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NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

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Article I. Name

The name of this organization is the Child and Adult Care Food Program National Professional Association (CACFP NPA), which will be referred to as the Association.

Article II. Organization

The Association shall be a nonprofit organization.

The Association's annual operating year shall be January 1 through December 31.

Article III. Purpose

A. To promote:

- ❖ high standards of nutrition for infants, children and adults participating in the Program,
- ❖ training of local CACFP staff on nutrition and food service management,
- ❖ nutrition practices that improve and enhance the impact of the foods provided,
- ❖ good management practices to assist CACFP program directors and professionals at the state and local levels to successfully administer the Program.
- ❖ greater collaboration with partners to support the mission of the Association.

B. To provide a national network through which selected ideas, materials, and procedures can be communicated to persons working in the CACFP community.

C. To express the views of members regarding program policies, regulations and legislation.

D. To increase opportunities for professional development for staff working in CACFP.

E. To act as an educational resource concerning the nutrition and food service needs of participating child and adult day care agencies and their enrolled participants.

Article IV. Membership

A. Classes of Membership - Membership in the Association shall consist of the following classes:

1. Individual membership - Open to any person who is presently or was previously employed by a State or territorial government agency administering the CACFP. The Board of Directors may confer honorary membership to individuals who significantly contribute to furthering the Association's goals.
2. Institutional membership - Open to state agencies whose staff meets the criteria for

individual membership. Each agency shall identify, by name, all members to be included in the institutional membership. In the event of staff turnover, memberships may be transferred during the year upon notification to the Secretary.

B. Rights and Privileges of Members

1. Notwithstanding the right of each state agency to have an unlimited number of individual members, each state agency shall be allowed no more than 10 votes on any matter coming before the membership for a vote. Any state agency represented by more than 10 members, shall update the NPA website to designate which 10 members have voting rights. Other than the right to vote, non-voting members shall have all the rights and privileges afforded to voting members.
2. All individual members and each member of an institutional membership, whose dues are currently paid, may attend the national conference of the Association, including the business meeting, at the member rate.
3. All individual members and each member of an institutional membership, whose dues are currently paid, shall be eligible to serve on committees of the Association.
4. All individual members and each member of an institutional membership, whose dues are currently paid and who meet the requirements in Article VII of these Bylaws, shall be eligible to serve as an elected official of the Association.
5. All members may receive information and publications prepared by or for the Association.
6. All members shall have access to the member section of the Website.
7. Communication between the Board of Directors and the members may be in the form of mail, e-mail, website posting, virtual, or in person. Votes may be conducted by mail, e-mail or in person; members will be notified of issues that require a vote at least 30 days prior to the ballot deadline. The result of the voting is effective immediately or otherwise proposed.

Article V. Membership Dues

- A. Dues for membership in the Association shall begin October 1 of each year through September 30 of the year after the following year.
- B. Membership dues will be recommended by the Board of Directors during the biennial strategic planning meeting and approved by a majority vote of voting members. The membership dues will be determined by the class of membership.
- C. Members shall be considered inactive if they fail to pay their dues by December 1. Reinstatement of privileges will be made upon full payment of the current dues owed. Dues may not be prorated.

- D. Attendance at the national conference at the member rate is dependent upon payment of the current dues owed.

