



CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

This Document contains the Constitution and By-Laws for the Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts (TALEA). They have been approved by the originating Executive Board consisting of 5 Analysts throughout Tennessee.

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TALEA Constitution & By-Laws

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Preamble

Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts (TALEA) hereby organizes to create a new sense of cooperation, advocacy, communication and unified standards for improved education, training and awareness within the crime and intelligence analysis field.

ARTICLE I: Association Name

The name of the association is the **Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts**, hereinafter referred to as **TALEA** or the Association.

ARTICLE II: Purpose and Vision

- 1) To promote **statewide professional standards** for analysts
- 2) To foster **multi-agency collaboration** and information sharing
- 3) To provide a forum for **the exchange of information** and ideas in support of the development and advancement of local crime and intelligence analysis professionals
- 4) To support and enhance **the professional development/training/skills** of the members of the Association
- 5) To **assist local law enforcement agencies** in the development and advancement of analysis programs
- 6) To provide advocacy and liaison for analysts; and to promote analytical concepts to improve existing information sharing with state and local entities

ARTICLE III: Affiliations of TALEA

- 1) With the majority approval of its membership, **TALEA** may be empowered to establish affiliations with other organizations espousing compatible goals and doctrines
- 2) No member shall use the name of the Association in written or verbal correspondence that would imply that the person is speaking on behalf of or being endorsed by the Association without the approval of the Executive Board
- 3) **TALEA** shall not align itself or publicly support any one political party or its candidates to achieve its goals

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1: Non-Discrimination

TALEA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age and non-disqualifying mental or physical disabilities or veterans' status.

Section 2: Membership Types

- 1) Full Membership is given to professionals (sworn, non-sworn or civilians) of any law enforcement, criminal justice entity or a member of an organization having a direct working relationship with law enforcement (if sponsored by a member of that law enforcement agency's command staff). Such members will have voting authority. Full Members will be required to pay full membership dues. Such status will be approved by the Membership Committee or the Vice President of Membership. The payment of yearly **IACA** dues for those

TALEA members holding full membership status shall be included with the yearly **TALEA** membership. **TALEA** members do have the option to 'opt' out of the **IACA** membership. Further, membership to **TALEA** is not limited to only Tennessee agencies.

- 2) Associate Membership is available to individuals associated with criminal justice, criminology, police science or related programs at colleges or universities; or other professionals and/or persons who deal with or are involved with the law enforcement community. An Associate Member must be recommended by a full member of **TALEA** and must be approved by the Board. Such members will not have voting authority or be eligible to hold elected office. Associates will be required to pay Associate Membership dues.

Section 3: Status of Membership

Membership in **TALEA** is a privilege, not a right. Membership will be restricted to those law enforcement professionals who demonstrate interest in crime and/or intelligence analysis and support the doctrines and goals of **TALEA**. Membership is retained by the individual, not the agency. To be considered a member in good standing of **TALEA**, one must have all dues and fees paid and current by the testimony of the Treasurer. Members will remain in good standing for up to three (3) months after their renewal date. All membership eligibility shall be determined on a preliminary basis by the Vice President of Membership. Each full member shall have one (1) vote and he/she can place that vote via electronic voting and/or through a hard copy of the vote if they are present at the meeting.

Section 4: Rights of Membership

- 1) Members of **TALEA** have the following rights:
 - a) To attend meetings, conferences, and special functions of **TALEA**
 - b) To make, debate, and vote on motions
 - c) To vote in elections
 - d) To run for a position on the Executive Board
 - e) To nominate members to the Executive Board
 - f) To access and review the minutes of general meetings, special meetings, and Executive Board meetings of **TALEA**.
 - g) To enjoy all products, services, and benefits of membership
 - h) To be eligible to chair and sit on committees of **TALEA**.

Section 5: Application for Membership

Application for membership in **TALEA** can be made by submitting the application paperwork to the office of the Vice President of Membership. Upon membership approval by the Vice President of Membership, an invoice for membership dues will be sent to the applicant. Membership will commence upon receipt of funds.

