

BY-LAWS OF
NASSAU BLUE INCORPORATED

I. AIMS OR PURPOSES OF “NASSAU BLUE INCORPORATED”, herein after referred to as the Association.

The goal and requirements of this Association is to remain non-political and non-profit. It is to always be fraternal or social, to work in conjunction with organizations that also have the well- being or safety of law enforcement personnel as their main objective. To hold, arrange , sponsor or direct as many social, entertaining, charitable or educational events as deemed fitting and proper by the regular members of the Association. To meet at least twelve (12) times per calendar year for organizational business and planning. **NOTE:** This includes Board of Governors meetings if general membership meetings are not possible.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be in the following categories: Charter, Regular, Associate, Honorary and Lifetime Members.

A. **Charter Members:** All regular members who have complied with all membership and dues requirements during or before the Open Meeting of July, 1993 shall be designated with the title of “Charter Member”. This designation bestows no special privilege other than the “Honor” to display “Charter Member” as a personal statement. No other member of the Association may display “Charter Member” with the Nassau Blue logo or name.

B. **Regular Members:** Regular membership in the Association shall be open to all Police and Peace Officers, who honorably served within the geographical boundaries of the County of Nassau, State of New York. Additionally, a spouse, or close family member, of an active or retired member of an approved Law Enforcement Agency is eligible for Regular Membership after fulfilling all membership and dues requirements.* The membership is open to, but not limited to, members of the following Agencies:

1. The Nassau County Police Department
2. Nassau County Corrections and Sheriff's Departments.
3. City Police Departments (Glen Cove and Long Beach)
4. Recognized Nassau County Village Police Departments (current, merged, or absorbed)
5. Long Island State Park Police
6. Long Island Railroad Police
7. New York State Police “Troop-L” (formerly Troop-K).

* This section was amended and passed by the Membership at the September, 2024 Open Meeting.

- C. **Associate Members**: Any person who was honorably employed by any Law Enforcement Agency may submit application for membership in the Association. Any person requesting Associate Membership status must comply with the provisions set forth for regular membership as to dues, initiation fees and must also submit verifiable proof of their law enforcement employment. Associate Members shall enjoy all courtesies and have all privileges and responsibilities afforded to Regular members except that of the vote or elected office. Spouses of Regular Members are 'ex officio' Associate Members and are not required to submit initiation fees or dues, as long as their Regular member remains current.
- D. **Honorary Members**: Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon anyone who exhibits a keen interest in the wellbeing of the Association or its members. Such memberships are to be decided upon by the Board of Governors and voted on by regular members at an open meeting. Honorary Membership may be granted to any family member of deceased Police or Peace Officers who would have been eligible for membership, with the approval of regular members. Honorary members will be governed by the same rules as Associate members with the exception that no dues or initiation fees will be levied.
- E. **Lifetime Members**: Any member of Nassau Blue Incorporated having attained at least eighty (80) years of age and who held active membership for at least one (1) year shall be granted Lifetime Membership in the Association. Lifetime Members retain all active membership privileges and are exempt from annual dues.

III. **DUES**

- A. **Application Fee**: The sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) United States Currency, cash, check or money order shall be submitted with each application for membership or re-instatement of members declared to be in the arrears. This amount is refundable (rev. 8/94).
- B. **Annual Dues**: As of January 1, 1994 the indebtedness to the Association will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) United States Currency, cash, check or money order for all Charter, Regular and Associate members of the Association. Lifetime Members are exempt from annual dues.
- C. **Dues Payments**: Charter, Regular and Associate Members shall submit their Annual Dues to the Treasurer prior to the January meeting for the calendar year for which they are due.
 - 1. **New members** shall submit a Nassau Blue Membership Application accompanied by the application fee and annual dues to the Treasurer of the Association. Annual Dues for NEW MEMBERS ONLY shall be pro-rated to seven dollars (\$7.00), if the application is made after July 31 of the calendar year. The application shall be approved by the Membership Committee.
 - a. Should an application for new membership be rejected for any reason, the fees submitted would be fully refundable. (rev. 8/94)
 - 2. **Delinquent Member**: A member shall be declared delinquent if annual membership dues have not been received by March 31 of the calendar year in which they are due. (added 8/94).
 - a. Any member who has been declared to be dues in arrears or has withdrawn their membership, may reapply for Active Membership Status. The applicant may apply for Re-instatement by submitting an application to the Board of Governors accompanied by the application fee of seven dollars (\$7.00) and Annual Dues Assessment for one year. (added 8/94)

IV. MEETINGS

“Roberts Rules of Order” shall be the guideline for meeting procedures. Motions may be carried by a voice vote. Meetings are to be called at a time and place decided upon by the Governing Board. Meeting place must be adequate for the needs of the Organization. Said meetings will be held at least twelve (12) times per year unless meeting place is unavailable or regular membership votes to decide otherwise.

