

BYLAWS

of the

ARIZONA STATE ESCROW ASSOCIATION

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OF THE
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ARTICLE 1 – NAME, PURPOSES, GENERAL PROVISIONS, DEFINITIONS
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SECTION 1. NAME

The name of This Association shall be the ARIZONA STATE ESCROW ASSOCIATION, (A.S.E.A.) a nonprofit corporation organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arizona, hereinafter referred to as "This Association".

SECTION 2. PURPOSES

- A. The purposes of This Association are:
 - 1. To improve the image of the escrow professional.
 - 2. To offer educational opportunities to its members.
 - 3. To improve escrow and closing services.
 - 4. To increase public knowledge and understanding of escrow and closing services.
 - 5. To maintain open relationships with allied industries.
 - 6. To coordinate legislative, regulatory and court efforts within the State of Arizona on matters that affect the escrow industry.
 - 7. To disseminate information to its members on matters, legislative or otherwise, that may affect the escrow industry.
- B. This Association shall strive to meet the above purposes through whatever suitable, ethical and legal means deemed necessary by its Board.

SECTION 3. LOCATION

- A. The principal place of business of This Association shall be in the County of Maricopa, State of Arizona.
- B. The known place of business of This Association shall be the address of its Statutory Agent.
- C. This Association may also maintain offices at such other place(s) within the State of Arizona, as may be designated from time-to-time by the Board. The business of This Association may be transacted at such other offices with the same effect as if conducted at its principal place of business.

SECTION 4. CORPORATE SEAL

A corporate seal shall not be requisite to the validity of any instrument executed by or on behalf of This Association.

SECTION 5. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of This Association shall begin on August 1st and shall end on July 31st.

SECTION 6. DEFINITIONS

The following terms, if and as used herein, shall be understood to mean:

1	A.E.A.	American Escrow Association
2	A.S.E.A.	Arizona State Escrow Association
3	Board, Board of Directors	Officers and Directors of This Association
4	Bylaws	Bylaws of the Arizona State Escrow Association
5	Convened Meeting	Any regular, special or Board meeting of This Association that has been called to order, which may be held by means of a traditional gathering, teleconferencing, internet conferencing or by whatever other means may be available at the time to facilitate a meeting of several individuals.
6	Deliver(ed)	U.S. Mail, fax, email, express delivery, or whatever form of written or electronic communication is available at the time.
7	Director(s)	Any individual serving on the Board of This Association, including Officers, or current chairperson appointed by the President and ratified by the Board.
8	Officers of This Association	President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President, AEA Director, and AEA Alternate Director
9	Excused Absence	Approved absences due to travel, vacation, work conflicts, illnesses, family events, unexpected emergencies.
10	Fiscal Year	The fiscal year of This Association (August 1 st through July 31 st).
11	Herein	Used as a reference point for any provision contained in these Bylaws.
12	Leadership Team	Committee Chairpersons
13	Majority Vote	Fifty-one percent (51%) of the total Members of the Board in attendance.

14	Member(s)	A person whose application and dues have been accepted by This Association.
15	Officer(s)	President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director to the A.E.A, Alternate Director to the A.E.A., Immediate Past President of This Association.
16	Quorum	Fifty-one percent (51%) of the total Members of the Board in attendance.
17	Ruling Documents	Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Standing Rules, approved minutes as taken at any convened meeting of This Association, Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.
18	State	State of Arizona
19	This Association	Arizona State Escrow Association

ARTICLE 2 – REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Pursuant to a majority vote of the Board of Directors of This Association, and as agreed to by all Regional Escrow Associations, at a meeting held on March 18, 2006, all Charters to Regional Associations shall be revoked and this Article 2 of these Bylaws together with any references to Regional Associations in these Bylaws shall be considered void.

The revocation of Regional Associations shall become effective on March 18, 2006. Thereafter, there shall be no Regional Associations and membership in This Association shall be on an individual basis.

If at any time in the future, upon a majority vote of the Board of This Association, Regional Associations may be reactivated, and this Section 2 of these Bylaws together with any reference to Regional Associations, may be reinstated and revised as deemed necessary by the Board of This Association.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership to This Association shall be on an individual basis.
- B. A member in good standing of This Association may be entitled to membership in one of the following categories:
 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. Active members shall be those natural persons directly engaged in the practice or management of escrow closings or settlement in connection with real or personal property. Should a person who is not directly engaged in the practice or management of escrow closings or settlement in connection with real or personal property wish to obtain membership in This Association, he/she must submit an application to the Board and be approved by a majority vote of said Board.
 2. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP. Affiliate members shall be those businesses in allied fields, including, but not limited to, lending institutions, banks, law firms or real estate companies.
 3. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. Upon a majority vote of the Board any member who has shown

outstanding support and has made major contributions to This Association may be awarded a lifetime membership.

4. ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP. A natural person who has been elected by the Board to advise the Board, but who does not pay A.S.E.A. or A.E.A. dues, and who does not have voting privileges.
5. The Statutory Agent of This Association shall be a member in good standing for the term of service.