Section 6: Dues and Fees

- 1) The Executive Board of **TALEA** shall hold the responsibility of mandating the dues and fees schedules for membership and sponsorships. These schedules will be set by the Executive Board and shall be approved by a simple majority of the voting membership of the Executive Board. It will be the responsibility of the Treasurer to distribute billings to members annually.
- 2) The costs of all membership will be determined by the executive committee and posted on **TALEA** website.

Section 7: Expired Membership

Expiration of membership will be a result of non-payment of dues, following the expiration of the three (3) - month grace period.

Section 8: Resignations and Disciplinary Action

- 1) Individuals may resign their membership in TALEA by written notice to TALEA Secretary, or they may simply let their membership expire through non-renewal of dues.
- 2) Members may be censured, suspended, or expelled from TALEA for malicious action that damages TALEA or is contrary to the purposes of TALEA. TALEA Executive Board will have authority to investigate and make any and all decisions. In the event that there is a conflict of interest, TALEA Executive Board will have the authority to request the Representative Council to investigate and make any and all disciplinary decisions, consistent with the rules established in Article VIII, Section 2.

ARTICLE V: Nominations and Elections

Section 1: Elections

- 1) Elections for all elected officer positions will take place on a bi-annual basis. The dates given in the paragraphs below apply to the year in which the terms of office for the current Executive Board members expire.
- 2) A candidate must receive a majority of the voting members' votes to be elected, with the modifications of Paragraph 8 & 9 below.
- 3) Elections will be managed by the Representative Council provided in Article VIII, Section 2.
- 4) Nominations for each office must be submitted in writing to the Representative Council by June 1. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate.
- 5) The Representative Council will issue a ballot to all members by August 1. Only individuals who are members of TALEA on the date the ballots are issued will receive ballots and will be allowed to vote in the election.
- 6) Ballots will be tallied by October 1st.
- 7) Members must return the ballot at least 10 days prior to the Tallying Date. Ballots returned by mail will remain sealed in their envelopes until the Tallying Date.
- 8) A nominee will be considered elected to an office when he/she receives a simple majority of the general membership casting votes in the election. If there is one nominee for an office, that person shall be considered elected by acclimation.
- 9) If no nominee receives a simple majority of the ballots, a run-off election must be conducted between the nominees who received the largest number of votes in the general election.
- 10) The Representative Council will announce the results of the vote during the Annual Meeting or electronically to the members through the listserv.
- 11) Newly elected positions will take office effective January 1.

ARTICLE VI: Officers and Appointees

Section 1: Officer Positions

Officers of the Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts shall be a President, a Vice President of Administration, a Vice President of Membership, a Secretary, a Treasurer as elected under Article V. These Officers will make up the Executive Board. The Executive Board will appoint one Web Designer, who will serve as non-voting member of the Executive Board. This appointment shall occur within 30 days of the election results being finalized. The terms of the Web Designer shall follow the same two year terms as the elected Executive Board members.

Section 2: Eligibility

Officers must be members of the Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts. No members may hold more than one office at the same time. To be eligible for TALEA Executive Board positions, a candidate must have one year of relevant analysis experience or education pertinent to the position.

Section 3: Duties & Responsibilities

- 1) The **President** has the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a) To participate as a voting member of the Executive Committee
 - b) To preside at all TALEA membership meetings and Executive Board meetings;
 - c) To present at each Annual Meeting an Annual Report of the activities of **TALEA**;
 - d) To prepare the agenda for Annual Meetings and Executive Board meetings;
 - e) To manage the goals, projects, and priorities of the association;
 - f) To nominate chairmen and members of all committees, temporary and permanent, under the rules established in Article VIII;
 - g) To co-approve, with the Treasurer, expenditures of the organization, consistent with the rules established in Article VII ;
 - h) To serve as an ex officio member of all committees, permanent and temporary;
 - i) To exercise other powers and duties as may reasonably be construed as belonging to the Chief Executive of an organization
- 2) The **Vice President of Administration** has the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a) To participate as a voting member of the Executive Committee
 - b) In the event of the absence or the inability of the President to exercise his or her office, to become acting President of the Association, with all of the rights, privileges, and powers as if he or she had been the duly elected President;
 - c) To nominate chairmen and members of all committees, temporary and permanent, under the rules established in Article VIII;
 - d) To otherwise perform the duties and responsibilities of the President during the temporary absence of the President;
 - e) To serve as an ex-officio member of Conference Committee;
 - f) To handle administrative functions of the association not specifically given to other Officers or Committees.
- 3) The **Vice President of Membership** has the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a) To participate as a voting member of the Executive Committee
 - b) To maintain the association's current membership roster;

