



# **Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**

## **Bylaws**

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## Article 1: Organization

### 1.1 Mission Statement

The mission of the not-for-profit Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as "DCPAAA" or "association" is to support the City of Denton Police Department through projects and programs benefitting the men and women of the police department as well as the community and its citizens. The Executive Board will manage the affairs of the DCPAAA.

### 1.2 501(c)(3) Activities as defined by the IRS

The DCPAAA is organized exclusively for charitable activities within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the net earnings of this organization will benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that this organization will be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of these purposes.

No part of the activities of the DCPAAA will be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The DCPAAA will not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

The DCPAAA will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

### 1.3 Donations and Gifts

A member in good standing may accept, on behalf of this association, any monetary or in kind **donation** for the organization with approval of the Executive Board. The association, or any member on behalf of this association, may not accept **personal gifts** of any kind.

### 1.4 Permanent Address

The permanent address of the DCPAAA is P.O. Box 1713, Denton, TX 76202 located in the City of Denton Main Post Office at 101 E. McKinney Street in the County of Denton, State of Texas. Any changes to this address must be approved by the Executive Board.

### 1.5 Annual Year

The annual year of this association will begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in the same year.

### 1.6 Books and Records

This association will keep correct and complete books and records of financial accounts, minutes of all proceedings and a listing of members in good standing. All books and records of this association may be inspected by regular members upon written request to the President and are to be produced within seven days.



## **1.7 Storage Unit**

The DCPAAA will retain a storage unit for event/fundraising items including tables, table cloths, tents, signage, decorations, paper plates, napkins, plasticware, cups, plaques, shirts, caps, various tools, hardware and other supplies.

## **Article 2: Membership**

### **2.1 Eligibility**

Members will be graduates of the Denton Citizen Police Academy and in good standing with the City of Denton Police Department. Applicants will not be discriminated against regarding age, sex, creed, religion, or race. They will submit the proper documentation required by the City of Denton Police Department upon request. Members are encouraged to attend regular meetings and to volunteer for as many activities as possible.

### **2.2 Member Code of Conduct**

No member will promote or represent himself/herself on behalf of the Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association or the City of Denton Police Department for personal, political or financial gain.

No member will conduct himself/herself in a manner which would bring discredit to himself/herself, the Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association or the City of Denton Police Department while representing the Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association or in any situation where he/she can be identified as a member of the Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association.

Members will:

- Be polite and considerate
- Respect each person
- Work as a team
- Listen courteously
- Share responsibilities
- Critique ideas only, not people
- Keep an open mind
- Avoid conflicts of interest

Order and decorum will be maintained at all meetings and events. The Sergeant at Arms (or designee) may expel persons from meetings and events because of disruptive behavior. The member's conduct will be reviewed by the Executive Board. Courses of action may include, but are not limited to, a verbal warning by the President, written warning by the President and/or Executive Board, enforcement of Article 2.4 Termination of Membership.

Any complaints against members will be handled in a civil manner. Complaints must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the association. The Executive Board will investigate and determine if a violation has occurred. Courses of action may include, but are not limited to, a verbal warning by the President, written warning by the President and/or Executive Board, enforcement of Article 2.4 Termination of Membership.



### **2.3 Annual Dues**

Current annual dues are \$20.00 per person per year and will only be used to further the purpose of the DCPAAA. Dues must be paid within the first sixty days (the end of February) of each year to remain a member in good standing. Members who have not paid dues will not receive email notifications and will not have voting privileges until dues are paid and current. Dues will not be prorated.

If the Executive Board determines a change in the amount of dues is necessary, a proposal will be presented at a membership meeting. Two-thirds of members in good standing present at the meeting will be required for approval.

Initial dues will be waived for new CPA Graduates as follows: Graduates of the Spring CPA class will receive membership in the CPAAA for the balance of the year in which they graduate. Graduates of the Fall CPA class will receive membership in the CPAAA for the full calendar year after they graduate.

### **2.4 Termination of Membership**

Violation of any part of the code of conduct is cause for review by the Executive Board. After an appropriate hearing, discussion and two-thirds affirmative vote, the Executive Board may terminate a member for just cause.

Upon termination of membership, any security badges, pass keys or property belonging to the DCPAAA must be turned over immediately.