SECTION 2. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. The term of membership shall be for the fiscal year of This Association or balance thereof, for which dues have been paid.
- B. Any Member who no longer meets the requirements of his/her membership status (either permanently or temporarily) may be eligible to complete the current membership year under the original membership status, as approved by a majority vote of the Board
- C. All Members of This Association shall have individual membership to This Association.
- D. All Members in good standing of This Association shall become members of the American Escrow Association, and shall be represented by the Arizona State Director to A.E.A.
- E. Any Member of This Association may attend any regular or special board meeting(s) held by This Association as a non-voting guest.
- F. Any Member or non-member of This Association may attend any educational seminar or other event hosted by This Association, subject to payment of any registration fees.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

- A. Each member shall have privileges as set forth below, pursuant to his/her membership status:
 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS. May serve as Director, hold any office and serve on any standing or special committee. Includes membership to A.E.A.
 2. AFFILIATE MEMBERS. May serve on any standing or special committee, but may not serve as Director to This Association or hold office. Includes membership to A.E.A.
 3. LIFETIME MEMBERS. May serve as Director or hold any office (providing the member still meets the qualifications of same) and may serve on any standing or special committee. Does not include membership to A.E.A. unless the applicable dues are paid by the lifetime member to A.E.A. through This Association.
- ADVISORY MEMBERS. May serve as an advisor to the Board but who does not pay A.S.E.A. or A.E.A. dues and who does not have voting privileges.

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)

SECTION 1. NUMBER

- A. There shall be a minimum of no less than eight (8) and no more than fifteen (15) Members serving on the Board at any one time. The initial eight (8) Members will be the “Officers” (Board) of A.S.E.A. as currently defined in the Bylaws, Article 5, Section 1A which are the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, AEA Director, Alternate AEA Director and Immediate Past President. The 8 to 15 Member Board will constitute the “Board”.
- B. The Board shall include any Officer, Director or Member in good standing within This Association and who has been properly elected in accordance with the Bylaws of This Association. (Can be elected at the Annual Conference or can be nominated and/or appointed by the President and ratified by the Board in attendance)

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The Board of This Association shall be Members in good standing of This Association, and shall meet the qualifications of Active Membership, as set forth herein.
- B. Each Director shall be appointed by the incoming President at the first board meeting of the fiscal year and subject to ratification by the Board. The sum of all Officers and Directors may not exceed fifteen (15) Members.
- C. Any Director who no longer meets the requirements for Active Membership may be eligible to complete the current term as approved by a majority vote of the Board.
- D. Board members shall attend all scheduled Board Meetings unless an approved absence by the President.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. All Officers and Directors must be Members in good standing and shall serve a term of one (1) fiscal year.
- B. Any person who serves as a Member of the Board may run for re-election to that same office.
- C. A term limit may be implemented in the event of special circumstances, by a majority vote of the Members of the Board.

SECTION 4. DUTIES AND POWERS

- A. The Board has general charge of the affairs of This Association and shall delegate such powers and adopt such other rules and regulations from time-to-time that shall not be inconsistent with these Bylaws or the purposes of This Association.
- B. Each Member of the Board should serve on at least one (1) committee as chairperson as appointed by the President.

- C. Each Member of the Board shall have one (1) vote in all matters brought before the Board except the President, unless there is a tie, then the President is the tiebreaker.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION

- A. All Board Members serve without compensation for their services.
- B. Any Board Member may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of This Association as set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Member of the Board may be removed from his/her position by a majority vote of the Members of the Board.
- B. The President, or First Vice President, shall cause a notice to be delivered to all Board Members of said recommendation for removal, which notice shall include instructions for voting. If it is the President or First Vice President, then the Second Vice President or Secretary shall send the notice with instructions for voting.
- C. Should a Board Member be removed from office, the President or First Vice President shall cause a notice to be sent to that Board Member. If it is to be the President or First Vice President, then the Second Vice President or Secretary shall send the notice to that Board Member.

SECTION 7. RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

- A. Should any Board Member be unable or unwilling to complete his/her term, then said Board Member shall send written notice to the President and Secretary of This Association. If the President is unable or unwilling to complete his/her term, the written notice shall be delivered to the Secretary. If the Secretary is unwilling or unable to complete his/her term, the written notice shall be delivered to the President.
- B. If a Board Member has two (2) unexcused absences from a scheduled Board meeting, the Board will consider the Board Member as having voluntarily resigned their office or position on the Board and the President will nominate a replacement who must be elected by a majority vote of the Board in attendance at the meeting. The Board may consider extenuating circumstances and vote to permit the Board Member to remain on the Board.

SECTION 8. VACANCIES

- A. Any vacancy created in the Board may be filled by any Active Member in good standing of This Association.

Any vacancy should be filled prior to the next Board meeting of This Association held subsequent to the vacancy, or within thirty (30) calendar days depending on when the vacancy occurred and the timing of the next scheduled Board Meeting held

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS

A. NUMBER. The Officers of This Association shall be as follows:

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Second Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Director to the American Escrow Association (A.E.A.)
7. Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association (A.E.A.)
8. Immediate Past President

B. QUALIFICATIONS

No person shall serve as an Officer of this Association unless that person meets the qualifications of Active Membership as set forth herein. All Officers must sign the Acceptance of Nomination and Consent to Serve in Office prior to the election.

1. PRESIDENT. After having served at least one (1) complete fiscal year as a Director of This Association, the last of which shall immediately precede election, or be a current member of the Leadership Team.
2. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. After having served at least one (1) complete fiscal year as a Director of This Association, the last of which shall immediately precede election, or be a current member of the Leadership Team.
3. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. After having served at least one (1) complete fiscal year as a Director of This Association immediately preceding election or be a current member of the Leadership Team
4. SECRETARY. Without further qualification.
5. TREASURER. After having served at least one (1) complete fiscal year as a Director of This Association immediately preceding election or be a current member of the Leadership Team.
6. DIRECTOR TO THE AMERICAN ESCROW ASSOCIATION. After having served as a Director of This Association for at least one (1) complete fiscal year, the last of which shall immediately precede election, or be a current member of the Leadership Team.
7. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE AMERICAN ESCROW ASSOCIATION. After having served as a Director of This Association for at least one (1) complete fiscal year, the last of which shall immediately precede election, or be a current member of the Leadership Team or current active members.

8. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT. After having served as President, the Immediate Past President shall remain on the Board during the fiscal year immediately following his/her term as President.
9. The requirement to serve one (1) complete fiscal year as a Director of This Association may be waived by the President and ratified by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE

- A. All Officers shall serve a term of one (1) fiscal year.
- B. All persons shall be permitted to serve consecutive terms.
- C. The term limit may be waived by a majority vote of the Board

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND POWERS

All Duties and Powers are specified below and in the Standing Rules of the Arizona State Escrow Association.

- A. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the Chief Officer of This Association and shall preside at all regular, special and board meetings; shall represent This Association and act in its name, subject to its declared purposes and policies; shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees and shall appoint the chairpersons of all committees except for the Nominating Committee and the Professional Designations Committee; and shall perform any and all other duties usual or customary to the office.
- B. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. The First Vice President will become President in the event the current President is unwilling/unable to fulfill their duties. Said First Vice President shall present to the Nominating Committee a written statement indicating consent to the ability to accept the office of the President, which statement must be presented in writing at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Annual Business Meeting or the first Board meeting held subsequent to the vacancy.

The First Vice President shall act as the representative of the President in such matters as may be assigned and will assist the President in the administration of This Association as directed. The First Vice President should chair at least one (1) committee as appointed by the President.

- C. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. The Second Vice President shall perform such duties as usual or customary to the office, or as may be assigned by the President or the Board. The Second Vice President should chair at least one (1) committee as appointed by the President.
- D. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular and special Board Meetings, shall keep the seal of This Association (if such a seal be used), submit all corporate filings to the Arizona Corporation Commission and perform such other duties as are customary to the office, shall perform any other tasks or duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board, and as may be set forth in the Standing Rules.
- E. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall supervise, maintain and be responsible for the funds and securities of This Association; pursuant to standard bookkeeping procedures; shall file the annual tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service, or assist a licensed CPA (if appropriate); shall manage any insurance policies held by This Association; and shall perform all other duties usual and customary

to the office. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee and shall perform any other tasks or duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board, and as set forth in the Standing Rules.

- F. DIRECTOR TO THE AMERICAN ESCROW ASSOCIATION (A.E.A.). As set forth in Article 6.
- G. ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE AMERICAN ESCROW ASSOCIATION (A.E.A.). As set forth in Article 6.
- H. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT. Without any need for election, the Immediate Past President shall remain on the Board of This Association for at least one (1) fiscal year after his/her term of office as President.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION

- A. All Officers serve without compensation for their services.
- B. Any Officer may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of This Association as set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Officer may be removed from said position by a majority vote of the Board of This Association.
- B. The President, or First Vice President, shall cause a notice to be delivered to all Board members of said recommendation for removal from office, which notice shall include instructions for voting on said removal from office and thereafter the vacant office shall be filled as set forth in Section 7 below. If it is to be the President or First Vice President, then the Second Vice President or Secretary shall send the notice to the Board Members.

SECTION 6. RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Officer who is unable or unwilling to complete the term of office shall submit a written letter of resignation to the President and Secretary of This Association.
- B. The President, or First Vice President, shall cause a notice of the resignation to be delivered to the Board, which shall include instructions for voting and the office shall be filled as set forth in Section 7 below. If it is to be the President or First Vice President, then the Second Vice President or Secretary shall send the notice to the Board Members.

SECTION 7. VACANCIES

- A. Any vacancy on the Board created by resignation or removal shall be filled by the individual that currently holds the next lower office. Should that individual be unwilling to assume the higher office or if the vacancy occurs in the Treasurer's office, then an election shall be held by the Board to fill the vacant position from within the remaining Directors and Leadership Team.
- B. Any vacancy should be filled within two (2) months of the date it was vacated.

- C. The President, or First Vice President, shall cause a notice to be sent to the Members of This Association of any changes resulting from a vacancy on the Board, which notice shall include a request for any replacement Director(s) needed. Any qualified Member candidate shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of This Association.
- D. Should the Immediate Past President be unable or unwilling to serve an additional year on the Board as an advisor to This Association, then the President may appoint an advisor from among other Past Presidents and ratified by the Directors, provided that the person elected is willing to serve.

ARTICLE 6 – DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE AMERICAN ESCROW ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. ELECTION

- A. The Director and Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of This Association
- B. Such election shall be held at a Board meeting prior to the annual conference, and the newly elected Director and Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association shall be installed at the annual conference with the rest of the Board.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE

The Director and Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association shall serve a one (1) year term to run concurrently with the fiscal year of the American Escrow Association (August 1st – July 31st).