- c) To nominate chairmen and members of all committees, temporary and permanent, under the rules established in Article VIII;
 - d) To manage all recruitment efforts;
 - e) To notify members upon expiration of their memberships;
 - f) To chair the Membership Committee, if formed, under the provisions of Article VIII;
 - g) In the event of the absence or the inability of the President and the Vice President of Administration to exercise the office of President, to become acting President of the association, with all of the rights, privileges, and powers as if he or she had been the duly elected President;
 - h) To otherwise perform the duties and responsibilities of the President during the temporary absence of the President and the Vice President of Administration.
- 4) The **Treasurer** has the following duties and responsibilities:
- a) To participate as a voting member of the Executive Committee
 - b) To ensure the care and custody of all funds belonging to the association;
 - c) To nominate chairmen and members of all committees, temporary and permanent, under the rules established in Article VIII;
 - d) To deposit funds received through membership dues and other sources;
 - e) To distribute funds authorized by the members or by the Executive Board, consistent with the provisions outlined in Article VII;
 - f) To provide invoices to members for payment of their membership dues;
 - g) To co-approve, with the President, expenditures of the organization, consistent with the provisions outlined in Article VII;
 - h) To provide to the membership, on a quarterly basis, a statement on the association's current treasury balance;
 - i) To provide to the membership at the Annual Meeting a detailed list of expenditures for the previous year;
 - j) To provide an annual report with the Tennessee Secretary of State
 - k) To arrange for an audit of the accounts every two years, as each newly elected Executive Board takes office.
 - l) To facilitate financial transparency with all Board Members to include financial statements.
- 5) The **Secretary** has the following duties and responsibilities:
- a) To participate as a voting member of the Executive Committee
 - b) To keep the minutes and records of the association;
 - c) To nominate chairmen and members of all committees, temporary and permanent, under the rules established in Article VIII;
 - d) To ensure that all documents required by law and by TALEA by-laws are properly kept and filed;
 - e) To serve all official notices to members of the association;
 - f) To edit and publish all publications of the association, except where otherwise provided;
 - g) To be the official custodian of all records and the seal of the association;
 - h) To handle correspondence of the organization.
- 6) The **Web Designer** has the following duties and responsibilities:
- a) To participate as a non-voting member of the Executive Board;
 - b) To administer TALEA's official website and updates and maintenance thereof;
 - c) To post regular updates and announcements, posting current meeting information;
 - d) To create new sections on the website as needed (annual conference, training classes, etc.);
 - e) To post new officer results after the elections are concluded;

- f) To create and maintain the listservs, tracking web traffic patterns and growth and other website duties as assigned.
- g) To possess above-average knowledge of HTML coding and the ability to access the working mechanisms behind TALEA website.
- h) The Executive Board may recruit and appoint additional volunteer personnel to assist with website maintenance. These assistants will not serve as members of the Executive Board.

Section 4: Board Member Dues & Fees

All members of the Board will have their dues waived and TALEA membership covered so long as they continue to hold and represent their office. As well, any and all fees for TALEA sponsored training is waived during their tenure. This is a benefit given to Board members to help compensate and thank them for their time and efforts as well as to reward their respective Agencies for allowing them to spend work time doing TALEA related tasks. This will only apply if the Association is financially able to do so. The Executive Board will determine if the Association is financially able to waive the Executive Board's membership fees or training.

