

NEBRASKA COALITION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME
BY-LAWS
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Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime.

Article II

- Section 1. To establish an ongoing statewide Coalition for Victims of Crime.
- Section 2. To provide victim assistance training to agencies and individuals.
- Section 3. To involve the citizens of Nebraska in assessing current programs and needs of victims of crime.
- Section 4. To provide the public information on issues surrounding crime victimization.
- Section 5. To develop programs geared toward meeting the needs of victims of violent crime.
- Section 6. To act as a strong advocate in promoting the status of victims of crime, the Nebraska Victims= Bill of Rights, and the Nebraska Constitutional Amendment for Crime Victims.
- Section 7. To carry out any lawful purpose allowed by Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

Article III

- Section 1. Membership in the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime is of two types: voting and associate.
 - (a) Voting membership is open to any person who subscribes to the purposes of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime and who pays annual dues.
 - (b) Associate membership is open to any person who subscribes to the purposes of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime. Associate members may not vote or hold office but may serve on committees, with the exception of the Election Committee.
- Section 2. The amount of annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be received by the Treasurer.
- Section 3. The annual membership year will run from May 1 to April 30.

Article IV

- Section 1. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The number of Directors shall be not less than three nor more than twenty-five. Each Director shall hold office for two years. The board shall, by further appropriate resolution, establish a procedure for the nomination and election of Directors. If a Director is absent three consecutive regular meetings, he or she shall be removed and replaced unless the absence is excused for just reason by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each year at a time and place agreed upon by the Board of Directors. Each Director may designate an agent to attend said meeting in his or her place, and that agent shall have the same voting powers as each Director. Emergency and special meetings may be called by the President or any three other Board members, providing that seven (7) days= notice of the meeting is given.
- Section 4. The presence of six (6) of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. If less than six (6) of the Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.
- Section 5. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless a greater number is required by law or these by-laws.
- Section 6. Directors shall not receive any stated salaries or other compensation for their services as Directors, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.
- Section 7. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- Section 8. Any action requiring approval by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a majority of the Board of Directors provides written consent for the actions taken.

ARTICLE V

- Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors shall designate. Such additional officers shall have the authority and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the President, who shall hold no other office.
- Section 2. Beginning membership year 2002, the officers of the corporation shall be elected biennially by the Board of Directors. The Board shall, by further appropriate resolution, establish a procedure for the nomination and election of officers. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor shall have qualified and have been duly elected.
- Section 3. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby.
- Section 4. A vacancy in any office for any reason will be filled by the nomination committee securing a nominee and a majority vote of the Board Members except for the office of President which will be filled by the acting Vice President for the unexpired portion of the term, in which case the office of Vice President will be filled as stated above. All resignations will be directed to and accepted by the Board with no requirements of a majority vote.
- Section 5. The President shall be the principal officer of the corporation and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He or she may sign, with the Secretary or other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any legal documents or instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed. He or she shall further perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent or is unable or refuses to act. When so acting, he or she shall have all the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors. Upon conclusion of the term of the current President, the Vice President shall move into the office of President for the following 2 year term.
- Section 7. The Treasurer shall have custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation; and deposit all such monies in the name of such corporation in such banks or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with Article IV of these by-laws. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors or President.
- Section 8. The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors or President.

Article VI

Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

- Section 1. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, of the corporation, to enter into any contracts or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation and such authority may be general or confined to specific instance.
- Section 2. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money issued in the name of the corporation and approved by the Board of Directors, shall be signed by the Treasurer or other individuals as designated by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited in such banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.
- Section 4. The President may on behalf of the corporation, make contributions, gifts or bequest, up to an approved amount, as directed by the Board of Directors per annum.
- Section 5. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, or bequest for the purpose of the corporation.

Article VII

Committees

- Section 1. The Board of Directors may designate and appoint one or more committee(s) as may be deemed necessary for the administration of the affairs of the corporation.
- Section 2. No such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to: amending, altering, or repealing the by-laws; amending the articles of incorporation; adopting a plan or merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; authorizing sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoking proceedings thereof; adopting a plan for the distribution of assets of the corporation; amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered or repealed by such committee.
- Section 3. Members of the committees shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the corporation shall be served thereby.
- Section 4. Every elected member of the Board of Directors shall serve on at least one active committee during each term. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairperson of said committee by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.
- Section 6. Each committee shall adopt rules for its own government consistent with these by-laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII

Amendment, Repeal, or New By-Laws

These by-laws may be amended, repealed, or altered and new by-laws may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting if at least two (2) weeks written notice is given of the intention to so change the by-laws. Any actions changing or adding by-laws must be approved by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors thru an official ballot voting process; however, a Director may vote his or her approval without being present at the meeting if he or she does so on an official ballot within two (2) weeks of the meeting.

Article IX

Minutes and Records

The corporation shall keep complete and current books, minutes and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Article X

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of April and end on the last day of March of each year.

Article XI

Rules of Order

All meetings of the Board of Directors shall follow a "vote by consensus" process in decision making.

Article XXI

Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the by-laws of the corporations, a waiver thereof, in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.