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CONSTITUTION
PREAMBLE

This Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (Order) Lodges of the State of Nevada (the State) is formed to unite all Elks in closer bonds of fraternity; to further good fellowship among Lodges; to protect and promote the interests of the Order in the State; to exchange ideas beneficial to the Lodges of the State; and to bear true allegiance to the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Nevada State Elks Association, Inc., hereinafter called “the Association.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Association to promote, within the State, the best interests of the Order, to further mutual assistance and good fellowship among the members of the subordinate Lodges, and to assist in advancing and developing the Lodges of the Order located within the State.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Every Lodge of the Order located within the State shall be a member of the Association and entitled to all its rights and privileges, upon compliance with the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IV – DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1: The legislative powers at all meetings of the Association shall be vested in delegates and representatives as defined below:

(a) Delegates: Each member Lodge shall be entitled to have ten (10) delegates. Each delegate shall be a member in good standing of the Lodge. Each Lodge may have five (5) alternate delegates. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. No alternate delegate shall be entitled to vote if all delegates of the Lodge are present.

(b) Representatives: All Past State Presidents of the Association; all Grand Lodge or Past Grand Lodge Officers, and all officers of the Association listed in Article VII, Section I, shall be representatives and entitled to one vote each, provided, however, that each is a member in good standing in a member Lodge in the State.

ARTICLE V – GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1: The Association itself shall be the governing body and shall strictly observe all restrictions and limitations in the exercise of rights and powers granted it by the Constitution and Statutes of the Order.

Section 2: In interim periods between meetings of the Association, the governing body shall be designated by the Bylaws of the Association and hereinafter will be called the Interim Governing Board.

Section 3: The Association, through its delegates and representatives, acting within due limits, shall have the power to:

(a) Enact such regulations as are necessary and proper to preserve its interest, fulfill its purpose, and implement the rights and privileges vested by this Constitution and those granted it in the Constitution and Statutes of the Order;

(b) Name its officers and committees and define their duties and responsibilities; and

(c) Provide for its revenue, control its property, appropriate its regular funds, and control the use and distribution of all other funds raised by the Association and/or contributed or entrusted to the Association for charitable, benevolent, or educational purposes.

Section 4: All regulations enacted by the Association shall be of general application and shall be called Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1: Each year the Association shall have two (2) regular meetings, defined as an annual and a mid-term meeting, and such other meetings as may be deemed necessary.

Section 2: The manner of determining the time, place, purpose, and arrangement of any meeting of the Association shall be as is provided in the Bylaws.

Section 3: Twenty-five (25) duly accredited delegates and/or representatives, from not less than fifty percent (50%) of the member Lodges, including not less than four (4) duly elected and installed officers of the Association, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the Association.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Section 1: The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, President-Elect, District Vice President North, District Vice President South, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Board of five (5) Trustees. The election of officers of the Association shall occur at the annual meeting of the Association where the term of office for the specific position has expired. The appointed officers of the Association shall be a Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Tiler, Organist, and Historian.

Section 2: The term of office for the President, President-Elect shall be two years, the first as President-Elect and the second year as President. The term of office for the District Vice President North and District Vice President South shall be one year. The term of office for the Treasurer and Secretary shall be three years respectively. The term of office for all appointed officers shall be one year. The terms of office for the Trustees shall be as follows: The outgoing President shall be the one year Trustee at Large; four Trustees, two from the North District and two from the South District shall be elected to serve four year terms. No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3: The President shall have served as President-Elect, The President-Elect shall have served as Vice President. Any Past Exalted Ruler, in good standing in their member Lodge shall be eligible for selection to the office of District Vice President North or District Vice President South or Trustee. Any member in good standing in their Lodge shall be eligible to serve in all other offices of the Association. To retain any office of the Association the member chosen shall remain a member in good standing of the Lodge for the duration of the term of office for the particular office in which they are serving. Failure to do so shall be considered an automatic resignation from office. No member shall be eligible to hold more than one office in the Association at the same time.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

The Association shall have such standing and special committees as is provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1: An advisory council shall be established, consisting of all Past Presidents. All Past State Presidents of the Association will act as advisors to the officers and committees with respect to any matter affecting the welfare and best interest of the Association.

The President and President-Elect should attend all PSP meetings as non-voting members.

Section 2: The advisory council shall organize, elect its officers, adopt its own rules of procedure and, individually or collectively, perform such duties as may be assigned by the President of the Association or required by the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

ARTICLE X – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: All legislation governing a State Association which has been or may hereinafter be enacted by the Grand Lodge of the Order shall be considered a part of the Constitution and/or Bylaws of the Association.

Section 2: Any provision herein in conflict with or in contravention of any future enactment of the Grand Lodge governing State Associations shall be considered automatically repealed or amended to conform therewith.

Section 3: Whenever a situation shall arise for which no provisions are contained herein, recourse for relative guidance shall be derived from the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge governing the same or a similar situation.

ARTICLE XI – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution shall be presented in writing to the Chairman, Committee on Laws (Chairman) at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of a regular or special meeting of the Association. The Chairman shall forward copies of the same to each member Lodge of the Association at least thirty (30) days in advance of any such meeting; provided, however, any proposed amendment to this Constitution, which has not been so submitted may be received and acted upon by the Association on a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates and representatives present and voting.

Section 2: The Committee on Laws shall make a report to the Association at the next scheduled regular or special meeting. Action on any proposed amendment shall be conducted under New Business.

Section 3: An affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) majority shall be required to adopt any amendment. Such amendment shall not become effective until approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

ARTICLE XII – ADOPTION

This Constitution shall take effect and shall supersede all previous editions and amendments, upon adoption by the Association and upon approval of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

Approval:

NSEA, April 23, 2022

Judiciary, May 19, 2022

Change 1

NSEA, November 18, 2023

Judiciary, December 31, 2023