

CONSTITUTION

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I

Section 1- The name of this association shall be the New Mexico Environmental Health Association, hereinafter referred to as NMEHA or the Association in this Constitution and By-Laws. NMEHA is recognized by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) as an Affiliate.

Section 2- NMEHA, a state, corporate, non-profit professional association, is incorporated under the laws of New Mexico. Said organization is organized exclusively for educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal taxcode.

ARTICLE II

Objective of NMEHA

Section 1- The objectives of the association shall be:

- A. To provide training opportunities to maintain credentials
- B. To gain and maintain knowledge for certifications
- C. To market the field of Environmental Health to New Mexico partners
- D. To set professional standards (code of ethics)
- E. To provide networking opportunities locally and globally.
- F. To advocate for public health and environmental health policies
- G. To recognize the environmental health contributions of members

ARTICLE III

Section 1 - There shall be one (1) class of membership with voting privileges, designated as Active, and three (3) classes of non-voting membership designated as Associate, Retired, and Honorary.

Section 2- The right to hold elective office and to chair standing committees shall be open to Active members only.

Section 3- Members serving as delegates or representatives to NEHA must also be Active members of NEHA

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 - The operational expenses of the Association shall be met from membership dues and from any other source approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2 - All funds received, handled and expended shall be accounted for as specified by the Executive Board. The financial records of all funds received, handled and

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expended shall be annually reviewed by the Auditing Committee or audited by a professional accounting firm, as determined by a quorum vote of the Executive Board. The Auditing Committee shall consist of three (3) Association members, the Treasurer and two other members, neither of whom shall be on the Executive Board.

NMEHA is authorized to acquire real and intangible property for use by and on behalf of the membership.

Generally accepted accounting practices shall be used to account for all

assets. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year from January 1 to December

31.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Executive Board

Section 1 - The Officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be three elected Board Members. The Officers and Board Members shall constitute the Executive Board. A quorum shall consist of four members of the Executive Board.

Section 2 - The President and the Vice-President shall be either Active or Life members of NEHA.

Section 3 - The term of office for all officers and board members shall be two years. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer's terms shall be on alternate years. The term of office for the President and Secretary along with any existing vacant positions shall be on odd calendar years. The term of office for the Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Members, along with any existing vacant positions shall be on even calendar years. Officers and board members may be re-elected, with a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 4 - The Executive Board shall direct the affairs of the Association and shall represent the best interest of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1 - There shall be at least one Educational Symposium per year, held at a time and place determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2 - There shall be a minimum of two meetings of the Executive Board each year, one of which shall be the annual business meeting. These meetings, as well as additional meetings will be called or authorized at the discretion of the President or a majority of the Executive Board.

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Section 3 - For all business of the Association, a quorum shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the Active membership. In the event a quorum is not achieved to transact necessary business, the Executive Board is authorized to act in the best interests of the Association.

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ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1 - Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Board or membership. This Constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Active members voting provided that a copy of the proposed amendment(s) and a notice of the voting meeting are made available to each member at least fifteen (15) days before said meeting, and provided that a quorum voted. Active members not present at the meeting may vote by ballot approved by the Executive Board and submitted to the Secretary. The Association will recognize votes submitted electronically in accordance with an electronic voting system approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2 - Amendments so approved will become effective immediately **UNLESS** an effective date is otherwise stated in the amendment. The members of the Association shall be promptly notified of the adoption thereof. The Executive Board will remain in place until the election following the approval of a new constitution and by-laws.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION THIS DAY __ of __ 2019.

PRESIDENT  DATE 10/23/19

VICE-PRESIDENT  DATE 10/23/19

SECRETARY  DATE 10/23/19

TREASURER  DATE 10/23/19

BOARD MEMBER  DATE 10/23/19

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