### **2.5 Appeals**

Any former member may appeal their revoked membership to the general membership by submitting a request to the Secretary of the association. Such appeals will be presented to the members at the next general membership meeting. After discussion before a quorum of members in good standing, the matter will be voted on by written ballot.

Any current member may appeal a decision by the Executive Board before the general membership by submitting a request to the Secretary of the association. Such appeals will be presented to the members at the next general membership meeting. After discussion before a quorum of members in good standing, the matter will be voted on by written ballot.

### **2.6 Resignation**

A member may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Secretary of the association. Upon resignation of membership, any security badges, pass keys or property belonging to the DCPAAA must be turned over immediately.

### **2.7 Reinstatement**

To be reinstated, a former member (from either termination or resignation) must submit a signed, written request to the Secretary of the association. Approval by a majority vote of the Executive Board is required for reinstatement.



## **2.8 Honorary Membership**

The Executive Board may offer Honorary Membership to an individual or entity in recognition of significant contributions to the CAAAA. Any member in good standing may propose a candidate for honorary membership. Honorary membership will be bestowed on an annual basis. Honorary Members will not be entitled to vote on any matter or hold elective office. Honorary Members are exempt from the requirement to pay annual dues while they retain honorary membership status.

## **Article 3: Meetings**

### **3.1 Procedure**

Association meetings will be governed in accordance with these bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. If there is a conflict, these bylaws will take precedence.

### **3.2 General Membership Meetings**

General meetings will normally be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Denton Public Safety Training Center, unless otherwise determined. All members will be notified of any change in meeting time and/or location.

### **3.3 Executive Board Meetings**

Executive Board meetings will normally be held on the Thursday prior to the Tuesday general meeting each month at 7pm at the Denton Public Safety Training Center, unless otherwise determined. All Executive Board members will be notified of any change in meeting time and/or location. The January Executive Board meeting will be a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming Executive Board members.

### **3.4 Special Meetings**

The President or the Secretary of the association may call a special meeting of the membership or of the Executive Board. No special meeting can be held unless all members are notified at least forty-eight hours in advance.

### **3.5 Quorum**

A minimum of 15% of the members in good standing constitutes a quorum and is necessary to conduct the business of this association when a vote is required. A quorum of the Executive Board will consist of at least five members.

### **3.6 Voting**

Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership. Each member of the Executive Board is entitled to one vote on each matter brought before the Executive Board. All matters require a simple majority vote, unless otherwise noted in these bylaws.

### **3.7 Proposals**

All proposals to commit this association on any matter will be considered first by the Executive Board. Members should submit proposals to the Secretary of the association. Any proposal suggested at a general meeting will be referred to the Executive Board for review and action as appropriate.



Any purchase proposals submitted to this association from the City of Denton Police Department must be in writing and approved by the Chief of Police, or his appointee. The Executive Board must first approve any purchase before presenting the request to the general membership for a vote to approve or disapprove the expenditure.

## **Article 4: Executive Board**

### **4.1 Purpose**

The Executive Board will manage the affairs of the Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. No compensation of any sort will be paid to or accepted by any member of the Executive Board for any reason.

### **4.2 Executive Board Member Code of Conduct**

Executive Board members must abide by the Member Code of Conduct listed in Article 2.2.

In addition, Executive Board members:

- Must commit to ethical, professional and lawful conduct
- Must exercise proper use of authority and appropriate behavior
- Must exercise common sense and good judgment
- Must have no self or business promotion in their position as board members
- Must not use their position to obtain employment for themselves, family or associates
- Must treat issues of a sensitive nature discreetly and confidentially
- Must withdraw from discussions and votes on issues where there is a conflict of interest

The Executive Board will investigate complaints against its own members and determine if a violation of the Code of Conduct has occurred. Courses of action are the same as those listed in Article 2.2. Member Code of Conduct.

### **4.3 Officers and Directors**

The Executive Board will consist of eight elected members: Four officers and four Directors.

Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Directors

- Communication
- Events
- Membership
- Programs

Except in special circumstances directed by the President and approved by the Executive Board, no two immediate family members will be officers during the same year and no two offices may be held at the same time by the same person.



#### **4.4 Terms**

The term of office for the Executive Board members is two years. No officer may serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office unless the office is uncontested in a general election, at which time the Executive Board may approve additional terms.