Section 5: Terms and Succession of Office

- 1) Each Officer shall be elected to a term of office of two years.
- 2) If the President permanently leaves his or her position through resignation, removal, suspension, or other means, the Vice President of Administration shall assume the powers of the President for the remainder of the elected President's term. In the event that the Vice President of Administration is unable to assume the office of the President, the Vice President of Membership shall assume the office of the President for the remainder of the elected President's term.
- 3) If an elected officer other than the President leaves his or her position through resignation, removal, suspension, or other means, the President shall appoint a member of the association to assume the office for the remainder of the term. Such appointment will be contingent upon the approval of at least two thirds of the remaining officers, including the President.
- 4) No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 6: The Office of Past President

The Past President will be held by any or all of the previous individuals who have held the Office of President. This position will be in an advisory position, but not a Board voting position. The immediate past President position would receive the same benefits as Board Members.

Section 7: Resignation or Removal from Office

- 1) Elected Officers may be removed from their offices through the following means:
 - a) The Officer may resign his or her position by submitting his or her resignation, in writing, to the Secretary or, if the resigning officer is the Secretary, to the President;
 - b) The Officer may be suspended from his or her duties by a 3/5 vote of the Executive Board, under the grounds listed below; subject to review and ratification by the membership,
 - i. The Officer has acted in a manner that is damaging to TALEA or contrary to the purposes for which TALEA was established;
 - ii. Acting as an Officer of TALEA, the officer has committed an illegal act;

- iii. The Officer has been convicted of a felony, related or unrelated to his or her position within **TALEA**;
 - iv. The Officer has abandoned his or her duties and has not responded to communication from the Executive Board for a period of one month;
 - v. The Officer refuses or is unable to perform his or her duties as outlined in Article VI, Section 3.
- c) The Officer may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the membership, for any of the following reasons, if recommended by the Representative Council as in Article VIII:
- i. The Officer has acted in a manner that is damaging to the Association or contrary to its purposes;
 - ii. Acting as an Officer of TALEA, the Officer has committed an illegal act;
 - iii. The Officer has been convicted of a felony, related or unrelated to his or her position within **TALEA**;
 - iv. The officer has abandoned his or her duties and has not responded to communication from the Executive Board for a period of one month;
 - v. The officer refuses or is unable to perform his or her duties as outlined in Article VI.
- 2) Any Officer removed from office under these provisions shall be replaced under the provisions of Section 5.

Article VII: Executive Board

Section 1: Composition

The Executive Board will consist of all Officers of TALEA, including the Past President.

Section 2: Powers

- 1) The following powers are granted to the association's Executive Board:
 - a) Oversight and administration over the various functions, benefits, and operations of **TALEA**.
 - b) Administrative tasks and expenditure of funds necessary to carry out the projects and priorities of **TALEA**, as directed by the members during an Annual Meeting, or by general consent to the proposals of the President.
 - c) Powers necessary to organize and run **TALEA** Annual Meeting and its associated activities.
 - d) The authority to establish affiliations and partnerships with non-profit organizations having compatible goals and doctrines, and the power to dissolve such affiliations and partnerships.
 - e) The authority to pursue sources of funding for the association, where consistent with goals of the association outlined in Article II.
 - f) All powers necessary for Officers to comply with their duties and responsibilities as outlined in Article VI.
 - g) Powers elsewhere assigned to Officers or the Executive Board within these by-laws.
- 2) All powers not assigned to the Executive Board belong to the members of the association.
- 3) Any policy or decision of the Executive Board may be overridden by a 2/3 vote of the voting membership.

Section 3: Meetings

- 1) The Executive Board will meet as often as its members require, but no less than once per quarter.
- 2) Telephone conference calls fulfill the meeting requirements under Paragraph 1.

- 3) Minutes of the Executive Board meetings, including items of discussion and decisions made, shall be published by the Secretary and made available to all TALEA members within ten days following the meeting.

Section 4: Quorum

No business shall be conducted in an Executive Board session without the presence of three elected officers.