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Director to the American Escrow Association shall attend all regular and special board meetings as scheduled by the American Escrow Association, and shall personally represent This Association at the Annual Business Meeting and Educational Conference held during that person's term as Director. If the Director is unable to attend any of the A.E.A. meetings listed above, the Alternate Director shall attend in their place.
- B. The Director shall represent This Association at each convened meeting of the American Escrow Association and shall speak as the voice of This Association, acting in the best interests of This Association. If the Director is unable to represent This Association in the manner listed above, the Alternate Director shall personally attend on This Association's behalf in the manner stated above.
- C. The Director and Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association shall comply with and abide by all rules, regulations and duties as determined from time-to-time by the American Escrow Association.
- D. Additional duties of the Director and Alternate Director to A.E.A. are set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 4. REQUIREMENTS

- A. In addition to any other requirements set forth in these Bylaws, the persons nominated for the positions of Director and Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association shall have previously demonstrated their interest, dedication and ability to This Association through their prior service to and involvement in This Association.
- B. The individuals so nominated must be in a position to travel to any of the member states of the American Escrow Association and attend all board meetings of the American Escrow Association (regardless of location), as well as the Annual Business Meeting and Educational Conference.
- C. The individuals so nominated must be in a position to contribute his/her own time and money.
- D. Prior to their election, all individuals nominated for these positions shall sign the Acceptance of Nomination & Consent to Serve in Office for the position(s) of Director and Alternate Director to A.E.A., should they be elected.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION

- A. The Director and Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association shall serve without compensation.
- B. The Director to A.E.A. or Alternate Director may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of This Association as set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Director or Alternate Director to the American Escrow Association may be removed from said position by a majority vote of the Board of This Association.
- B. The President or First Vice President shall cause a notice to be delivered to all Directors of said recommendation for removal from office, and the vacant office shall be filled in compliance with Section 8 below.

SECTION 7. RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

- A. Should the Director or Alternate Director to A.E.A. be unable or unwilling to complete the term of office, then said person shall submit a written letter of resignation to the President and Secretary of This Association.
- B. The President, or First Vice President, shall cause a notice to be delivered to all Members of said resignation and the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 8 below.

SECTION 8. VACANCIES

- A. Should the Director to the American Escrow Association resign, or be removed from office, then the position shall be filled by the Alternate Director.
- B. Should the Alternate Director resign, or be removed from office, then an election shall be held by the Board to fill the vacant position.
- C. Any vacancy must be filled prior to the next regular or special board meeting held by the American Escrow Association.

SECTION 9. GOVERNING RULE

- A. The number of Directors and Alternate Directors to the American Escrow Association and their responsibilities thereto shall be governed by the Bylaws of the American Escrow Association.
- B. The A.E.A President and A.E.A Secretary will need a copy of the resignation letter along with a letter from the A.S.E.A President appointing the new Director or Alternate Director,

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- A. The incoming President should appoint chairpersons for all standing and special committees at the annual planning retreat/first board meeting, except for the Nominating Committee and the Professional Designation Committee. The chairpersons may choose any and all committee members as the chairperson deems necessary to meet the goals of the committee.
- B. All chairpersons of standing committees (AKA Leadership Team) shall serve a term of one (1) year, which shall run concurrently with the fiscal year of This Association.
- C. All special committees shall become active upon appointment by the President and shall be terminated upon the end of that President's fiscal year, unless ratified for continuation by the incoming President.
- D. All committee chairpersons shall submit a written report to the Board at each regular board meeting of This Association or at such other time as requested by the President, which report shall include any action or inaction of said committee.

SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. This committee should consist of at least two (2) Directors from the Board, as appointed by the President prior to the close of the fiscal year, one of whom shall serve as chairperson. The Treasurer may not serve on this committee.
2. The committee should obtain all Treasurer's books from the outgoing Treasurer on or before August 15th of the new fiscal year.
3. This committee shall audit the books of This Association and should submit a written report of said audit at the first convened Board meeting of the new fiscal year, as more particularly set forth in the Standing Rules.

B. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall be chaired by the current Treasurer of This Association.
2. This committee should submit a proposed annual budget to This Association at the first Board meeting of the new fiscal year.

C. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall study, consider and make recommendations for any revisions, additions, deletions and modifications of the Bylaws and the Standing Rules of This Association.
2. This committee should also study, consider and make recommendations for any other ruling documents and forms that may be adopted from time-to-time by This Association.

D. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

1. This committee should coordinate all activities necessary for the presentation of the Annual Educational Conference, and should appoint any subcommittee as may be needed.
2. The chairperson should submit a conference budget to the Board for approval at the first meeting after appointment. No expenditures outside the scope of the budget shall be made without prior consent of the Board.

3. The chairperson should submit a conference format to the Board for approval at the first meeting after appointment. No changes may be made to the format without prior consent of the President.

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Takes care of all educational materials, works hand in hand with the Professional Designation Committee and Conference Committee.

F. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall monitor and coordinate legislative, regulatory and court efforts that may affect the settlement industry or allied industries.
2. Any member of this committee may attend any legislative or regulatory meetings or court hearings on matters that may affect the settlement industry, and shall act only in the best interest of This Association.

G. LIAISON COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall maintain an open line of communication with allied industries and their associations.
2. This committee shall report to This Association regarding any actions being taken by allied industries that may affect the escrow industry.
3. This committee shall make a recommendation for a Director to attend seminars or conferences held by allied industries or to sit on any committee of any other association that the Board, by majority vote, determines is appropriate and beneficial to This Association.

H. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall be responsible for membership services; promoting and increasing membership in This Association; and disseminating information from This Association to its members, either through this committee or through the Technology Committee.

2. This committee shall assist the Treasurer in coordinating the receipt of dues and changes in membership throughout the fiscal year of This Association, and shall submit additions and changes in membership within thirty (30) days of receipt of same to the American Escrow Association through the State Director to A.E.A.

I.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Immediate Past President should serve as chairperson. Should the Immediate Past President be unwilling or unable to serve, the Board may elect a replacement from among other Past Presidents by a majority vote of the Board in attendance
2. The Nominating Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Board, together with a written certification from each nominee to include their qualifications for office and indicating their ability and consent to serve. The slate of nominees shall be delivered to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to elections at the Annual Business Meeting.

