

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

THE PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY RETIRED POLICE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATED WITH
NEW YORK CITY RETIRED PATROLMENS ASSOCIATION RETIRED POLICE AND FIREMEN OF WESTCHESTER
COUNTY INC.

RETIRED POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN LEAGUE INC. HUDSON COUNTY, N. J.

Section IB

The regular dues of this association shall be one dollar per annum payable in advance. When a majority of the members deem it advisable, it may be either increased or diminished.

ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1

The elective officers of this Association will be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and five Trustees. They will form the Executive Board.

Section 2

The term of the aforesaid officers, will be two years but they may be elected to succeed themselves to the same of any other office by a majority vote of the body of this Association present at any succeeding election.

Section 3

President

The President will be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He will call a meeting of the Executive Board at least once each month. He will preside at all meetings and enforce the laws and objects of the Association, decide all questions of order, sit as judge, and declare the results of all elections. He will appoint all committees and sign all documents unless otherwise provided for. No money will be paid by the Treasurer, nor will any order for payment of money be drawn upon the Association without written authorization from the President. He will be ex-officio, member of all committees. Should he be prevented by illness or otherwise from performing his duties, the First Vice-President will be the Acting President and will have all the powers of the President while so acting. He is herewith empowered to call upon any member of this Association for aid or assistance that is reasonably within the power of such member. He is also authorized to summon any member to appear at a meeting of the Association, in behalf of the best Interests of the Association. Any member willfully refusing to comply with notice to appear for such purposes without a reasonable cause, will stand suspended. If the President deems it necessary, he may engage a lawyer to defend any member of the Association, provided he has the member's consent.

Section 4

First Vice-President

The First Vice-President will aid the President in conducting meetings, and in the absence of the President, he will preside and while so presiding, will have the full power of the President. If for any reason, the office of the President will become vacant, the First Vice-President will become President for the remainder of the unexpired term. It will be the duty of the First Vice-President to issue vouchers which will subsequently be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Section 5

Second Vice-President

The Second Vice-President will aid the President in conducting meetings, and in the absence of the President and First Vice-President, will preside and while so presiding, will have the full power of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President will become First Vice-President and the office of Second Vice President will remain vacant.

Section 6

Treasurer

The Treasurer will receive from the Financial Secretary, all monies due to the Association received by him. He will be chief custodian and disbursing officer of the funds of the Association. He will pay out no money except on an order signed by the President of the Association. He will have a bond, conditioned upon the proper performance of his duties for the faithful accounting of all monies of the Association, received by him in the sum fixed by the Executive Board. All costs pertaining to said bond are to be defrayed by the Association. He will make a report in duplicate every month, one copy to be given to the Recording Secretary to be entered in the minutes and the other to the Board of Trustees. Said copies are to be left at the office of the Association. The Treasurer may be authorized and empowered to convert monies from the Treasury into sound investment on recommendation of the Executive Board and subject to the approval of the membership at a regular meeting by majority vote. The books and records of the Treasurer and special committees will be opened for inspection by the President, board of trustees or special committees appointed or selected by this Association. At the expiration of his term of office, he will without delay, deliver to his successor all books, papers, funds, records, and all other property of this Association. After his accounts have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant, the Accountant's report will be submitted to the membership for their approval at a regular meeting. Upon approval, the books will then be accepted and the Treasurer will receive a release. As treasurer of this Association, he will conduct and be responsible for the financial arrangements of all dances, dinners, and affairs, sponsored by this Association.

Section 7

Financial Secretary

It will be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep a full and accurate account of each member's standing in the Association, retired or otherwise. He must immediately notify every member who is in arrears with his dues. He will perform other further duties in keeping with the nature of his office as may be directed by the President. Any individual who gives the Financial Secretary any money, will receive a receipt from him. The Financial Secretary will transfer all monies to the Treasurer and obtain a receipt for such money.

Section 8

Recording Secretary

It will be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep and have full charge of the minute book and general rules of membership. He will keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings, and a correct account of the membership of the Association as may be directed by the President. He will perform all other duties relating to his office, in conformity with the laws of the Association or as directed by the President.

Section 9

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will be the custodian of all property and records of the Association. They will elect from among them at the first meeting, a Chairman and Recorder. It will be the duty of this Board to investigate claims for payment of benefits which are referred to them for recommendation and report the results thereof to the Executive Body at a regular meeting. They will also investigate all bills presented before payments are made. They will be empowered to call in the records of the Association at any time for the purpose of examination. They will examine the records of the Secretaries and the bank account of the Treasurer at least once in every six months. It will be the duty of this Board to furnish to the Association, a statement every six months.

No business will be conducted by the Board of Trustees unless a quorum of three of the elected trustees are present.

In the event a decision of the Board of Trustees is disputed with respect to the payment of a voucher, it will automatically be presented to the membership for final decision.

Sergeant-At-Arms

It will be the duty of the Sergeant-At-Arms to enforce order at the meetings and permit only duly authorized persons to enter the place of meeting.

ARTICLE III NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

Nominations for officers shall take place at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 2

The Secretary shall notify members of their nomination immediately. They shall have 30 days in which to accept or decline such nominations and shall notify the Secretary of same.

Section 3

The Secretary will be instructed to have printed an official ballot, with the names of all the candidates printed thereon and distribute them to the members in good standing only and they will draw a line through the names of those they do not wish to vote for, fold the ballot and place it in the ballot box. The candidates receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section 4

The officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting of the ensuing year. Any member who has been elected to an office and fails to be present for installation, unless prevented by illness or some unavoidable occurrence shall forfeit the office and same shall be declared vacant by the installing officer. An election shall then be ordered to fill the vacancy.

Section 5

All the officers shall be members in good standing of the Port of New York Authority Retired Police Association. Any member shall be eligible for election.

Section 6

Any officer absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without justifiable causes, his office shall be declared vacant by the President and an election ordered forthwith to fill the vacancy, except when excuse offered be accepted by two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative.

PLEDGE

I (name) do solemnly swear before my God and fellow men that I agree to support and abide by the constitution and by laws of the Port of New York Retired Police organization and that I will always vote and work for the best interests of the members of this association, without regard to politics, creed or nationality, and I do further promise and declare that I will not by word, deed or token injure a fellow member or this association so help me my ever living God and may He help me to keep this my solemn vow. I am not a member or a supporter of the Communist party, or any subversive group.

SPECIAL OBLIGATION

It is a fact that the members of this association should, both individually and collectively, endeavor to promote their welfare and extend their sphere of usefulness during their lives in this association and there can be no finer example of honor, respect and devotion shown our members called by death than for all members of this association that can possibly do so to attend the services and funeral of every departed member of this association.

In order to repeal this constitution, copies of the proposed Constitution must be distributed to the entire membership.

Regular elections procedures will be used and a two-third majority of the membership voting will be necessary to re-peal.

This Constitution and By-Laws, with Amendments to Article 1, Section 1a and Article 3, Section 5 was adopted by the Association after a Motion by Roy Lapsley and Seconded by James Ruby, at a Meeting held on April 15, 1962, after being read at three (3) consecutive regular Meetings, it was passed and adopted on June 9, 1962.

Joseph H. Barry, RECORDING SECRETARY

Harold Logan, PRESIDENT

