

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MAINE LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

## Article I - Name and Object of the Corporation

1.1 The name of this Corporation shall be the “Maine Lacrosse Officials Association”, hereinafter called the MLOA.

1.2 The MLOA is organized for the purpose of officiating the game of men’s Lacrosse played in the State of Maine between members of various organizations, such as, but not limited to, the Maine Principals Association, the Maine Association of Independent Schools Athletic Conference, and Maine Youth Lacrosse, including middle schools, high schools, college preparatory schools, Community club lacrosse, and college and post-graduate clubs not under the jurisdiction of the National Intercollegiate Lacrosse Officials Association. The MLOA will officiate according to the rules and their interpretation within the “spirit of the game”, as adopted for play by each organization.

1.3 The MLOA shall further be dedicated to the promotion of interest in and growth of the game of Lacrosse.

1.4 No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in carrying out one or more of its purposes), and no member, director, or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

## Article II - Qualification of Members

2.1 Members of the Corporation shall be those individuals who have qualified for membership by [1] being certified by the MLOA to officiate lacrosse games for which MLOA is the assigning authority, and [2] paying their annual dues and such other assessments as may be required; or those individuals who have been bestowed honorary membership by the MLOA.

2.2 There shall be three types of membership:

2.2(a) **Active Membership** - Active Members shall be those members who are actively engaged in officiating lacrosse games, with two levels of Active Membership: Probationary and Full.

2.2(b) **Sustaining Membership** - Sustaining Members shall be those members who do not actively officiate lacrosse games but who support the MLOA by doing one or more of the following:

1. Serve as an Officer of the MLOA.
2. Participate in the day to day business affairs of the MLOA.
3. Participate in the supervision of Active Members.
4. Participate in the education and training of members and prospective members.
5. Participate in the recruiting of individuals to become members of the MLOA.
6. Retain their qualification although not officiating for health or personal reasons.

2.2(c) **Honorary Membership** - Honorary Members shall be those members who have been bestowed honorary membership by the MLOA in recognition of their having distinguished themselves through their contribution to or their interest in the game of Lacrosse.

## Article III - Officers, Their Election and Duties

3.1 The Officers of the Corporation shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

3.2 Active Members and Sustaining Members shall be eligible to be elected Officers of the Corporation. No Member may hold two or more offices concurrently.

3.3 The officers shall be elected biannually in June following the close of the season by a majority vote of the Active and Sustaining Members who vote and shall serve for a period of two years commencing July 1.

3.3(a) A slate of officers will be proposed by a Nominating Committee, consisting of three Active and/or Sustaining Members selected at the Season-Opening meeting biannually for each two-year election cycle.

3.3(b) The election will be done electronically, with tabulation of votes being overseen by the Nominating Committee

3.3(c) Election results will be distributed electronically to the entire membership by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each two-year cycle.

3.4 The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

3.4(a) The **President** shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, shall have general and active management of the business of the Corporation, and see that all orders and resolutions of the Corporation are carried into effect. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation. The President shall have the power and authority to appoint an Officer to fill a vacant position for the remainder of a term of service, should the Vice President, the Secretary, or the Treasurer be unable to serve the full term of service for which the member was elected.

3.4(b) The **Vice President** shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and have the authority and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties and have such other authority and powers as the President may from time to time delegate.

3.4(c) The **Secretary** shall have the following duties:

1. Attend meetings of the Corporation and record, or cause to be recorded, all of the business proceedings of the meetings in a minute book to be kept for that purpose.
2. Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Corporation.
3. Under the direction of the Nominating Committee oversee membership participation in the biannual election process.
4. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

3.4(d) The **Treasurer** shall have the following duties:

- 1 Attend meetings of the Corporation
- 2 Have custody of Corporation funds and keep full and accurate accounts and records of receipts and disbursements and other transactions in books belonging to the Corporation, and deposit all moneys and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the President.
- 3 Disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the President, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and render to the President and the Corporation, at the Annual Meeting, an account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation.
- 4 Submit annual tax return documents as appropriate.

5. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

#### **Article IV - Meetings of the Corporation**

4.1 Meetings of the members of the Corporation for any purpose may be held at such time and place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting.

4.2 A number equal to 5%, but not fewer than 5 of the total number of Active and Sustaining Members of the Corporation at the time of the meeting shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business.

4.3 The members of the corporation shall meet twice annually to conduct business of the corporation. One meeting to be held in February or March and the other in June.

#### **Article V - Amendment**

5.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active and Sustaining Members, either in person or through the use of proxy, at an Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

5.2 Proposed amendments shall be in written form and shall be mailed electronically to each member of the Corporation along with the notice of the next Annual Meeting of the Corporation.