J.

PARLIAMENTARIAN COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall consist of at least one (1) person who shall act as Chairperson.
2. This committee shall ensure that all meetings of This Association are conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, unless it conflicts with the Arizona State Escrow Association Bylaws and Standing Rules.

K.

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS COMMITTEE

1. This committee should consist of at least three (3) members. All members of this committee should be selected by the committee members at the time of any vacancy or need for additional members. The committee members shall appoint a Chairperson of the Committee.
2. All members of this committee shall have earned and maintained the designation of Certified Senior Escrow Officer from the Arizona State Escrow Association.
3. This committee shall be responsible for the testing, application and enforcement of Professional Designations as set forth herein and in the Standing Rules.

4. This committee shall function independently from the Board to protect the integrity of testing materials and confidentiality of applications and test results; however, the conduct of the members of this committee is subject to scrutiny by the Board, as are all Directors and members of This Association.

L. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall be responsible for the administration of any and all technology programs as directed by the Board.
2. This committee shall monitor and maintain social media sites of This Association including, but not limited to Facebook and Twitter.
3. This committee shall be responsible for the editing and distribution of a newsletter, if issued by This Association.
4. This committee shall be responsible for any website of This Association, including, but not limited to the design and maintenance thereof.
5. The committee may make recommendations for a webmaster, the employment of which shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board.
6. This committee shall disseminate whatever information the Board deems necessary from time-to-time, through said website, newsletter, social media sites or by special flyer.
7. All information contained in said website, newsletter, social media sites or by special flyer shall be in accordance with the purposes of This Association as set forth herein.
8. This committee shall assist the Education Committee with preparation and presentation of all webinars sponsored by This Association.
9. This committee shall assist the Conference Committee with the preparation and presentation of all conference materials.

M. WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1. This committee shall study, consider and make recommendations for ways of raising funds for This Association.

2. Any recommendations of this committee shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board present at any convened meeting.
3. This committee may, upon approval of the Board as set forth above, appoint any subcommittee needed to enact any fund-raising activities.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. The President should appoint chairperson(s) for any special committee(s) that the President and/or the Board deem necessary to meet any immediate or special needs of This Association.
- B. Said special committees shall be subject to all guidelines, responsibilities and restrictions as the standing committees.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION

- A. All committee Chairpersons and members serve without compensation for their services.
- B. Any committee member may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of This Association as set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 5. ACCOUNTING DUTIES

As specified in the A.S.E.A. Treasurer's Manual and specified below:

- A. Funds remitted to the Treasurer will be in the form of a check or credit card authorization, along with all applicable backup documentation.
- B. All committee chairs are responsible for tracking their income and expenses to ensure they are within budget or make a motion to have the Board approve any over Budget expense item.

<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 8 – DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN ESCROW ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING</p>
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SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT

- A. The Directors of This Association shall annually appoint from within the Membership, the Delegates and Alternate Delegates who will personally represent This Association at the Annual Business Meeting of the American Escrow Association. Said Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be appointed at any convened meeting of This Association in sufficient time for them to be properly credentialed by the American Escrow Association.

- B. The individuals so appointed must be in a position to travel to the Annual Business Meeting of the American Escrow Association (regardless of the location) and must be willing and able to invest their own funds to do so.
- C. The number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to represent This Association shall be determined by the American Escrow Association.

SECTION 2. VOTING

Only those Delegates who are properly credentialed and present at the A.E.A. Annual Business Meeting shall be entitled to vote(s) as set forth in the Bylaws of the American Escrow Association.

SECTION 3. TERM

Each Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall represent This Association only to that A.E.A. Annual Business Meeting for which that person was appointed. No Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall serve such position at any future A.E.A. meeting or conference unless reappointed by This Association.

SECTION 4. CREDENTIALS

Each Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be evidenced by the credential form signed by the President or Secretary of This Association, provided by the American Escrow Association.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION

- A. All Delegates and Alternate Delegates serve without compensation for their services.
- B. Any Delegate or Alternate Delegate to A.E.A. may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of This Association as set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 6. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the American Escrow Association may be removed from said position by a majority vote of the Board of This Association.
- B. The President, or First Vice President, shall cause a notice to be delivered to all Board Members of said recommendation for removal, which notice shall include instructions for voting. If it is the President or First Vice President, then the Second Vice President or Secretary shall send the notice with instructions for voting.

SECTION 7. RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE

- A. Any Delegate or Alternate Delegate who is unable or unwilling to represent the State at the Annual Business Meeting and Educational Conference of the American Escrow Association shall submit a written letter of resignation to the President and Secretary of This Association.
- B. The President shall cause a notice to be delivered to all Directors of said resignation, and the vacant position shall be filled as set forth herein.
- C. The President and Secretary of This Association must notify the Credential's Chair of the American Escrow Association of any changes to the Delegates or Alternate Delegates representing the State at the Annual Business Meeting.

SECTION 8. VACANCIES

- A. Any Delegate that cannot personally represent the State at the Annual Business Meeting of the American Escrow Association shall be replaced by an Alternate Delegate, as set forth in the AEA By Laws.
- B. Any Alternate Delegate that cannot personally represent the State at the Annual Business Meeting of the American Escrow Association may be replaced by This Association in accordance with Section 1 above.

SECTION 9. GOVERNING RULE

The number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Annual Business Meeting of the American Escrow Association and their responsibilities thereto shall be governed by the Bylaws of the American Escrow Association.

ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- A. DATES AND TIMES. Meetings of the Board of This Association shall be held at such place, date and time as determined by the President or Board.
- B. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. This Association shall hold an annual business meeting to be held prior to the onset of the new fiscal year.
- C. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCES. This Association is required to hold a minimum of one (1) educational conference each year, one of which should be held in conjunction with the Annual Business Meeting. The format of the conference should be recommended by the conference chairperson, who should submit said format to the Board for approval.

- D. ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT. This Association may, but is not required to, hold an annual planning retreat for the Officers and Directors, which are the individuals on the Board. The purpose of this meeting shall be to set the goals of This Association for the ensuing fiscal year and the manner in which they will be reached.
- E. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. The incoming President should establish a schedule of regular meetings to include a minimum of four (4), which shall be established at the annual planning retreat/first board meeting of the new fiscal year.
- F. SPECIAL MEETINGS. The President may schedule any special meetings as may be needed from time-to-time to meet the needs of This Association.
- G. ELECTIONS. The election of all Officers of This Association shall be held on an annual basis. Said elections shall take place during the Annual Business Meeting and/or Educational Conference.
- H. EXCEPTIONS. The above schedule of meetings may be changed by the President or Board as determined necessary to meet the needs of This Association.

SECTION 2. LOCATION

- A. Any regular or special meeting of the Board may be held within or outside the State of Arizona, as approved by a majority vote of the Board present at any convened meeting. Any regular or special meeting may be held as a traditional gathering of the Board, by teleconferencing, internet conferencing or by whatever other means may be available at the time to facilitate a meeting of several individuals.
- B. The Annual Business Meeting and/or Educational Conference of This Association may be held within or outside the State of Arizona, at a location approved by a majority vote of the Board Members present at any convened meeting.

SECTION 3. NOTIFICATION

- A. The President or Secretary shall cause a notice of all regular board meetings to be delivered to all Board Members no less than ten (10) calendar days prior to said meeting.
- B. The President or Secretary shall cause a notice of all special board meetings to be delivered to all Board Members no less than five (5) calendar days prior to said meeting.

Said notice must include the date, time, and place or method (i.e. teleconferencing, internet conferencing, etc.) of the meeting and shall include an agenda for said meeting and the minutes from the previous meeting

SECTION 4. QUORUM

- A. Fifty-one percent (51%) of all Directors and the Board in attendance shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Any matter which comes to a vote shall require a majority vote of the Board in attendance, so long as the number of Board voting constitutes a quorum.

ARTICLE 10 – VOTING

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND USE OF VOTES

- A. Each Board member to This Association (including all Officers, except the President) shall have one (1) vote on any matter that comes before the Board.
- B. The President may only cast a vote under circumstances of a tied vote of the Board in any matter.
- C. A Board member must be present, telephonically or electronically, to vote. No vote may be cast by proxy.
- D. In the event any special or emergency circumstances requires approval of the Board prior to the next regular Board meeting, the President may obtain a vote on such matter via written or electronic ballot. Said ballots may be submitted via facsimile, email, or other current form of electronic communication which may be reduced to printed copy.
- E. No person present at any meeting of This Association may vote on any matter unless that person is a duly appointed or elected Member to the Board.

ARTICLE 11 --- DUES

SECTION 1. AMOUNT OF DUES

- A. The Board shall fix dues for its members at the Annual Business Meeting or at such time as deemed necessary of This Association by a majority vote of the Board member, present at said meeting.
- B. Any adjustment in the annual dues shall become effective as of August 1st of the next fiscal year following the adjustment (i.e. and adjustment in dues approved at the

July 15, Annual Business Meeting shall become effective as of August 1,.

- C. The newly elected President or First Vice President shall cause a notice of the adjustment in annual dues to be sent to all Members of This Association.

SECTION 2. PAYMENT OF DUES

- A. All Members of This Association shall pay dues as may be established from time-to-time by its Board.
- B. Lifetime Members are exempt from paying dues to This Association. This membership does not include membership to A.E.A. unless the Lifetime Member pays the applicable dues to A.E.A. through This Association.
- C. Dues to This Association shall not be prorated. Any person joining This Association during the course of its fiscal year shall pay dues for the entire year.

ARTICLE 12 – PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

SECTION 1. DESIGNATIONS

- A. Upon approval by the Professional Designation Committee (hereinafter PDC) of the application submitted and after successful completion of the testing process and meeting the minimum passing scores as set forth in the Standing Rules, any member of This Association may earn a Professional Designation as follows:

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| 1. | Certified Escrow Assistant | (CEA) |
| 2. | Certified Assistant Escrow Officer | (CAEO) |
| 3. | Certified Escrow Officer | (CEO) |
| 4. | Certified Senior Escrow Officer | (CSEO) |
| 5. | Certified Escrow Instructor | (CEI) |

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Applicants for Professional Designations must meet the following minimum criteria of education and experience for the designation applied for:
 - 1. CERTIFIED ESCROW ASSISTANT (CEA)
 - a. Option A
 - 1. Two (2) years of experience in the escrow profession.