Every year half (four) of the board positions will be up for election. This ensures continuity and uninterrupted management. The Nominating Committee will be in charge of elections. Elections will be held at the final membership meeting of the year. Newly elected board members will take office January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Elections will be held in odd numbered years for:

- President
- Secretary
- Director of Programs
- Director of Communication

Elections will be held in even numbered years for:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Director of Membership
- Director of Events

A vacancy in an Executive Board position because of death, resignation, termination or otherwise, will be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board for the remainder of the term.

#### **4.5 Quorum**

A quorum will consist of five or more members of the Executive Board.

#### **4.6 Keys and Passwords**

The two keys to the DCPAAA post office box will be assigned to the President, Secretary or Treasurer and will be transferred from the presiding President/Secretary/Treasurer to the new President/Secretary/Treasurer prior to January 1.

Keys to the DCPAAA storage cabinets in the Denton Public Safety Training Center will be given to Executive Board members and will be transferred from presiding board members to new board members prior to January 1.

Password for CPAAA website, Track It Forward, and Google Administrator will be changed prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> each year as Board Members leave their offices, or upon any Board Member with password access departing prior to the end of their term.





## 4.7 Duties and Responsibilities

### All Executive Board members

- Are accountable to the Executive Board and membership for their actions
- May sign contracts for the DCPAAA, with approval of the Executive Board
- Act as association representatives
- Must maintain documentation for each job function
- Must attend Executive Board meetings and general membership meetings or designate a representative
- Are expected to respond to email votes held between scheduled Board meetings in a timely manner. Responses must be provided prior to the next scheduled Board meeting.

If an Executive Board member misses more than three Executive Board meetings or more than two general membership meetings in one calendar year without making prior arrangements to delegate responsibilities, it will be treated as a violation of the Code of Conduct.

### President

- Is the principle officer of the DCPAAA
- Runs board and membership meetings
- Is the tie-breaker if an Executive Board vote is 4 - 4
- Has ultimate fiscal accountability
- Has name on association bank account in addition to Treasurer, able to write checks
- Performs Treasurer's duties if Treasurer is not available
- Works with Audit Committee, requests additional audits as necessary
- Acts as liaison to police department with Vice President
- Represents the CPAAA to the CPA, including presentations, or assigns designee

### Vice President

- Maintains association website and Track It Forward structure and continuity
- Coordinates fundraising activities and maintains fundraising items inventory
- Maintains association uniform inventory
- Acts as liaison to police department with President
- Performs President's duties if President is not available
- Performs Director duties if any Director is not available

### Secretary

- Maintains minutes of board and membership meetings
- Generates agendas for board and membership meetings
- Works with Director of Programs on membership meeting agenda and notification
- Maintains association documentation including bylaws, proposals, complaints, etc
- Files Form 802 Periodic Report for Nonprofit Corporation with Texas Secretary of State
- Performs Vice President's duties if Vice President is not available
- Works with Bylaws and Rules Committee



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### Treasurer

- Maintains association financial records/books
- Writes checks, manages association bank account
- Presents a financial report at Executive Board and membership meetings
- Deposits cash and checks to association bank account promptly
- Provides receipts for donations upon request
- Verifies all invoices
- Only reimburses by check and for the amount shown on the original receipt
- Works with Director of Membership coordinating annual dues payment
- Records payment of dues in Track it Forward
- Maintains association records with Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Files quarterly sales tax documents with Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Files annual income tax form 990-N postcard with Internal Revenue Service

### Director of Communication

- Compiles association quarterly newsletter and informational brochures
- Coordinates association public relations, social media and website content
- Performs Secretary's duties if Secretary is not available
- Works with Communications Committee

### Director of Events

- Researches and collects initial information for all events from event organizers
- Maintains calendar for events
- Recruits Event Coordinators
- Sets up permissions on Track It Forward for Event Coordinators
- Organizes and maintains storage unit inventory

### Director of Membership

- Maintains membership roster on Track It Forward
- Maintains membership application files
- Obtains CPA class rosters to send DCPAAA invitations
- Communicates with membership about dues
- Works with Treasurer coordinating annual membership dues payment records
- Works with Nominating Committee

### Director of Programs

- Arranges locations, times and dates for regular and social membership meetings
- Works with Secretary on membership meeting agenda and notification
- Maintains calendar for both regular and social membership meetings
- Acts as Sergeant at Arms, maintaining order at board and membership meetings
- Works with Programs Committee

## Article 5: Committees and Coordinators

### 5.1 Committee Rules

Rules of operation for each committee must be consistent with these bylaws. Unless otherwise provided in the appointment of a committee, a simple majority of the committee will constitute a quorum.



