

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
OF THE BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

ARTICLE I. NAME

- Sect.1** Name of the organization will be: Criminal Justice Association of Bladen Community College.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

- Sect.1** To bring together students of Bladen Community College who are interested in the principles and procedures of the Criminal Justice System and who wish to encourage the advancement of professionalism within that system.
- Sect.2** To promote and support programs that deal with the Criminal Justice System within Bladen Community College and the surrounding communities.
- Sect.3** To assist members of the organization.
- Sect.4** To foster lasting friendships among members.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

- Sect.1** Any student currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice Technology curriculum, or who is taking Criminal Justice courses, and is eighteen years or older is eligible for membership. Those who have paid dues of the organization and are in good standing shall be considered "Active Members" and shall have the right to vote, be eligible for office, and be allowed to serve on committees.
- Sect.2** Associate member, is defined as a member who has completed an Associates Degree and has paid required dues. Associate members shall not have the right to vote or hold office. The significant other of an Active member can become an Associate member.
- Sect.3** Honorary membership may be conferred on those persons who have Materially advanced the pursuit of professionalism within the Criminal Justice System, or upon those who's "Honorary membership" would serve to promote the activities and objectives of the organization. Honorary memberships shall be given by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at a regular announced meeting.

Sect.4 A former member may be reinstated by paying dues.

Sect.5 Annual dues shall be set by the majority vote of the membership present at the business session of the first regular announced meeting of each year.

Sect.6 A member is subject to expulsion from the organization for violation of any BCC regulation that would require expulsion from school. No refund of dues shall be made.

Sect.7 All new members shall receive a copy of the constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Sect.1 The affairs of this organization shall be conducted by members elected to and holding the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Two Directors, and Parliamentarian.

Sect.2 Nominations shall be received for all positions at a regular meeting of active members to be held at a regular business meeting before the end of the month of September of each year.

Sect.3 The elected officers shall preside for all meetings occurring after September and until the time of the next election.

Sect.4 A slate of offices shall be determined by nominations from the floor at a regular business meeting. Elections will be by secret ballot and conducted and presided over by the outgoing President and the Criminal Justice Association faculty advisor. Nominee's receiving the largest number of ballot votes will be declared the winner for which they are running.

Sect.5 Candidates for office must be enrolled as a student at Bladen Community College, and must have successfully completed at least one semester at Bladen Community College.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

President : The President shall preside over all official meetings and functions of the club and shall appoint committees as needed or act as directed by vote of membership.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assume the presidency if the office is vacated. They shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and serve as program chairman.

Secretary/

Treasurer: Shall keep minutes of all official meetings of the club; preserve all records of the club; keep an accurate record of membership and transmit promptly all records and documents to his or her successor.

Shall be responsible of all flyers announcing newsletters for each meeting and shall send the meeting report to the Department Chairman for each meeting, and shall handle all correspondence as directed by the President or the vote of the club.

Shall receive all monies of the club and provide for their safekeeping, in accordance with Bladen Community College guidelines; keep a record of all paid membership; pay bills as authorized by the President or by a vote of the club; keep an accurate and current record of all receipts and expenditures; and make a report as called by the President. Shall transmit all treasury records to his or her successor.

Parliamentarian: Shall be thoroughly versed in Robert's Revised Rules of Order and insure all meetings are conducted properly and shall maintain a point of order at all meetings.

Advisors: One or more members of the Criminal Justice Curriculum faculty must be present at each meeting. The advisors shall have full voting privileges and the right to veto in proposal that conflicts with school or curriculum policies or any proposal that violates sound principles or good taste as interpreted by said advisors.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. FEES AND DUES

Sect.1 Dues for all members shall be payable the first meeting in September of each year. Any member two month's arrears shall automatically be suspended, subject to reinstatement upon payment of dues.

Sect.2 The amount of dues shall be determined at the first regular scheduled meeting at beginning of academic year.

ARTICLE II. MEETINGS

- Sect.1** Regular scheduled meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President.
- Sect.2** No person other than qualified members of this organization shall be admitted to the business portion of a meeting.
- Sect.3** No refund of membership dues shall made upon a member resignation.
- Sect.4** The rules of order for business meetings shall be conducted in accordance With Robert's Revised Rules of Order.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS AND CODE OF ETHICS

- Sect.1** (A) Each member shall have a duty of exercising interest in the organization, to avoid wrongful use of its name, and to act in accordance with the object and rules of the organization.
- (B) Members are expected to make themselves "generally useful" at meetings and club functions.

ARTICLE IV. GENERAL

- Sect. 1** No person on behalf of this organization shall enter into any contractual obligations, or incur any debt or liability in its behalf unless authorized by the Constitution or Bylaws or by a vote of two-thirds majority of members present at a regular meeting.
- Sect.2** The elected officials of this club shall be authorized to make decisions and expenditures as necessary for conducting the affairs of this organization. Said officials shall be held accountable to its membership.
- Sect.3** Any elected official of this association may be removed from office for cause by the following procedure: Any association member will present the faculty advisor with a Petition of Recall. At the next scheduled meeting the President will present the petition to the membership for a vote, which will be taken as a secret ballot. A three-fourths majority vote of the members present is needed for removal. Upon removal, the President, or faculty advisor will seek nominations to fill the vacated office and will hold a secret ballot election at the earliest possible date.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

Sect.1 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting. Purposed amendments shall first be submitted to an advisory committee for consideration. Member shall receive a thirty day notice of any forthcoming vote on a purposed change in the Constitution or Bylaws.

Conclusion: This document is in no way intended to conflict with the policies of Bladen Community College and shall be subject to its approval.

This Constitution was approved on December 2, 2008 by the members of the Criminal Justice Association.