2. Eight (8) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
 - a. Option B
 1. One (1) year of experience in the escrow profession.
 2. Passing of Escrow I course or passing Escrow I proficiency test.
 3. Ten (10) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
3. CERTIFIED ASSISTANT ESCROW OFFICER (CAEO)
 - a. Option A
 1. Three (3) years of experience in the escrow profession.
 2. Eight (8) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
 - b. Option B
 1. Two (2) years of experience in the escrow profession.
 2. Passing of Escrow I course or passing Escrow I proficiency test.
 3. Ten (10) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
4. CERTIFIED ESCROW OFFICER (CEO)
 - a. Option A
 1. Four (4) years of experience in the escrow profession.
 2. Twelve (12) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
 - b. Option B
 1. Three (3) years of experience in the escrow profession.
 2. Passing of Escrow I or Escrow II course or passing Escrow I or Escrow II proficiency test.
 3. Twelve (12) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
4. CERTIFIED SENIOR ESCROW OFFICER (CSEO)
 - a. Option A
 1. Nine (9) years of experience in the escrow profession.
 2. Twelve (12) educational credits earned during the twelve (12)

month period immediately preceding the date of application.

b. Option B

1. Eight (8) years of experience in the escrow profession.
2. Passing of Escrow I or Escrow II course or passing Escrow I or Escrow II proficiency test.
3. Twelve (12) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of the application.

c. Option C

1. Seven (7) years of experience in the escrow profession.
2. Passing of Escrow I or Escrow II course or passing Escrow I or Escrow II proficiency test.
3. Twelve (12) educational credits earned during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of application.
4. Have earned the Certified Escrow Officer designation.

5. CERTIFIED ESCROW INSTRUCTOR (CEI)

- a. Ten (10) years of experience in the escrow profession; and
- b. Hold a CSEO designation.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An application must be submitted to the Professional Designation Committee on a form provided by This Association as set forth in the Standing Rules, together with the applicable fee.

SECTION 4. TESTING PROCEDURE

Professional Designation tests shall be offered at least once per year, at a place and time as determined by the Professional Designations Committee.

Each applicant shall complete a series of comprehensive online, written and oral examinations as developed for the designation being applied for, as set forth in the Standing Rules.

Results of Professional Designation Tests shall be emailed to the applicant no more than 60 calendar days from the testing date.

SECTION 5. RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

Professional Designation shall be renewed on an annual basis upon the holder's completion of renewal requirements as may be set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 6. FORFEITURE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

- A. A Professional Designation shall be forfeited if the holder of same fails to renew membership in This Association for a period of one (1) year.
- B. No person may use any Professional Designation without having first met all requirements as may be set forth in the Standing Rules.
- C. Any person who ceases to maintain a Professional Designation may not again use the designation without having first met all requirements as may be set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 7. NOTIFICATION OF FORFEITURE OF A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

The Professional Designation Committee may cause a written notice of forfeiture of a Professional Designation to be sent to the holder of same.

SECTION 8. REINSTATEMENT OF DESIGNATION

Any member who has forfeited a designation may reinstate any designation by meeting the requirements of same as may be set forth in the Standing Rules.

SECTION 9. EDUCATIONAL CREDITS

- A. Any member of This Association may earn educational credits as may be set forth in the Standing Rules.
- B. No credits shall be awarded to any person for educational events or seminars attended prior to that person's membership in This Association.

ARTICLE 13 – CONTRACTS

SECTION 1. APPROVAL

Any contract for professional services or for use of facilities or accommodations required by This Association must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of This Association.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

Only the President, First Vice President or Treasurer may execute any contract on behalf of This Association.

ARTICLE 14 – ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

SECTION 1. EMBLEM

- A. The emblem of This Association shall be the sole property of This Association and any use thereof shall be only upon the written agreement and approval of the Board.
- B. No person or persons are authorized to utilize said emblem without first having received written permission to do so.

SECTION 2. OTHER PROPERTY

- A. All books and records accumulated, maintained or held by any Officer, Director or Chairperson, pictures, supplies and any other property shall be considered as being the property of This Association.
- B. All such property shall be surrendered to This Association upon demand by the Board, upon the completion of any term of Director, Officer or Chairperson of any committee in an orderly and timely manner, such that the continuity of the operation of This Association shall not be interrupted. Directors, Officers or Chairpersons completing any term shall coordinate the surrender and/or exchange of equipment, materials for which they are responsible with the Secretary and/or Treasurer of This Association.

ARTICLE 15 – AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO BYLAWS
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SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS

- A. The term “amendment(s)” shall be understood to include and refer to revisions, additions, deletions and modifications of these Bylaws or the Standing Rules.
- B. These Bylaws and the Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.
- C. Any proposed changes to these Bylaws shall be delivered to the Board of This Association at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting at which said amendments will be voted upon.
- D. The Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee may make corrections in grammar, spelling and punctuation in the Bylaws and Standing Rules without approval of the Board, provided that such changes do not change the meaning of any provisions of said documents.
- E. All amendments shall be distributed to the Members of This Association upon approval of the Board.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. Any amendment will take effect immediately upon its adoption, unless the motion to adopt specifies another effective date.
- B. The effect of any amendment shall be to the future. No amendment shall be retroactive without the written approval of the Board.

ARTICLE 16 --- DISCLAIMER

No opinion shall be expressed, principal advocated, theory or policy advanced by any person or entity, including but not limited to, a Director, Officer, Member, Committee or Committee Chairperson, for private or public circulation unless and until the Board shall have first endorsed same by a resolution or other appropriate action, duly recorded in the minutes of a regular or special board meeting.

No correspondence, emails, flyers, newsletters or other written materials shall be sent out on behalf of This Association by any Officer, Director or Committee without first being approved by the Chairpersons of the Education, Technology, Conference Committees, or the President of This Association, except as previously empowered with the use of standardized forms as approved by the Board.

