

USNAAA Bylaws
U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association
Low Country Chapter Mission and Bylaws

Mission:

To be an organization that enables US Naval Academy (USNA) alumni to connect, enjoy fellowship and network with other USNA alumni, to stay informed and support the Naval Academy and Naval Service, and to be a voice and ambassador in the South Carolina and Georgia low country region for a strong and vibrant Naval Academy and Naval Service.

Bylaws:

Article I – Name and Location:

1. The name of the organization, as recognized by the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association hereafter called the Alumni Association, shall be the Low Country Chapter of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, hereafter called the Chapter.
2. The location of this organization shall be in the Hilton Head Island, SC area with area being defined by the National Organization or an area designated by the Chapter Board.

Article II – Membership:

1. Regular Member – Any person who has been sworn in as a Midshipman at the Naval Academy and whose service has not been terminated under other than honorable conditions is eligible for membership in this Chapter. He or she becomes a Regular Member of the Chapter, entitled to one vote and to hold office, upon payment of the annual dues as set by the Board of Directors.
2. Associate Member – Persons who have demonstrated active support of the Naval Service, the Naval Academy, or the Alumni Association may be invited to join the Chapter as Associate Members with non-voting privileges. The number of Associate Members shall not exceed ten percent of the Regular Members. Annual dues will be assessed except for widows or widowers of deceased alumni.
3. Any member may be suspended or expelled from membership in the Chapter for due cause by a vote of the Board of Directors, or may resign upon submission of his/her resignation in writing to the Secretary.
4. Any member may nominate a person for Honorary Membership. This person would be a non-voting member and would not pay any dues. The number of honorary members shall not exceed 3 percent of the average annual members.

Article III – Officers:

1. The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. They shall be nominated and elected as herein provided. The President shall be elected only when there is no Vice-President to succeed or is otherwise unwilling.
2. The term of office shall normally begin on June 1 and end on May 31 the following year.

Article IV – Board of Directors:

1. The Board of Directors, hereafter called the Board, shall consist of the Chapter Officers and four other Regular Members. The Chapter past President and past Directors shall be ex-officio Board members with vote.
2. Three of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article V – Duties:

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board and shall exercise the power and the duties usual to that office.
2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the names and addresses of all the members and also record minutes of the meetings of the Chapter and the Board.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Chapter and keep them safe. He or she shall prepare and present for audit a statement of all receipts, expenditures and changes in fund balances on a cash basis for each year ending May 31 or on a fiscal year-to-date basis at other times as requested by the Board.
5. Each Officer may have other duties as assigned and authorized by the Board.
6. The Board shall have general charge and control of the activities and properties of the Chapter not otherwise provided for.
7. Other Regular and Associate Members may be appointed as chairpersons and members of committees and directors of programs and projects as determined by the President with the approval of the Board.
8. Annually the Board will approve Objectives to execute the Chapter Mission. Additionally, the Board will establish measurable attainable Goals for each objective and create an annual budget in support of the Objectives and Goals. The Board will then publish the Objectives and Goals to the membership.

Article VI – Nominations/Elections:

1. Candidates for the Offices and Board shall be nominated and elected by all Regular Members of the Chapter. The nominations should normally be made in April followed by an election in May, to take office in June.
2. Voting may be by any reasonable means. When more than one person is nominated for any one office, the person receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected. In case two or more persons receive the same number of votes, the tie shall be decided by lot.

Article VII – Amendments:

1. Any Regular Member may propose an amendment to the Mission or to these Bylaws at any regular meeting. If approved by a majority vote of the Regular Members present and voting, the proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary, in writing, to all members at least ten days prior to the next regular meeting. If the amendment is then approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at that meeting, the amendment shall become effective provided the amendment is in accord with the Mission and Bylaws of the National U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association.