The board member the committee reports to will appoint one member of each committee as Chairperson. The Chairperson will govern all meetings of the committee and be responsible for keeping minutes of each meeting.

Each member of a committee will continue until his/her successor is appointed, unless the member resigns from the committee, the member ceases to qualify as a member of this association for any reason, or until the committee is terminated. If a vacancy occurs in any committee, another member in good standing will be appointed.

Standing committees are listed in Articles 5.2 through 5.6. All other committees will be created and terminated as needed.

### **5.2 Bylaws and Rules Committee**

The Bylaws and Rules Committee will consist of three or more members in good standing. The Bylaws and Rules Committee will be organized by the Secretary.

- Reports to the Secretary
- Stays current on new laws and regulations that may apply to the association
- Updates bylaws annually and/or as needed when issues arise

### **5.3 Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee will consist of three or more members in good standing, excluding Executive Board members. The Audit Committee will be organized by the President.

- Reports to the President
- Conducts review of all treasury records, bank records and receipts annually or more frequently as needed or as requested by the President
- Submits report in writing to the Executive Board by February 1<sup>st</sup> each year, signed by all Audit Committee members
- Determines if and when outside audits are necessary

### **5.4 Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee will consist of three or more members in good standing, excluding Executive Board members and members on the ballot. The Nominating Committee will be organized by the Director of Membership.

- Reports to the Director of Membership
- In charge of Executive Board elections
- Assembles candidates for annual board election
- Creates, passes out, collects and counts ballots
- Notifies membership about election process

### **5.5 Communications Committee**

The Communications Committee will consist of three or more members in good standing. The Communications Committee will be organized by the Director of Communication.

- Reports to the Director of Communication
- Helps maintain association website, newsletter, informational brochures
- Generates new advertising/public relations ideas



## **5.6 Programs Committee**

The Programs Committee will consist of three or more members in good standing. The Programs Committee will be organized by the Director of Programs.

- Reports to the Director of Programs
- Helps decide regular and social membership meeting locations, times and dates
- Generates new social interaction ideas

## **5.7 Event Coordinators**

Event Coordinators will be recruited by the Director of Events.

- Report to Director of Events
- Coordinate an individual event
- Set up event on Track It Forward
- Recruit volunteers for event
- Keep volunteers informed
- Organize/procure all required event supplies like tents, tables, giveaways, fundraising merchandise, decorations, food service items, etc
- Coordinate event set up and tear down

## **Article 6: Amendments**

Amendments to the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, or any documents filed with any government agency may be proposed at any time by any member in good standing. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the association Secretary. The association Secretary will give the proposed amendment to the Bylaws and Rules Committee for review. Proposed amendments may also be generated in the Bylaws and Rules Committee.

The proposed amendment will then be submitted to the Executive Board for review and approval and finally to the membership for a vote. Bylaws may only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote. The membership must be notified of meetings where proposed amendments will be considered.