No information may be included or changed on any website or social media platform maintained by This Association without first being approved by Chairpersons of the Education, Technology, Conference Committees and or the President with a majority vote of the Board present at any convened board meeting of This Association.

ARTICLE 17 – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The procedures of all meetings of This Association shall be covered by Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, unless it conflicts with the Arizona State Escrow Association Bylaws or Standing Rules.

ARTICLE 18 – RULING DOCUMENTS

SECTION 1. RULING DOCUMENTS

- A. The ruling documents of This Association shall include, but may not be limited to the following:
1. Bylaws of the Arizona State Escrow Association
 2. Articles of Incorporation
 3. Standing Rules
 4. Approved minutes of any convened meeting of This Association
 5. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised
- B. This Association shall abide by the above ruling documents as may be amended and/or revised from time-to-time.
- C. The Board may adopt from time -to -time by majority vote, other such documents that it determines necessary and beneficial to This Association.
- D. In addition, This Association shall abide by the Creed, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures Manual of the American Escrow Association.

ARTICLE 19 – CONSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCE

These Bylaws shall be in full force and effective as of the following dates:

	REVISION DATE	SECTION(S) AMENDED
First Adopted	January 26, 1980	
1 st Revision	March 15, 1980	No historical record of sections amended
2 nd Revision	August 23, 1980	No historical record of sections amended
3 rd Revision	November 24, 1980	No historical record of sections amended
4 th Revision & Total Rewrite	March 14, 1985	
5 th Revision	August 3, 1985	No historical record of sections amended

6 th Revision	March 15, 1987	No historical record of sections amended
7 th Revision	October 10, 1987	No historical record of sections amended
8 th Revision	September 17,	No historical record of sections amended
9 th Revision	August, 1994	No historical record of sections amended
10 th Revision	March 16, 1996	No historical record of sections amended
11 th Revision & Total Rewrite	January 23, 1999	
12 th Revision	January, 2002	No historical record of sections amended
13 th Revision & Total Rewrite	March 18, 2006	
14 th Revision	January 24, 2009	Article 1 §5 --- Fiscal Year Article 3 §3 – Benefits of Membership (4) Inactive Members
15 th Revision	September, 2010	No historical record of sections amended
16 th Revision	January, 2011	Article 1 §5 – Fiscal Year: Article 12 §;§6 and §9 (deleted)
17 th Revision	April, 2012	Miscellaneous clerical and document formatting corrections only
18 th Revision	August, 2012	Article 3 §1 – Active Membership redefined; Article 3 § 3a4 – Inactive Membership deleted; Article 5 §3 – Deletion of bonding requirement for President and Treasurer; Article 7 § 1--- Committees appointed during first meeting of the fiscal year; Article 9 §1 – schedule of Board meetings established at first meeting of the fiscal year; Article 12 §2 – Changes to Qualifications for Professional Designations
19 th Revision	June, 2013	Amended to remove Section H--- Newsletter and Section Website and replace those sections with a new Section L titled Technology Committee containing the duties as described in items 1 through 8 and amending the alphabetical listing of Committees.
20 th Revision	June, 2013	Amended Article 6, Section 1 subsection B to change election criteria.
21 st Revision	January, 2015	Amended Article 4, Section 1A wherein no less and eight (8) and no more than fifteen (15) may serve on the Board and created a Leadership Team Board comprised of Committee Chairpersons.

22 nd Revision	May, 2015	<p>Amend Articles 4, Section 3 , Subsection A extending the term of office to two (2) one (1) fiscal years for the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary and all other Members to one (1) fiscal year.</p> <p>Amend Article 5, Section 1A, Number #2 “President Elect”, Section B, Qualifications b “President Elect” be renamed First Vice President and will become President in the event the President is unwilling or unable to fulfill their duties All other titles of President Elect that appear in both the By-Laws and Standing Rules to be renamed First Vice President.</p> <p>Amend Article 5, Section 1A, Number # 3 “Vice President”, Section B, Qualifications c “Vice President” be renamed Second Vice President, All other titles of Vice President in that appear in the By-Laws and Standing Rules be renamed Second Vice President.</p> <p>Article 5, Second 2 A and 2 B titled Term Office for the offices of President, First and Second Vice President and Secretary, be amended to extend their terms to two (2) fiscal years. All officer positions EXCEPT the President may serve consecutive terms.</p> <p>Amend Article 10, Section 1F permitting the Immediate Past President to vote.</p>
23 rd Revision	August, 2016	<p>Article 4, Section 3, Item B – further defining reelection criteria; Article 7, Section 3, Item A, Number 2 – adding the exact date that the audit committee is to receive Treasurers books for audit; Article 7, Section 3, Item I, Number 1 – delete nominating committee member requirements; Article 7 - added Section 5, Item A, Number 1 – Accounting Duties; added Article 7, Section 5, Item A, Number 2 – Accounting Duties; Article 9, Section 1, Item C – reduced required amount of required conferences per year; Article 9, Section 1, Item G – deleted unnecessary secondary timing option for elections</p>

24 rd Revision	March 11, 2017	Multiple revisions to Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19, , too many to list individually. The majority of revisions pertained to redefining or clarifying terms or duties.
25 rd Revision	April 7, 2018	Multiple revisions to Articles
26 th Revision	June 9, 2018	Multiple revisions to Articles
27 th Revision	June 4 , 2024	Multiple revisions to Articles
28 th Revision	June 9, 2025	Added a definition for “Excused Absence” and authorized the President to waive the one-year requirement to qualify for being a Board Director.