

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING, GAS
AND MECHANICAL INSPECTORS**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Alabama Association of Plumbing, Gas and Mechanical Inspectors.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECTS**

The Objects of this organization are to:

- A. Educate Inspectors, Contractors, Architects, Engineers and the General Public about the codes and standards we are charged with enforcing.
- B. Cooperate in the formulation of an Alabama plumbing, gas, and mechanical code standard.
- C. Work toward a uniform plumbing, gas, and mechanical code for all cities and counties.
- D. Promote uniform understanding and application of all state, county, and city plumbing, gas, and mechanical codes.
- E. Secure and promote uniform administrative ordinances and inspection methods.
- F. Promote closer cooperation among inspector, inspection departments, health departments, plumbing, gas and mechanical industry and the public.
- G. Promote and improve the standards of the profession of plumbing, gas, and mechanical inspectors.
- H. To provide at least one Scholarship ~~second Sophomore~~ **opportunity** annually to a student in at least their ~~second Sophomore~~ **opportunity** year of post-secondary school in the name of Gerald Smith - Ed Lawrence hereby known as the Smith-Lawrence Scholarship Award.
- I. To provide at least one Scholarship ~~or in their Freshman their first~~ **opportunity** annually to a student entering ~~or in their Freshman their first~~ **opportunity** year of post-secondary school in the name of Buddy Childers - Bob Glaze hereby known as the Childers-Glaze Scholarship Award. It is the intent of this award to also fund a full four year scholarship at such time the Officers and Board of Directors determine.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this organization shall be active, associate, retired active and retired associate.

- A. Active membership shall be restricted to municipalities or other political subdivisions, which shall be represented by public officials actively engaged in plumbing, gas, and mechanical inspections, or inspectors of governmental departments, which administer, enforce, or formulate laws, rules, or regulations relating to plumbing, gas, and mechanical installations.
- B. Associate membership shall consist of those persons, firms, or corporations affiliated with manufacturers of plumbing, gas, and mechanical equipment or materials; or any person, firm, or corporation or organization affiliated with the activities described for active members and who desire to assist in the promoting of this organization for the purpose of protecting the public against the faulty installation of plumbing, gas, and/or mechanical systems and equipment.
- C. Retired Active and Retired Associate members shall have full privileges as an active or associate member.
- D. The application for membership shall be accompanied by the annual dues as stipulated for active and/or associate membership in Article IX of these constitution and bylaws.
- E. When a retired active or associate member in good standing for a minimum of 10 (ten) years of membership and participation and has contributed to a great extent, to the success of the Alabama Association of Plumbing, Gas, and Mechanical Inspectors organization, the Executive Board after vetting his membership status, may bestow the member the classification of Honorary Lifetime Member. The member shall have the same privileges of an active or associate member. The registration for the Annual Educational Conference shall be waived for these members.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- A. Officers of this association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the association from the active members who, at the time of their election, are in good standing. Such newly elected officers shall hold office for a period of one year beginning sixty (60) days following the date of their election to office, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.
- B. The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and shall appoint chairman and committees not provided specifically for herein. The President shall also preside at all Board of Directors meetings, and perform all other and such usual duties as performed by the President of an association.
- C. The Vice President shall act and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, sit on the Program Committee and shall assist the President in the conduct of the office and the activities of the association.

