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ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be to foster excellence in education and research in the field of criminal justice in institutions of higher education; to encourage understanding and cooperation among those engaged in teaching and research in criminal justice; to build cooperation between criminal justice agencies and related fields; to provide a forum for the exchange of information among persons involved with education and research in the criminal justice field; to serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information related to or produced by criminal justice education and/or research programs; to foster the highest ethical and personnel standards in criminal justice educational programs as well as in operational agencies and allied fields.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Academy shall be divided into the following categories: (1) regular members, (2) student members, (3) institutional members, (4) sustaining members, (5) honorary members, and (6) life members.

Section 2. **REGULAR MEMBERS:** Regular membership shall include any individual paying regular or sustaining membership dues or designated as a regular member by an institutional member, who supports the purposes of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences as outlined in Article II, and does not fall within, or falling within does not choose to be included within, any other categories of membership as defined in Sections 3-6, below.

Section 3. **STUDENT MEMBERS:** Student membership shall be open to any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an institution of higher education who supports the purposes of the Academy as outlined in Article II, whose enrollment is certified by a regular faculty or administrative official of the institution.

Section 4. **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS:** Institutional membership shall be available to any institution of higher education offering a bona fide two-year, four-year, or graduate criminal justice degree program or with a criminal justice research institute. Institutional members shall designate one member of their faculty or administration as a regular member. When a university's organizational system includes multiple campuses, each campus must individually apply for institutional membership if it houses a separately administered program or institute.

Section 5. **SUSTAINING MEMBERS:** Sustaining membership shall be open to any person, company, corporation, or partnership committed to excellence in education and research in the field of criminal justice.

Section 6. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Any individual who has served the Academy or the field of criminal justice with honor and distinction may be elected an honorary member upon the unanimous vote of the Executive Board and by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any Annual Meeting of the Academy.

Section 7. **LIFE MEMBERS:** Lifetime memberships shall be open to any regular member.

Section 8. **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Application for membership in the Academy shall be submitted on the form prescribed by the Executive Board and shall be received by the Executive Secretary.

Section 9. **DUES:** The annual dues for all categories of membership shall be set by the Executive Board and are due and payable to the Executive Secretary by a date determined by the Executive Board. The nonpayment of dues constitutes termination of membership, and such individual or institutions must be re-qualified for membership by the Executive Board.

Section 10. **VOTING PRIVILEGES:** Only regular members in the Academy who have paid dues for the current shall have voting privileges on all matters presented to the Academy membership for a vote. Life members and honorary members, for purposes of this section, are included within those who have voting privileges.

Section 11. **RESIGNATIONS:** Resignations of membership shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Academy shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President, the Regional Trustees and Trustees-at-Large. These officers shall perform the duties pre-

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

As amended with certification of the Constitutional
Amendment Election December 1989

ARTICLE X
Amendment of Constitution and By-Laws

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members of the Academy voting on the amendment. This vote must be taken in accordance with the Election Code as adopted by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI
Interpretation of Constitution

In case of question on the meaning of any language in this document, the questions shall be referred to the Chair, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, for interpretation of the language and/or provision. This interpretation, upon formal filing with the Secretariat for inclusion as an appendix to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be the official interpretation, subject to invalidation by action of the Executive Board by whatever method it chooses.

Adopted January 1975
Amended December 1976
Amended August 1977
Amended September 1981
Amended November 1982
Amended November 1984
Amended March 1988
Amended December 1989

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
Election Code

Section 1. INCORPORATION INTO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: The Election Code, as revised and adopted by the Executive Board, June 23, 1978, and September 9, 1981, and further revised and codified by the Executive Board, March 31, 1985, is hereby incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws and made an integral part thereof.

Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Second Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, Regional Trustees, and Trustees-at-Large shall be elected by mail ballot by majority vote of those electors, as specified by Constitution Article IV, Section 2, casting valid ballots.

Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE: Second Vice-President: The Second Vice-President will serve one year in that capacity upon election, one year as First Vice-President, and one year as President, the latter two offices being held by virtue of his original election as Second Vice-President without subsequent election.

Section 4. TERM OF OFFICE: Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a term of office of a length determined by the Executive Board not shorter than one year nor longer than three years. Any action of the Board relative to this provision shall be filed as an addendum to the official copies of the Constitution and By-Laws in the files of the Secretariat and shall not become effective until the expiration of the current term of any incumbent Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 5. TERM OF OFFICE: Trustees-at-Large: The three trustees-at-large shall serve three-year staggered terms such that no more than one trustee shall be elected at any one time.

Section 6. TERM OF OFFICE: Regional Trustees: Regional Trustees shall be elected for three-year terms, determined by lot, according to the following schedule:

Region I	1983 , 1986
Region II	1984 , 1987
Region III	1984 , 1987
Region IV	1982 , 1985
Region V	1983 , 1986

Elections for these trustees positions will continue in three-year increments in subsequent years.

Section 7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: (1) A Nominations and Elections Committee shall be appointed by the Immediate Past President, immediately after he leaves the office of President, to conduct the annual election. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall consist of at least five (5) Regular Members of the Academy and the Immediate Past President who shall serve as Chair. At least one appointed member shall be selected from each of the five regions of the country so as to make the Committee broadly representative of the diverse constituent interests of the Academy.

(2) The Nominations and Elections Committee shall canvass the general membership to obtain suggestions for candidates, and it may on its own initiative consider possible nominees.

All candidates shall be contacted by the Committee to determine their willingness to serve if elected and requested to provide such materials as the Committee requires for the electoral process.

It shall present to the Executive Board, at its regular mid-year meeting, a slate of candidates for all offices to be elected, such slate to include whenever possible two (2) and only two (2) nominees for each office. When, in the judgement of the Committee, such inclusion is not possible, the Committee shall explain the inability to the Board for its edification and concurrence.

(3) The slate presented by the Committee shall require approval by the Executive Board; the Board is the final authority on the names of candidates to be on the ballot for each office, except as provided by Section 7 (4), Article One below.

(4) In addition to the candidates approved by the Executive Board, any regular member may have his/her name appear on the official ballot if he/she has the written endorsement of at least fifty (50) regular members of the Academy. Petitions supporting the candidacy of a member must be in the hands of the Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee, at least ten (10)