Article VI. Government

- A. The legislative governing body of the Association shall include all individual and institutional members subject to any limitations contained in these Bylaws.
- B. The administrative body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors, whose members shall receive no salaries for their services. The Board of Directors shall include 5 officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President) and the 7 Regional Representatives.
- C. The Board of Directors shall meet in person, by telephone conference call, or by virtual meeting 10 to 12 times per year. More than one-half of the Board of Directors must be present for a quorum, which is required for taking official action on behalf of the Association. The Board of Directors shall meet in person at the national conference, or virtually if a virtual conference is held, and in alternate years at a strategic planning session. Members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to have alternate representation at meetings.
- D. An Executive Committee may meet at the discretion of the President to respond to issues requiring immediate attention when the Board of Directors cannot be convened. This Executive Committee includes the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and one regional Representative selected by the seven Regional Representatives. The Regional Representative to serve on the Executive Committee must be selected annually during the October board meeting. The Executive Committee shall have all of the powers and authority of the Board in the intervals between meetings of the Board, as well as authority to delegate responsibilities to the Regional Representatives. Two thirds of the Executive Committee members, four, must be present for a quorum. The five officers are not eligible to have alternate representation at meetings of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. If the Regional Representative to the Executive Committee is unable to attend a meeting, another Regional Representative may be appointed by the President to attend and have all the authority of the Executive Committee member.

Article VII. Officers

- A. Election of Officers

By an annual ballot held in July, all voting members of the Association shall elect officers and Regional Representatives. In the case of a tie for any office, selection shall be by coin toss by the Secretary. When there are no candidates running for a position on the ballot, the member with the most write-in votes is selected. No member may hold more than one elected office at a time.

B. Terms of Office

1. Officers and Regional Representatives shall assume their duties on October 1. They shall remain in office until September 30.
2. The Presidential position is a three year commitment:
 - i. The President-Elect shall serve for one year. Upon completion of the term of office, the President-Elect becomes the President.
 - ii. The President is the chief executive officer of the Association and shall serve one year. Upon completion of the term of office, the President shall become the Immediate Past President.
 - iii. The Immediate Past President shall serve for one year. Upon completion of the term of office, the Immediate Past President will vacate.
3. The Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Representatives shall serve for two years and may be elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms (may serve for a total of 4 years in any one position consecutively). The election of these officers is conducted on the following schedule:
4. Term of office begins in even numbered years (i.e. 10/1/20 for FFY 21).

Treasurer
Mid-Atlantic
Mountain Plains
Northeast
5. Term of office begins in odd numbered years (i.e. 10/1/21 for FFY 22).

Secretary
Midwest
Southeast
Southwest
Western
6. An officer or Regional Representative may resign from their position for any reason at any time by providing a notice to the President in writing that includes the effective date of their resignation.

C. Qualifications

1. The President and the President-Elect must be individual or institutional members of the Association. The President and President-Elect must have a minimum of two years of experience working directly with the CACFP.
2. The Regional Representatives, Secretary, and Treasurer must be individual or institutional members of the Association. They must have a minimum of one year of experience working directly with the CACFP.

D. Responsibilities of Officers and Regional Representatives

Each officer and Regional Representative is responsible for maintaining current records as well as historical records of their office. Officers shall transfer these records to the next elected officer and provide the new officer with orientation to the position.

If an officer or Regional Representative resigns, the current and historical records of their office must be transferred to the President on or before the effective date of their resignation. Upon election of the next officer, the President will transfer these records and provide the new officer with orientation to the position.

Each officer and Regional Representative is responsible for carrying out the purpose of the Association and collaborating with partners to support the mission of the Association.

Limitation of Liability: To the fullest extent permitted by the North Dakota Century Code as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, no officer or director of the corporation shall be personally liable and/or responsible for any damages, claims, actions, etc.; monetary or otherwise, as a direct and/or indirect result of any proceeding brought by or in the right of the corporation or in connection with any claim, action, suit or proceeding to which they may be or is made a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director of the corporation.

1. President

- a. Represents the Association in all matters and is the chief spokesperson.
- b. Plans and coordinates the business of the Association.
- c. Serves as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and is a voting member.
- d. Appoints the chairpersons of ad hoc committees, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- e. Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- f. Calls meetings of the Board of Directors and prepares the agenda.
- g. Presides at the national conference and all meetings of the Association.
- h. Coordinates the planning of the national conference and acts as advisor to the chair of the Conference Committee.
- i. Authorizes expenditures of the Association funds subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- j. Signs contracts, grants, fiscal and legal documents authorized by the Association or the Board of Directors.