A. VOTING: Votes cast on any motion must be cast by a Regular Member who is in good standing. A member in good standing is one who is current with all dues payments and is in physical attendance at the meeting at the time of said vote.

V. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

1. Members will make all reasonable efforts to pay dues on time, attend meetings and otherwise support the function of the Association.
2. No member shall allow any information concerning the Association or its membership to be seen or dispensed or in any way used by any person outside of the Association.
3. No member may use the “NAME” or “LOGO” of this Association without written approval of the Board of Governors.
4. All outside inquiries, of any nature, directed to or about the Association or its membership, must be submitted in writing and approved by the Board of Governors and/or any member whom the inquiry is made.
5. All members will complete a “Nassau Blue” membership application and keep the Association updated as to any changes in status submitted on the original application.

This section of the By-Laws shall apply to all members: Charter, Regular, Associate and Honorary.

VI. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The number and titles of the elected officers have been determined by a plurality vote of the membership. The duties and responsibilities of the elected officers of “Nassau Blue” are denoted and explained in this chapter.

A. The term of office for all elected Board of Governor members and any future elected office of the Association shall be (2) two years.

B. Officers:

1. **President:** As presiding officer, the duties will be to chair all open and Board meetings, be an ‘ex officio’ member of all committees, audit treasury, co-sign checks and be spokesperson for the Association.
2. **Vice President:** Assistant to the President, ‘ex officio’ of all committees, assume the duties of the President in case of absence, co-signer of Association checks and Chair meeting fundraising.

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3. **Treasurer:** Responsible for collection of annual dues, initiation fees, health and welfare funds and maintaining accurate financial records. Oversee expenditures, open, maintain, co-sign organizational checking account checks and report to the President and Vice President the status of these accounts regarding income, over expenditures and overdue member dues.

4. **Recording Secretary:** Record and maintain minutes of all meetings of the Association and report same to members and officers. Chairperson of Health and Welfare Committees. Chair meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President.

5. **Corresponding Secretary:** Maintain a current roster and mailing list of all Association members. Receive correspondence from any person(s) or organization(s) requesting information regarding the Association and reply to said correspondence after consulting with the President and/or Vice President. Sit as a member of the Health and Welfare Committee.

6. **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Maintain order at meetings. Record the names of members attending the regular membership meetings and sit as a member of the Health and Welfare Committee.

7. **Editor:** Responsible for the proper and responsible editing and publication of the Association Newsletters, fliers, brochures, etc., published by the Association.

C. **Board of Governors:** Meetings shall require a quorum of four (4) Board Members to be present before any action can be taken regarding the Association.

D. **Removal of an Officer from Office:**
Elected Officers may be removed from office at any time for cause i.e.: malfeasance or non-feasance or any willful violation of the Bylaws of the Association. A vote carried by the plurality of regular members in good standing shall carry the motion. Officers may also be removed in a "no confidence" vote. This action shall require two thirds in favor vote and shall reflect all regular members, therefore requiring a return mail vote.

VII. COMMITTEES

A. Committees shall be established as deemed necessary by the Board of Governors and appointed by the President of the Association.

1. A committee shall consist of a Chairperson and members who will serve on said committee. The President and Vice President are 'ex-officio' members of the committees.

2. Revenues generated exceeding those required to fund an event shall be placed in the funds of the Association. (new section added 8-94)

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. The election of Officers shall take place at the opening meeting held in November and the installation of the newly elected Board of Governors will take place at that time.

B. Nominations

1. Nominees for elective office shall have their names placed in nomination by Regular Members of the Association and meet the following criteria to hold office:

a. Nominees for elective office shall be a Charter or Regular member in good standing, a member for at least one (1) year and attended at least fifty percent (50%) of regular membership meetings.

2. Nominations for office will be held at the open meeting, held in October, prior to election.

3. If only one person shall be nominated for an office position, the Recording Secretary shall cast the one and only vote to elect the nominee.

C. **Term in office** shall commence on the First Day of January following the election. If decided by the Regular Members, a formal installation ceremony may be held at a function after the election.

IX. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

A. Amendments to the By-Laws shall be implemented using the following procedure:

1. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Governors for review prior to the next regular meeting of the Association.

2. A proposed amendment that has been received will be presented to the regular membership at the next meeting of the Association for a vote.

3. A vote of two thirds of the Regular Members present will pass the By-Law Amendment for adoption.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Dissolution of Nassau Blue, Inc.

If upon the dissolution of Nassau Blue Incorporated, all assets of the Organization shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501.C (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or to the Federal Government or a State or Local Government for a public purpose, or would be distributed by a court to another organization to be used in such manor as in the judgement of the court will best accomplish the general purposes for which the dissolved organization was organized and in accordance with all applicable Federal and State Statutes. (Amended 8-96)