



ASSOCIATION FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS

New Mexico Chapter

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

As amended 2/8/2017

ARTICLE I. NAME

This charter, an unincorporated association, shall be known as the New Mexico Chapter of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO), Incorporated and shall function in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the parent organization.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Chapter shall be to provide local support to the promotion and public understanding of the role of American Intelligence by means of education and dissemination of factual material to appropriate groups in New Mexico.

Section 2. This Chapter shall not:

- a) Issue policy statements alleged to have originated with the parent organization.
- b) Participate in or intervene with any particular political campaign or on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate or party for public office.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Full Chapter Membership shall be available to those persons who are Full Members in good standing of AFIO, INC., and who reside in New Mexico or areas of the country where no local Chapters exist.

Section 2. Associate Membership shall be available to those persons who are Associate Members in good standing of AFIO, INC., and who reside in New Mexico or areas of the country where no local Chapters exist. Associate Members shall have the right to vote on Chapter matters only and to hold all offices except President and Vice-President.

Section 3. A member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid and who complies with the By-Laws of AFIO, INC. and the New Mexico Chapter.

Section 4. Reinstatement to membership shall be made under provisions in Article IV, Section 4.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

Section 1. There shall be no Initiation Fee for membership in this Chapter.

Section 2. The annual dues of each member shall be \$25.00 payable in advance of the first day of April and shall become delinquent on the first day of June. Members whose dues are not paid by September 1 shall forfeit voting rights in the Chapter until so paid.

Section 3. Life Membership in AFIO, Inc. shall not exempt members from payment of annual dues in this Chapter.

Section 4. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be restored to membership upon payment of all arrears owed at the time of suspension, plus current year's dues. Dues may not be remitted in advance, nor in consideration of services rendered to the Chapter.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings of this Chapter shall be held monthly. Ten members constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by written request of ten members, upon proper notification of the membership. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. Any Full Chapter Member in good standing shall be eligible for election to any office in this Chapter. Any Associate Member in good standing shall be eligible for all offices except President, and Vice President.

Section 3. Starting in April, 1986, Officers shall be elected at the April Meeting and shall take office at the close of the June Meeting. The term of office shall be two years or until their successors take office.

Section 4. Duties of Officers:

a) The President shall:

- 1) Preside at all Chapter, Special, and executive Committee meetings.
- 2) Be responsible for assuring that all officers and committees perform their assigned duties.
- 3) Appoint the Chairmen of Standing Committees, and Chairmen of other committees as provided in these By-Laws, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

b) The Vice President shall:

- 1) Be responsible for providing the program for each regular meeting, which shall be either a speaker of program relative to the basic purposes of AFIO, INC.
- 2) In the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.

d) The Secretary shall:

- 1) Keep an accurate account of the proceedings of all meetings.
- 2) Issue advance notices of all meetings.
- 3) Maintain a current file of AFIO, INC. and Chapter By-Laws, and other such records determined to be of a permanent nature.

e) The Treasurer shall:

- 1) Receive and keep an accurate account of all monies due the Chapter.
- 2) Pay all monies due when directed by the Chapter or Executive Committee.
- 3) Pay all bills by check, such checks to be signed by the Treasurer only. If a check is for more than \$200.00, the Treasurer shall consult with the Chapter President or Chapter Secretary.
- 4) **Check AFIO, INC. affiliation before accepting current membership dues.**
- 5) Present a full annual report of all receipts and disbursements at the regular meeting.
- 6) Report on the financial condition of the Chapter when requested by the President or Chapter.

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee prior to the regular February meeting. The Committee shall elect its Chairman.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee will report at the regular March meeting. The proposed slate of officers will be printed in the Meeting Notice of the April meeting. Election of Officers will be at the April meeting.

Section 3. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the member is eligible, qualified, and has consented to serve.

Section 4. When two or more nominations are made for any elective office, the vote shall be taken by ballot. A majority vote shall elect. When only one candidate is nominated, vote may be taken by voice.

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to transact routine business of the Chapter between meetings.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or any three members, provided sufficient notice has been sent to all members of the Committee. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee appointed by the President, shall be consistent with the purposes of AFIO, INC.:

- a) Maintain an active program of information release to the Media, and work towards recognition of the Chapter in the community.
- b) Promote opportunities for qualified speakers from within AFIO membership to appear as speakers before community organizations.

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

All Full Members who attend National Convention shall be designated Delegates provided such designation is applied for and approved by the parent organization in writing prior to the opening day of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The Assets of the New Mexico Chapter shall be used only for purposes consistent with these By-Laws.

Section 2. When and if the New Mexico Chapter should dissolve, its Officers shall liquidate all assets of the Chapter, and after paying all liabilities, shall donate the net amount to the parent association. In event of the prior dissolution of the parent organization, such funds shall be distributed to one or more organizations as shall qualify at the time as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) for the IRS Code of 1954 as amended, or to the U.S. Government for use as part of the general fund, as the Chapter Officers shall determine.

ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the proceedings of this Chapter except where otherwise provided in the AFIO Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and in these Chapter By-Laws and Standing rules.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any Regular Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been given immediately preceding Regular Meeting. Such amendment shall take effect when approved in writing by AFIO, INC.

Section 2. Emergency legislation may be presented at any Regular or Special Meeting and acted upon at that meeting provided that Consent is given by a five-sixth (5/6) vote of the members present. Such Consent having been voted, the emergency matter may then be presented as a motion and acted upon, requiring a two-third (2/3) vote for adoption.