ARTICLE VIII: Committees

Section 1: Establishment, Appointment, Composition, and Administration of Committees

- 1) Committees may be established through any of the following means: As provided in these by-laws; by a majority vote of the voting members; by a 3/5 vote of the Executive Board.
- 2) The Executive Board shall appoint all committee members, except where otherwise provided.
- 3) Except where otherwise provided, the President will nominate all committee chairmen, subject to the 3/5 ratification of the Executive Board.
- 4) The President shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees, but shall not have voting authority except on committees on which he or she serves as the chairman, unless he or she is appointed to the committee through the ratification process outlined in Paragraph 3.
- 5) Committees may consist of a single member, and in such case will be referred to as Appointed Positions.
- 6) The chairman of each committee, or his or her designated proxy, shall present the report and resolutions of the committee to the members at each Annual Meeting. Such a report may be written or oral.
- 7) Committees may establish sub-committees if necessary, in which case the chairman of the general committee will serve as an ex officio member of each sub-committee.
- 8) A Representative Council consisting of three members, one from the east, middle, and west Tennessee, shall be created to act as a voice for each member region for purposes of expressing opinions of their representative body to the Executive Board.

Section 2: Standing Committees & Appointed Positions

- 1) The Executive Board can elect to create a Conference Committee. This committee will be established at least one year prior to each Annual Meeting of TALEA, to organize, plan, and execute the Annual Conference. The Vice President of Administration will serve as an ex-officio member of this committee, but not as the chairman.
- 2) The Representative Council shall oversee elections and grievances and act as a representative for each division in the state to the Executive Committee.
 - a) The Representative Council will act as a fact-finding body to investigate grievances against Executive Board members of TALEA, and to make recommendations for sanctions as authorized in Article IV, Section 8 and Article VI, Section 7. The following special provisions apply to the appointment and operations of the Representative Council:
 - i. Executive Board members shall not serve on the Representative Council.
 - ii. Any grievance against an Executive Board member shall be made in writing to any member of the Representative Council.

- iii. Grievances against a TALEA member shall be made in writing to any member of TALEA Executive Board.
 - iv. The Representative Council shall investigate the allegations in the grievance and present their findings in writing to the Executive Board (excluding the alleged member in question) within 60 days of receiving the grievance.
 - v. The Executive Board shall review the report of the Representative Council at its next scheduled business meeting or conference call, but no more than 30 days after receiving the Representative Council's report.
 - vi. The accused member shall be notified of the investigation 30 days prior to the Executive Board's decision and shall have an opportunity to respond to the allegations in writing.
 - vii. The Executive Board shall vote whether to take action in the matter under the guidelines outlined in Article IV, Section 8 or Article VI, Section 7. Members can override the Executive Board's decision with a 2/3 vote.
 - viii. Both the Representative Council and the member who submitted the grievance shall be notified in writing of the Executive Board's decision.
- b) During election years, the Representative Council will serve as the Election Committee. The Committee will begin planning for the election at least eight months prior to the Annual Meeting. The Election Committee shall run the election of Officers in a manner consistent with Article VII. No member running for office shall serve on the Election Committee.
 - c) The Representative Council may attend as a non-voting member of the Executive Board.

Section 3: Optional Committees

- 1) **An Advisory Committee** may be established by the Executive Board to advise the President in the course of performing his or her roles and responsibilities. The committee shall be established upon request of the President, or upon a 4/5 vote of the Executive Board, should the President not favor the appointment of the committee. The President will chair the Advisory Committee.
- 2) **A Membership Committee** may be established by the Executive board to assist the Vice President of Membership in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities. The committee shall be established upon the request of the Vice President of Membership, or upon a 4/5 vote of the Executive Board, should the Vice President of Membership not favor the appointment of the committee. The Vice President of Membership will chair the Membership Committee.
- 3) **A Publications Committee** may be established by the Executive Board to assist the Secretary in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities. The committee shall be established upon the request of the Secretary, or upon a 4/5 vote of the Executive Board, should the Secretary not favor the appointment of the committee. The Secretary will chair the Publications Committee.
- 4) **A Finance Committee** may be established by the Executive Board to assist the Treasurer in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities. The committee shall be established upon the request of the Treasurer, or upon a 4/5 vote of the Executive Board, should the Secretary not favor the appointment of the committee. The Treasurer will chair the Finance Committee.