## **Article 7: Dissolution**

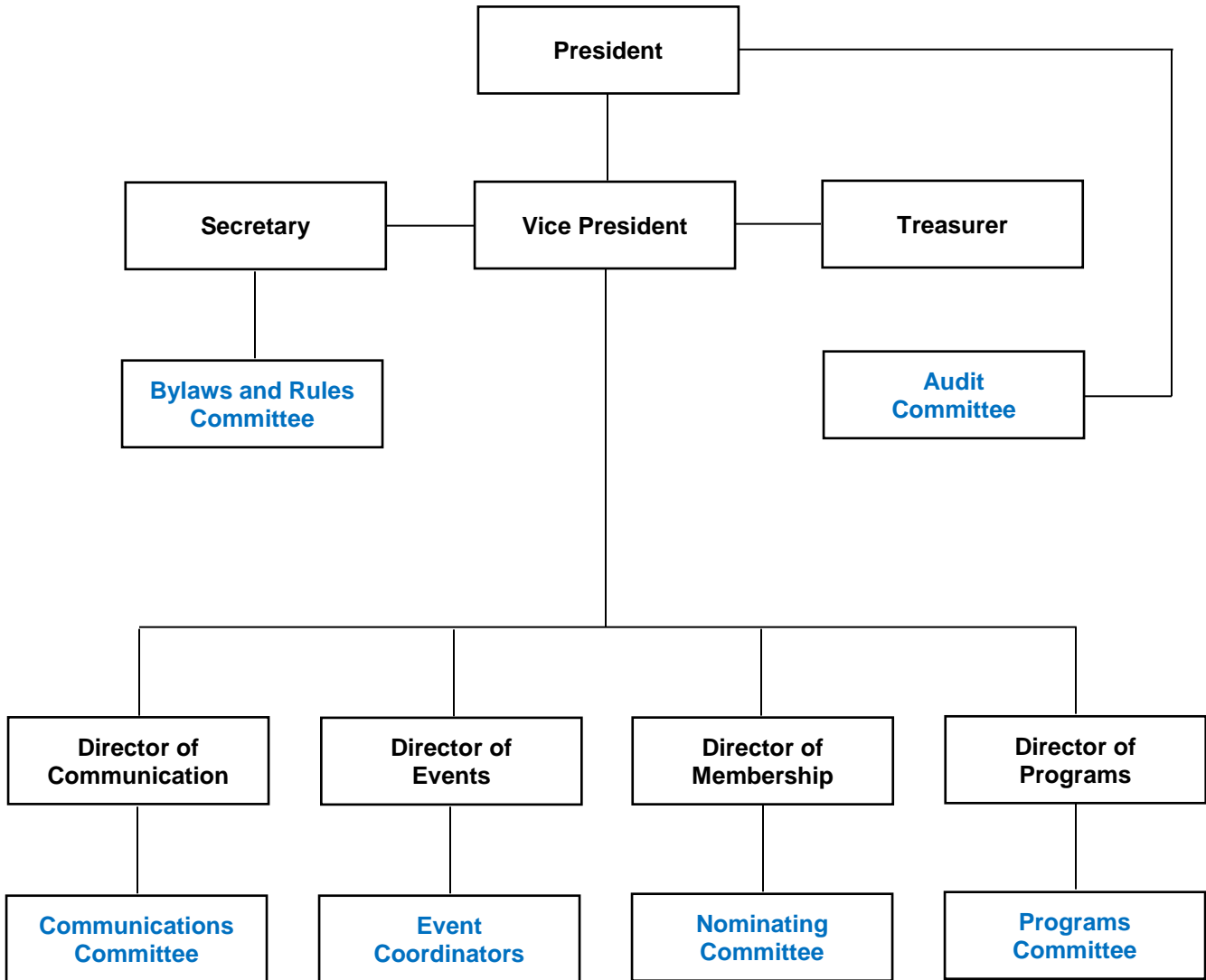
Only the association itself, by a majority vote of the Executive Board and an independently conducted majority vote of all members in good standing, or a government entity charged with regulating 501c3 and/or non-profit organizations, may dissolve the association.

If the association is dissolved, either by the association itself or by a government entity, the Executive Board members, in accordance with the Executive Board Duties and Responsibilities listed in Article 4.7 of this document, are required to:

- Close financial accounts after settling all debts
- Clean out and close the association post office box and storage unit
- Clean out and/or close any other accounts, offices, storerooms, lockers
- Distribute remaining funds, fundraising items and storage unit content to the City of Denton Police Department upon request or to another 501c3 non-profit corporation
- Submit appropriate termination forms to the Texas Secretary of State, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)



## Appendix A: Organization Chart





## Appendix B: Revision History

Version #	Description of Revisions	Date Revised
1.0	Major revision of old bylaws	11/13/18
1.1	Revised logo Replaced "Denton Police Department" with "City of Denton Police Department" throughout Section 2.3 - Updated wording regarding CPA graduates receiving first year membership at no charge Section 2.8 - Added this section clarifying Honorary Membership Section 4.6 – Added "And Passwords" and direction on password changes Section 4.7 - Updated "All Executive Board Members" regarding required responses to email votes Section 4.7 - Updated "President" to add representation of the CPAAA to the CPA	08/13/19