- k. Promotes membership in the Association to those eligible.
- l. Prepares agenda and makes logistical arrangements (dates, location, meeting space, etc.) for the biennial strategic planning meeting.
- m. Prepares “Year in Review” report by September 15, shared with the membership and posted on the website.
- n. At the conclusion of term, assumes role as immediate-past president.

2. President-Elect

- a. Learns about the responsibilities of the President and the Board of Directors and prepares to assume the duties of the President.
- b. Serves on the Board of Directors as a voting member.
- c. Performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- d. Becomes the President in the event the Board of Directors declares the office of President vacant.
- e. Assists the President in fulfilling the obligations of the office by performing such duties as requested by the President. Represents the Association at the request of the President.
- f. Chairs and appoints members to the Conference Committee and continues this into the term as President.
- g. Promotes membership in the Association to those eligible.
- h. Serves or appoints a liaison to work with the Webmaster.

3. Secretary

- a. Accurately records the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and the business meeting at the national conference of the Association.
- b. Sends draft meeting minutes by e-mail to all Board members for review within 5 calendar days of each Board meeting. Makes any requested changes and returns to the Board for approval within 15 calendar days of the Board meeting. The minutes may be approved by a majority vote of the Board present at the next Board meeting or a majority vote of the entire Board by e-mail. Sends final approved meeting minutes to the Board within 2 business days of approval.

Board members do not need to be present at the meeting to vote on the meeting minutes.

- c. As directed by the Board of Directors, sends information to the Webmaster liaison to keep the Website up to date.
- d. Serves on the Board of Directors as a voting member.
- e. Carries out duties as assigned by the President.
- f. Prepares the ballot form and sends ballots to voting members by July 1.
- g. Tallies the ballots and notifies all candidates and the Board of results by August 15. When the Secretary is running for office, the ballots will be tallied by a Board member appointed by the Board.
- h. Notifies members of time and place of all meetings, including the biennial conference.
- i. Promotes membership in the Association to those eligible.

4. Treasurer

- a. Monitors Association funds.
- b. Serves on the Board as a voting member.
- c. Prepares an annual budget and submits to the Board of Directors for approval in advance of the start of each federal fiscal year (FFY).
- d. Submits a treasurer's report for each meeting of the Board of Directors and a financial report to the members at the national conference of the Association.
- e. Provides the status of the Association funds when called upon to do so by the President or the Board of Directors.
- f. Prepares and sends dues notices by August 15, accepts dues payment and maintains a current electronic database of all paid memberships and contact information provided by members.
- g. Issues and signs all checks for expenditures of Association funds authorized by the association President and Board of Directors.
- h. Arranges for agreed-upon-procedures to be conducted at the end of the Treasurer's term(s) in office by an independent Certified Public Accountant.
- i. Sends membership updates to the Webmaster and the Regional Representatives.

- j. Promotes membership in the Association to those eligible.
5. Immediate Past President
- a. Serves on the Board of Directors as a voting member.
 - b. Advises the President and the Board of Directors on Association business.
 - c. Appoints members to the Nominating Committee by January 1 and acts as chair of the committee. Updates the Board on committee work. Submits candidate names and profiles to the Secretary by June 1.
 - d. Promotes membership in the Association to those eligible.
 - e. Maintains liaison with USDA.
 - f. In extenuating circumstances, the Past President may remain in the same position for one additional year if the position would otherwise be vacant.
6. Regional Representatives
- a. Surveys members in their region on matters before the Board and expresses the views of the states to the Board.
 - b. Drafts Message of the Month as assigned by President-Elect.
 - c. Distributes final Message of the Month to members in their region.
 - d. Highlights active committees in the Message of the Month to increase participation.
 - e. Serves on one of the 3 standing committees.
 - f. Elects one Regional Representative to serve as a voting member on the Executive Committee.
 - g. Promotes membership in the Association to states within their region with the goal of ensuring that each state has at least one member.
 - h. Surveys states and provides recommendations to the Nominating Committee.
 - i. Identifies and encourages members to serve on committees.
 - j. Accepts responsibilities as delegated by the Executive Committee.
 - k. Meets as a group periodically as needed.