Section 4: Special Committees

- 1) Special committees shall be established, by either a 3/5 vote of the Executive Board or by a majority vote of the voting members, to oversee projects or to carry out resolutions made by the Executive Board or **TALEA** members.
- 2) The President shall prepare, or shall designate another Officer to prepare a Charter for each special committee. The Charter will specify the goals and functions of the committee, and will specify either a date or other criteria upon which the committee will be dissolved.
- 3) The committee chairman will provide monthly reports to the Executive Board on the special committee's progress.
- 4) The committee chairman, or his or her designated proxy, will submit a report on the committee's activities and progress to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- 5) Special committees shall be dissolved upon completion of their goals or upon reaching their dates of termination.
- 6) Special committees may be dissolved prior to the completion of their goals or their dates of termination by a 4/5 vote of the Executive Board or by a 2/3 vote of the voting members.

ARTICLE IX: Meetings & Business

Section 1: Annual Meetings

- 1) **TALEA** members shall convene once per year for an Annual Meeting as part of the association's Annual Conference. The date and time of the Annual Meeting will be announced not less than three months prior to the meeting. The Annual Meeting is the primary mechanism for members of **TALEA** to introduce business, propose projects and priorities, and make motions.
- 2) An agenda of issues to be discussed at the Annual Meeting shall be compiled by the President and published not less than one month prior to the meeting. However, the enumeration of certain items of business shall not preclude members from introducing new business at the Annual Meeting.
- 3) The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting and conduct business in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, except where otherwise provided in this article.
- 4) Participants at Annual Meetings may only vote on issues that concern the administration of the meeting itself (i.e., privileged motions and incidental motions, as defined by Robert's Rules of Order), or that modify the wording or parameters of various proposals (i.e., secondary motions and subsidiary motions as defined by Roberts Rules of Order). Voting on main motions—those that introduce, modify, or dissolve **TALEA** business, proposals, projects, priorities, and committees, including election of officers and amendment of by-laws, will not occur at Annual Meetings. Such votes must be undertaken by mailed or electronic ballot following the meeting at which they are discussed.
- 5) **TALEA** Secretary will publish minutes from the Annual Meeting within ten days of the Annual Meeting.
- 6) The Secretary will record all motions made at an Annual Meeting and, within 20 days of the Annual Meeting, deliver to all members a ballot for voting on these motions.

Section 2: Other Means of Conducting Business

- 1) Issues may be discussed between Annual Meetings through mail, e-mail, internet discussion boards, and other electronic means.
- 2) For such business to be valid, the following rules apply: The Executive Board must make every reasonable effort to ensure that all members receive information about the issues at hand. When it is not possible for every member to receive the necessary information, at least 9/10 of the members must be informed. The Executive Board must provide a forum to discuss and debate issues prior to voting.

Section 3: Special Meetings

Special meetings may be held to discuss or disperse sensitive law enforcement issues and information. On these occasions, attendance will be restricted to members with Full Membership status. Such meetings may be held before or after a general meeting or may be held on a different date.

ARTICLE X: Provisions of Governance

The rules and provisions of these by-laws, and any applicable and approved committee regulations will govern **TALEA**. Where the standards and provisions of these by-laws are insufficient to resolve disputes, the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be consulted. The conduct of all meetings and actionable votes of any component of this organization must be held in compliance with **TALEA**.

ARTICLE XI: Amendment of By-laws

Amendments of these by-laws must be submitted in writing to the membership prior to or at the next scheduled meeting of the general membership of **TALEA**.

The proposed amendment(s) will be distributed to the voting membership with the registration materials for the next meeting. Members will discuss the proposed change and make amendments before submitting them to the membership for approval.

For approval and amendment of the by-laws, the proposed amendment(s) must receive a favorable response from 2/3 of the vote's cast from the voting membership. Each amendment will stand for approval as a single measure. This approval will occur by official ballot. An official ballot will consist of one electronic vote via official email address per voting member.

Article XII: Information Exchange

TALEA shall maintain a method by which to exchange information which will be determined and outlined by the Executive board.

Article XIII: Logo / Letterhead

TALEA Board shall select an emblem or logo for use on letterhead, etc. This requires the approval of a majority of members of the Board.

Article XIV: Dissolution of Corporation

Upon dissolution of the corporation, existing funds shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose, as selected by majority of vote of the then existing board members.