

# THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN STATE PARK DIRECTORS

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this body shall be The Association of Southeastern State Park Directors.

### ARTICLE II - Purpose and Objectives

The purpose and objectives of the Association shall be to enable its members, through the exchange of ideas, the study of mutual problems, and the examination of state park facilities in other states, to better fit themselves to carry on state park work and to further better conservation practices; to acquaint the state park officials of this group of states with each other to the end that better understanding and cooperation will exist between them; to promote and establish the highest possible professional standards for those actively engaged in state park work; and to provide a medium whereby the members of the Association may act as a unit in the presentation, discussion, and settlement of mutual problems arising with other agencies.

### ARTICLE III - Membership

#### Section 1

Membership in the Association shall consist of the states of: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

#### Section 2

Membership in the Association shall be vested with the state.

#### Section 3

Each member state shall have one vote upon any question coming before the Association. That vote shall be vested in the active official directly in charge of the state's park system or their designee. Other state representatives shall be entitled to discuss any issue before the Association, but shall not be entitled to vote. In the event the active official directly in charge of a state's park system is unable to attend any meeting of the Association, they shall have the right to appoint another representative from their state as their proxy and to cast their vote. The appointment of a proxy shall be communicated to the President or Secretary of the Association in writing.

### ARTICLE IV - Officers

Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote of those members

present and voting and will serve for a period of one year or until their successor has been elected. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the official directly in charge of the state's park system that has been selected to host the annual conference the following year. The officers of the Association shall not succeed themselves in office. Together, the officers of the Association shall form the Executive Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be as follows:

- (a) President: to preside at all meetings, to appoint committees, and to serve as chairman of the executive committee.
- (b) Vice-President: to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Secretary-Treasurer: to act as custodian of all records and property of the Association; to collect and account for all monies properly paid and belonging to the Association; to disperse funds for such materials and services as are approved by the Executive Committee; to notify members of all meetings and to keep records of attendance and to record the minutes of all meetings. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to present a financial statement at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE V - Meetings

### Section 1

There shall be at least one meeting each year which shall be known as the annual meeting, to be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall select.

### Section 2

Special meetings may be held when called by the President at any time or place designated by him/her.

### Section 3

A quorum at any meeting shall consist of not less than seven voting members or their authorized designee.

## ARTICLE VI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended only at an annual meeting and by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the active members present and voting, provided that written notification of any proposed amendments be given each member at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting at which the amendment will be proposed.

**REVISIONS APPROVED AND ADOPTED: October 14, 1999 at the annual meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**