E. Vacancies

1. A vacancy occurring in the office of President shall be filled by the President-Elect for the balance of the unexpired term and their full term as President.
2. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by a special election. In the event that the offices of President and President-Elect both become vacant, the Board of Directors shall fill these offices until an election can be held.
3. Vacancies occurring in the offices of Secretary, Treasurer or Regional Representative shall be filled by eligible members appointed by the President, with the agreement of the majority of the Board, for the balance of the unexpired term.
4. A vacancy occurring in the office of Immediate Past President shall remain vacant, with the President assigning duties as necessary. In extenuating circumstances, the Immediate Past President may remain in the same position for one additional year if the position would otherwise be vacant.

F. Removal from Office

Any Board member who is unable to fulfill their responsibilities because of incapacity or other reasons may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All actions shall occur by a confidential vote, only to be viewed by the President and/or Immediate Past President. Any person who is no longer an individual or institutional member must resign as a member of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Committees

- A. Individual and institutional members of the Association may serve on any committee. Affiliate members may serve on committees at the discretion of the Board. Appointments to all committees shall be made by the committee chairs.
- B. Any committee is properly convened when it is meeting pursuant to call by the chairperson with reasonable notice to all members and a majority of the members are present. Committee meetings may be held in person, by telephone conference call, or by virtual meeting.
- C. A committee report or recommendation shall require adoption by a majority vote of the members present at the committee meeting or a majority vote of the entire committee by e-mail ballot.
- D. An adopted committee report or recommendation shall be given to the President by the chairperson either orally or in writing as the President prescribes.
- E. Standing committees shall include:
 1. Nominating – Seeks eligible potential candidates from the membership and the Board. Nominates two candidates for each of the offices due for election. Obtains candidate

information and forwards to the Secretary by June 1. Chaired by the Immediate Past President.

2. Conference Planning – Plans all aspects of the biennial national conference. Chaired by the President-Elect in the year prior to the conference and by the President in the conference year.
3. Member Services – Coordinates Website material with Webmaster liaison, disseminates information to members and provides outreach materials for meetings/conferences. Develops member packets. Chaired by any member of the Board of Directors.
4. Ad hoc committees may be created and appointed by the President as needed.

Article IX. National Conference

- A. The President shall send the notice of the biennial conference, including a tentative agenda, at least six months in advance of the national conference to all members of the Association. The conference details shall be issued at least 90 days prior to the conference.
- B. For the purpose of conducting the business of the Association, a meeting of the membership shall be held at least biennially at the national conference. Only individual and institutional members whose dues are currently paid may attend the business meeting.
- C. A majority of those present and eligible to vote at the business meeting shall decide on questions raised before the Association.

Article X. Expenses

- A. The President shall approve all expenditures of the Association, with the Treasurer authorized to make approved payments to vendors or individuals.
- B. The Board of Directors shall approve the reimbursement of and procedures for expenditures of individuals who travel on official Association business in accordance with the reimbursement policy established for the Association by the Executive Board.
- C. Expenses incurred shall be within the approved budget.

Article XI. Employees

An individual or firm may be employed by and on behalf of the Association pursuant to such terms and conditions as established by the Board of Directors in the official position description and contract. Such employment shall require a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article XII. Amendments to Bylaws

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be proposed in writing by an official request by any member. The Bylaws may be amended by the majority vote of voting members of the Association.

Article XIII. Accounting Year

The accounting year of the Association shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

Article XIV. Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority for the conduct of meetings of the Association in all cases not covered by these Bylaws shall be "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised".

Article XV. Dissolution

- A. On the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for payments of all liabilities of the Association, shall dispose of all of its assets exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as shall, at the time, qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- B. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II of these Bylaws.
- C. The Association shall not carry on any activities that are not allowed to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

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