

# **FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED INVESTIGATORS, INC. CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Association of Licensed Investigators, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (hereinafter "FALI" or "Association") that is nonpartisan, nonsectarian and nonunion.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECT**

The object of FALI is:

- a. to unite Florida's licensed private investigators and agency owners
- b. to promote the highest professional ethics
- c. encourage greater cooperation and communication of effectual skills, heighten consumer trust and understanding of professional investigative work product
- d. explore, cultivate and introduce those arts and sciences that improve abilities and building professionalism
- e. offer quality continuing education paths
- f. uphold the honor and dignity of our livelihood
- g. fight to preserve opportunities
- h. acquire a strong proactive voice for prudent public policy and contest oppressive legislation or regulation.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERS**

Memberships are neither transferable nor a business asset, but a personal privilege of each member. FALI membership is restricted to only one membership per license with no provision for reciprocal members; only Active level members in good standing are entitled to vote on FALI business. FALI membership is limited to those classes, requirements, composition, application process and dues set forth in the Bylaws. Resignation of any member in good standing is accepted without further action when received by the President. Only active members in good standing are entitled to vote with only one vote per member; there shall be no voting by proxy or cumulative voting.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

The annual membership meeting shall be held no less than ten (10) months and no more than fourteen (14) months from the last annual meeting for the election of officers and directors. Interim membership meetings require a notice of at least thirty (30) days and may be called by the President and a Vice President, or by the request of eight (8) board members or a petition of thirty (30) members. Notice of meetings may be given by any means listed in the Bylaws. Active level Members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE V. ELECTED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) who shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms, and one area director representing each of the regions in the State of Florida who shall be elected by ballot (including absentee ballots received prior to elections) for a one (1) year term or until their successors are elected. Should the president's position go unfilled at the end of three (3) consecutive terms, the Board of Directors may authorize, by majority vote, the termed-out president to fill the vacancy by election for one additional year but cannot exceed two years. The Board of Directors shall be entrusted with FALI business between membership meetings and shall exercise sound judgment in the use or spending of FALI's money, goods and resources; proceed fiscally conservatively in disbursing the Association's assets; and always maintain an audit trail. Regular board meetings shall be held at least quarterly; special meetings can be called by the President or by eight (8) members of the board with a notice of at least ten (10) days. A majority shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special board meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint special committees as needed and the standing committee chairmen

## **ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and government regulations.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a general membership meeting provided a thirty (30) day written notice of each proposed amendment has been given. The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors with a ten (10) day written notice, to the membership, of each proposed amendment

## **ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION**

Previous notice of at least thirty (30) days shall be given to all members for a special meeting to consider dissolution. After payment of authorized expenditures, a two-thirds vote of Active level members shall decide on the distribution of the assets remaining to an organization which qualifies for tax exemption pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America. No distribution shall be made to any private individual or member.

There are changes within this Constitution which were voted upon at general membership meetings in:

Orange County, Orlando, Florida, October 1998

Orange County, Orlando, Florida, October 2000

Broward County, Coral Springs, Florida October 2001

Dade County, Miami, Florida, October 2002

Brevard County, Cape Canaveral, Florida September 2003

Orange County, Orlando, Florida, September 2004

Orange County, Orlando, Florida, August 2006

Orange County, Orlando, Florida, May 2009

Brevard County, Cocoa Beach, Florida, May 2012

Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida, March 2020