ENA shall have committees appointed by the board of directors in sufficient numbers necessary  
357 to address mission objectives, and positions of ENA. The president or an appointed board  
358 liaison, as well as the executive director, shall serve as non-voting members of all committees,  
359 except the Nominations Committee.  
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### Section 2. Standing Committees

#### A. Finance Committee.

- 363 1. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the president, the president-elect, the  
364 secretary/treasurer and the immediate past president. The executive director shall serve  
365 as a nonvoting ex-officio member.  
366 2. The Finance Committee shall:  
367 a. Oversee the financial planning and management of ENA by ensuring that all fiscal  
368 aspects are in order;  
369 b. Oversee the independence of ENA's audit functions and its compliance with legal  
370 and ethical standards;  
371 c. Oversee investment of funds; and  
372 d. Make fiscal recommendations to the board.  
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#### B. Resolutions Committee.

- 375 1. The Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the ENA president-elect and ratified  
376 by the board of directors. The terms for the Resolutions Committee members shall be  
377 for two years, commencing at the close of the annual conference following appointment.  
378 Terms shall be staggered.  
379 2. The Resolutions Committee shall solicit, review, and present resolutions and proposed  
380 bylaws amendments to the General Assembly.  
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#### C. Nominations Committee.

- 383 1. Composition  
384 a. The Nominations Committee shall consist of seven voting members elected in the

- 385 ENA national election: one member from each of six regions who has not previously  
386 served on the board of directors, and one member who has served on the board of  
387 directors. Nominations Committee members may only represent the region in which  
388 they hold a voting membership.
- 389 b. The six regions shall be established by Nominations Committee policy. Each region  
390 shall be composed of states with geographic proximity and relatively equal  
391 membership distribution.
- 392 c. A Nominations Committee chairperson shall be elected each year by the incoming  
393 Nominations Committee at the first meeting which follows the annual General  
394 Assembly. The chairperson must have served as a member of the committee the  
395 previous year.
- 396 2. Eligibility
- 397 a. Candidates must be a voting member and must have been a voting member during  
398 each of the previous five years immediately prior to submitting their candidate  
399 application.
- 400 b. Candidates shall have served in an elected or committee position on the local, state  
401 or national level within the previous five years.
- 402 c. Candidates must also have attended at least one General Assembly within the  
403 previous three years in an approved verifiable capacity as outlined in the election  
404 rules.
- 405 d. Each candidate shall submit to, and pass as acceptable, a limited background check  
406 verifying personal identity, professional licensure, employment, highest academic  
407 level and an investigation for criminal activity.
- 408 e. Members of the Nominations Committee may not run for or serve in any ENA board  
409 position during tenure on the Nominations Committee, and may not serve more than  
410 two consecutive elected terms.
- 411 3. Elections
- 412 a. Elections for the Nominations Committee shall be held annually. Members shall  
413 serve for two-year terms on a rotating basis with terms ending at the first meeting of  
414 the Nominations Committee following the annual General Assembly meeting.
- 415 b. All voting members shall have the opportunity to elect Nominations Committee  
416 members by ballot from all regions. Candidates receiving the highest number of  
417 votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote for a position on the  
418 committee, lots shall be drawn.
- 419 4. Responsibilities
- 420 a. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for developing election rules to  
421 facilitate elections and shall have general oversight over the election process.
- 422 b. The Nominations Committee shall issue a call for candidates at the beginning of the  
423 election cycle. The Nominations Committee shall review, ratify and present a  
424 qualified slate of candidates for each position in the election of officers, directors and  
425 the Nominations Committee according to the election rules. The slate of candidates  
426 shall be presented to the membership through ENA publications. All national  
427 candidates shall be considered potential candidates until they have been ratified by  
428 the Nominations Committee.
- 429 c. If no applications are received for open board or Nominations Committee positions,  
430 the Nominations Committee may solicit additional applications as outlined in  
431 operational procedures.
- 432 d. Changes to the election rules must occur prior to the start of the election cycle.
- 433 e. The Nominations Committee shall submit proposed amendments to the election  
434 rules to the board of directors, who shall review them for compatibility with ENA's  
435 purpose, mission, values, objectives, federal and state laws and fiscal viability.  
436 Following review and comment by the board of directors in accordance with these  
437 criteria, the Nominations Committee will submit proposed amendments to the  
438 Resolutions Committee by the amendment deadline date.
- 439 f. Notice of amendments to the election rules shall be sent with the notice of the

440 meeting. The General Assembly may amend the election rules within the scope of  
441 notice by majority vote. If notice has not been given as required by this section, the  
442 General Assembly may amend the election rules by a three-fourths vote.  
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444 5. Vacancies

- 445 a. A vacancy in the chairperson position shall be filled by a majority vote of the  
446 Nominations Committee.  
447 b. A vacancy of a committee member shall be filled by the candidate who received the  
448 next highest number of votes from that region or as the past board member in the  
449 most recently completed election.  
450 c. In the event of a committee member vacancy from an uncontested election, a  
451 qualified candidate must be nominated and elected by the state council presidents of  
452 the region affected by the vacancy according to the Nominations Committee election  
453 process, meeting the same requirements set forth in the bylaws as any potential  
454 candidate.  
455 d. The committee position may remain vacant as approved by the Nominations  
456 Committee if less than six months remain of the unexpired term.  
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459 **ARTICLE IX**  
460 **DISSOLUTION**

461 In the event of dissolution of ENA, the net assets of the corporation shall be applied and all  
462 liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provision shall be  
463 made thereof. After payment of all liabilities and obligations, all remaining assets shall be  
464 distributed to an organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable,  
465 educational, scholastic or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as tax exempt under  
466 Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any subsequent law  
467 of the United States of America.  
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470 **ARTICLE X**  
471 **LIMITATIONS**

472 Section 1. Corporate Powers

473 ENA shall possess all powers which a corporation organized under the General Not For Profit  
474 Corporation Act of 1986 of the State of Illinois, as the same from time to time may be amended,  
475 shall possess, including all powers which are not in conflict with the purposes for which ENA is  
476 organized. In any event, ENA shall not engage in any activity which would disqualify it from  
477 being exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
478 amended, or any subsequent law of the United States of America.  
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480 Section 2. Net Earnings

481 No part of the net earnings of ENA shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. Further, no  
482 part of the income of ENA shall be distributed to its members, directors, or officers, provided  
483 however, that the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be  
484 deemed a distribution of income.  
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486 Section 3. Corporate Assets

487 Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, no assets of ENA shall be donated,  
488 distributed, applied to, paid over or otherwise used or employed in any manner which would  
489 disqualify ENA from being exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
490 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any subsequent law of the United States of America.  
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492 Section 4. Political Campaigns

493 ENA shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for  
494 public office, including the publication or distribution of statements.

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**ARTICLE XI  
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern ENA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order ENA may adopt.

**ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENT**

Section 1. Proposals

Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors, state councils or under the signature of five voting members.

Section 2. Submission Deadline

Amendments must be submitted to ENA national office at least 90 days prior to the General Assembly.

Section 3. Notice

The board of directors shall review proposed bylaws amendments and resolutions for compatibility with ENA's purpose, mission, values, objectives, federal and state laws and fiscal viability, and provide recommendations to the General Assembly. Amendments will be submitted to the membership at least 60 days prior to the General Assembly. Publication of the amendments in an ENA publication shall constitute notice of any amendments of these bylaws to be considered for approval.

Section 4. Vote

In order to be approved, any amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.