- D. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of all meetings and association activities, perform the correspondence of the association, and shall head the Membership Committee.
- E. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of this association in accordance with the terms of the constitution and bylaws of this association and shall render a Treasurer's Report at each annual meeting of the association, and at such other times when called upon to do so by the President or the Board of Directors.
- F. All checks disbursing association funds shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or other elected official of the association.
- G. Past President shall be an advisor to the President on the Program Committee.
- H. In the event of an Officer stepping down after the Annual Meeting, ~~the Vice-President and/or Secretary will move up one position and serve the remainder of the term.~~ The President, or Board of Directors would then appoint someone to serve the remainder of the term ~~of Secretary~~. This appointment would need a Majority ~~telephone~~ vote (in person, telephone, or electronic) of the Board of Directors for approval.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1 - Four (4) active members shall be elected as members of the Board of Directors by the active membership. The two receiving the highest number of votes at the first meeting shall serve for a term of two years and the next two highest shall serve for a term of one year. Thereafter, two members shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.
- Section 2 - The duly elected President, Vice President, Secretary, ~~and~~ Treasurer, ~~and immediate Past President~~ shall also serve as members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3 - The policies, business, property, Membership Drive Committee, and management of the association shall be under the authority of the Board of Directors.
- Section 4 - No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall succeed themselves more than two consecutive terms except the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- Section 5 - A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Board of directors. Action taken by less than five (5) members present shall be confirmed by letter ballot. ~~Email~~ Electronic voting shall be allowed when deemed necessary or beneficial to the function of the Board. ~~Email~~ Electronic voting shall require a majority vote for approval.
- Section 6 - In the event of a Board Member stepping down after the Annual Meeting, or, a Board Member failing to properly perform his duties, or missing more than 3 meetings without approval of the President, shall be subject to removal from office by a vote of the Board of Directors. A 2/3 vote

would be required for removal. The President would then appoint someone to serve the remainder of the ~~year~~ term. This appointment would need a Majority vote (in person, telephone, or Electronic) of the Board of Directors for approval. At the next Annual Meeting, a new Board Member would be elected.

ARTICLE VI VOTING

The active members of this association shall have the sole and exclusive right to vote.

Each active member represents only one vote.

Associate members shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor for discussion at all meetings of the association; however, they shall not have the right to vote. Only active members present motions from the floor of the assembly.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1 - An annual meeting of the association shall be held each year at such time and place as may be designated by the President and the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - The President of this association shall have the right and authority to call meetings of the Board of Directors, as he/she deems necessary.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The constitution and bylaws of the association may be changed and/or amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members of this association present at the business meeting. Any proposed changes in the constitution and bylaws shall be ~~distributed~~ available to each active member of the association not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to ~~the next a vote at the~~ annual business meeting.

ARTICLE IX ANNUAL DUES

Section 1 -

- a) The annual dues for active membership shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- b) The annual dues for associate membership shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- c) The dues of the retired active or retired associate shall be waived.

Section 2 -

- a) The dues shall cover the calendar year ~~March 1st to February 29th~~ and shall be paid each year ~~on or before the first day of March, or~~ in conjunction with annual educational conference fees.
 - b) The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate roster of the active and associate memberships, including mailing addresses.
- Section 3 - No person shall be a member in good standing who has not paid their annual dues.

ARTICLE X PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary laws not covered by the constitution and bylaws of this association.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLVING OF ASSOCIATION

In the event that the Alabama Association of Plumbing, Gas, and Mechanical Inspectors Board of Directors determine it necessary to dissolve the association, they shall bring forth a motion at the following annual conference for a vote. This vote must pass by a 2/3 majority by all active members. In the event the motion carries, all monies after outstanding debts are paid, will be added to the Smart-Courtney Endowment Fund being held by Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

ARTICLE XII AWARDS

A. AAPGMI CODE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

May be presented to a current ACTIVE MEMBER who is in good standing and has been vetted as a member of AAPGMI for a minimum of 5 (five) years. It shall be a person who has participated and contributed to the success of AAPGMI in addition to promoting the safety and public welfare of their city, county, or state. It is not required to give this award every year.

B. AAPGMI FLOYD DIMON MEMBER OF THE YEAR

May be presented to a current ACTIVE MEMBER who has been vetted as a member in good standing for a minimum of 5 (five) years and who has contributed to the education of Code Officials and participants at our Annual Educational Conference. It is not required to give this award every year.

C. AAPGMI PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

May be presented to anyone who the President feels has contributed to a successful Educational Conference, while assisting and supporting them in their administrative duties throughout the year.

D. AAPGMI VENDOR OF THE YEAR

May be presented to a Vendor who has supported AAPGMI through education, vendor booths, golf tournaments, or any other activities that contributed to the success of our Annual Educational Conference for a minimum of 3 (three) years.

E. BARNETT/DONALDSON ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

May be presented to a current associate member who has been vetted as a member in good standing for a minimum of 5 (five) years and who has contributed to the education of Code Officials and participants of our Annual Educational Conference. It is not required to give this award every year.