

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION**

A Sub-Section of the New Mexico Municipal League

ARTICLE I

NAME

This Association shall be known as the New Mexico Municipal Attorneys' Association.

ARTICLE II

HEADQUARTERS

The New Mexico Municipal Attorneys' Association is a Sub-section of the New Mexico Municipal League, with headquarters at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to aid in the improvement of legal services to municipalities, and to increase the proficiency of municipal attorneys in the State of New Mexico.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Any member of the New Mexico Bar, and any New Mexico law firm, regularly employed or retained by any New Mexico municipality, for the purpose of rendering legal services to the municipality or to any of its officials, departments, or agencies, shall be eligible for full membership in this Association.**
- B. Any current or former member of the New Mexico Bar who has retired or resigned from municipal employment or representation, and who was a full member of this Association prior to such retirement or resignation, shall be eligible for associate membership in this Association.**
- C. The Executive committee may, at its discretion, invite any person not eligible**

for full or associate membership to become an honorary member of this Association.

D. Any question concerning eligibility for membership shall be resolved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. VOTING RIGHTS:

Each municipality or law office whose dues are current shall be allowed one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of this Association. Each municipality or law firm which is a member of this Association shall designate in writing a primary delegate and one (1) or more alternates to cast the municipality's or firm's vote.

Section 3. RESIGNATION:

Any member may submit a resignation in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and such resignation shall be accepted.

Section 4. DISQUALIFICATION:

Any member delinquent in the payment of dues for a period of three months shall be notified thereof by the Secretary-Treasurer, together with notice that if proper explanation for the failure to pay such dues is not forthcoming the name of such member shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for appropriate action.

Section 5. REMOVAL:

The Executive Committee may censure, suspend or expel any member for cause. Notice of such proposed action and reasons therefor shall be mailed or given said member 10 days in advance; and such member shall have an opportunity within 10 days after notice to present his answer to such charges in writing directly to the Secretary-Treasurer for consideration by the Executive Committee, or request a hearing before the Executive Committee to be held at such time, place, and manner as may be designated by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall, in determining the time, place, and manner of such hearing, consider the desires of the member, as well as the convenience to the Executive Committee. An appeal for the decision of the Executive Committee may be taken at the next annual business meeting of the Association where, by a majority vote of active members present, such decision may be sustained, reversed, or modified.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Section 1. AMOUNT:

The annual dues shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first attorney from each municipality or law office and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional attorney from the same office and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for associate members. Honorary members shall not pay dues. No change in dues shall become effective until the

beginning of the next fiscal year after approval of such change.

Section 2. FISCAL YEAR:

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of July of each calendar year and end on the last day of June of the following calendar year. Dues shall be payable in advance on or before the first day of July of each year.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. OFFICERS:

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall always be the Executive Director of the New Mexico Municipal League. Election procedures for the President and the Vice-President shall be as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer and the Immediate Past President.

Section 3. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

The President shall be empowered to appoint all necessary standing and special committees.

ARTICLE VII

CHECKS, DRAFTS, AND NOTES

All checks and drafts or other orders for the payment of money, and notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII

GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS

Section 1. GIFTS:

The Secretary-Treasurer may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purpose or for any special purpose of the

Association.

Section 2. SOLICITATIONS:

No subscriptions or solicitations shall ever be allowed to be made in the name of the Association unless approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Municipal League.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the full members present at any annual business meeting, provided that any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Committee not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. the Executive Committee shall then report its recommendation to the Association. Such amendment, if adopted by the Association, shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Municipal League.

ARTICLE X

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall become effective after adoption by a two-thirds vote of those eligible for membership and present at the meeting at which the vote is taken, and upon approval by the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Municipal league.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

As approved by the Association, September 1, 1993; approved by the NMML board of Directors, February 3, 1994; effective July 1, 1994.