

## **Constitution of the Florida State Division of the International Association for Identification**

### **Article I Official Name and Objectives**

**Section 1.01 Official Name:** The name of this organization shall be known as the Florida State Division of the International Association for Identification Incorporated, a non-profit organization.

**Section 1.02 Objectives:** The Association was formed to pursue the objectives set forth in this document. The current objectives shall be:

- (a.) To bring persons who are actively engaged in the profession of Identification and Scientific Investigation into an organized body so that the profession in all of its branches may be standardized and effectively and scientifically administered.
- (b.) To encourage the improvement of the science of Forensic Identification.
- (c.) To encourage research in scientific investigation.
- (d.) To keep it's members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in Forensic Identification.
- (e.) To raise the standards of all personnel engaged in Forensic Identification.
- (f.) To employ the collective knowledge of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of Forensic Identification.
- (g.) To use the knowledge of this Association to encourage bureaus of investigation and identification to adopt modern methods.
- (h.) To endeavor to elevate the standards of the membership of this association, inspire a just pride in their profession, and by their united efforts, reduce crime by making identification certain, and to aid society generally.
- (i.) By cooperation between the several states of this organization and other countries to make more effective the work of the forensic identification expert, to promote any advances in science and research in one locality so that it can be disseminated in other places through the medium of it's delegates in conferences assembled, and by other means of communication.

## **Article II Membership**

**Section 2.01 Categories.** Membership categories shall consist of: Active, Life Active, Associate, Life Associate, Student, Honorary, and Distinguished.

**Section 2.02 Qualifications and Application.** Application for Membership shall conform to the provisions for Membership as set forth in the by-laws.

## **Article III Officers**

**Section 3.01 Officers:** The officers shall consist of: a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary / Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms.

**Section 3.02 Election, Appointment, Removal, and Duties.** The election or Appointment, succession, removal, and duties of all officers shall conform to the Provisions of the By-Laws.

## **Article IV Board of Directors**

**Section 4.01 Board of Directors.** There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of Regional Directors representing each region, the current President, the immediate Past President who shall serve as Chairperson, and all Past Presidents who have attended at least one Board of Director's meeting in the past two years. **and all Past Presidents who have met the requirements in Article 2 Section 2.01 of the By-Laws of the Association, (Amended 10/2011, Resolution 2011-05 first reading becomes effective after second reading)**

**Section 4.02 Election, Appointment, Removal, and Duties.** The election or appointment, succession, removal, and duties of all the members and the chairperson of the Board of Directors shall conform to the Provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 4.03 Policy Making Body.** The Board of Directors shall be the policy making body of the Florida State Division of the International Association for Identification as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Article V**  
**Committees and Certification Boards**

**Section 5.01 Standing Committees and Subcommittees.** Standing Committees and Subcommittees shall be established in accordance with and conform to the provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 5.02 Special Committees and Subcommittees.** The following individuals are authorized to form Special Committees and Subcommittees: The President, the President-elect and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The Chairperson of any Standing committee or Subcommittee may recommend to the President the formation of a special committee or special subcommittee.

**Section 5.03 Dissolution of Special Committees and Special Subcommittees.** All Special committees and Special subcommittees shall be automatically dissolved at the end of term of office term of appointment, of the individual who created them unless they are dissolved sooner, or can be continued by the in-coming President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

**Section 5.04 Professional Certification Boards.** All Professional Certification Committees shall conform to the International Association for Identification Professional Certification Boards provisions of their By-Laws.

**Article VI Fund**  
**Frank Reinhart Scholarship**

**Section 6.01 Frank Reinhart Scholarship Fund.** The Frank Reinhart Scholarship Fund shall conform to the provisions of the By-Laws.

**Article VII**  
**Annual Educational Conference, Semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting,  
And General Membership Meeting.**

**Section 7.01 Annual Educational Conference.** An Annual Florida Division of the IAI Educational Conference shall be held in conformance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 7.02 General Membership Meeting.** An annual General Membership Meeting shall be held at each Annual Florida Division of the IAI Educational Conference in conformance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 7.03 Semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting.** A Semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting of the Florida Division of the IAI shall be held in conformance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

### **Article VIII Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct**

**Section 8.01 Code of Ethics.** The Florida Division of the IAI has established, maintains, and publishes in the FDIAl News quarterly publication a Code of Ethics, which is in conformance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 8.02 Standards of Professional Conduct.** The Florida Division of the IAI has established a Standards of Professional Conduct and is in conformance with the By-Laws.

### **Article IX Amendments**

**Section 9.01 Required Vote.** Except as otherwise provided herein or by law, this Constitution shall not be amended or repealed without a majority vote at two (2) consecutive Annual General Membership Meetings.

**Section 9.02 Publication.** At least by 12:00 noon one day before each of the two (2) consecutive Annual General Membership meetings in which any Amendment or Amendments to this Constitution will be voted on, the Chairperson or Secretary of the Resolutions and Legislative Committee shall post each proposed Amendment to this Constitution in the form of a written resolution at the site of the General Membership Meeting. Each proposed Amendment to this Constitution in the form of a resolution shall be published in total in an official Florida Division of the IAI publication that is normally sent to all the members in good standing.

**Section 9.03 Effective Date.** An Amendment to this Constitution shall become effective immediately only upon being passed at two (2) consecutive Annual General Membership Meetings.

### **Article X Non-Profit Organization**

**Section 10.01 Non-Profit Organization.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Association is organized exclusively for one or more purposes as specified in Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c) (6) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws.

**Article XI  
Prohibition Against Sharing Profits, Assets,  
and Dissolution**

**Section 11.01 General Prohibition.** No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Association), and no member, trustee, officer of the Association or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Association's assets on dissolution or the Association.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501 ( h ) or participation in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office.

**Section 11.02 Dissolution:** In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501 (c) (3) of the IRC of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or the Federal government or State or local government for a public purpose, subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

In any taxable year in which the organization is a private foundation as described in IRS 509 ( a ), the Association shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the Association shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC 4941 ( d ), ( b ) retain any excess business holdings as defined IRS 4943 ( c ), ( c ) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the Association to tax under IRS 4944, or ( d ) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRS 4945 ( d ) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

## Article XII Logo

**Section 12.01 Logo:** This is the Official Florida Division of the International Association for Identification Logo:



**Section 12.02 Use:** In addition to any use authorized by the Board of Directors, official publications, official correspondence and official documents or items in any form, the Official Logo may be used only by members of the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification who are in good standing.