

SOUTHERN STATES CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION
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(Amended 1986 & 1994 & 2006, 2007, 2012)

ARTICLE I - NAME. The name of this organization shall be the Southern States Correctional Association, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES. The objectives of this organization are:

1. To provide a forum for discussion of criminal justice problems and solutions and to promote the Association as a medium for the sharing of common experiences;
2. to strengthen the professionalism of criminal justice personnel by improving techniques, training, raising basic standards, systematizing methods and by compiling and disseminating information and knowledge concerning all phases of criminal justice;
3. to unite members of the Association with an accepted standard of conduct and code of ethics for the performance of their duties; and
4. to promote education and citizen support and recommend beneficial social legislation for the prevention and control of crime and the constructive treatment and service for human error.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION. The Association shall be comprised of the following charter member states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP. There shall be five (5) types of memberships requiring payment of dues:

1. **REGULAR** - Any person employed in, or honorably retired from any area of the criminal justice system within the borders of the member states. Lifetime Memberships shall be awarded to Past Presidents and will exclude them from paying annual dues. Such members shall be entitled to full voting privileges of the Association;
2. **AFFILIATE** - Any criminal justice association, department or institution within the borders of the member states and upon receiving a favorable recommendation from the Executive Board;
3. **SUPPORTING PATRON** - Any private agency, commercial and business enterprise (industrial or corporate) with an interest in the criminal justice system and the Association and upon receiving a favorable recommendation from the Executive Board;
4. **ASSOCIATE** - Any individual interested in the Association;
5. **DUAL** - A chapter which upon affiliation, or thereafter, enters an agreement with the Southern States Correctional Association which provides that each member of the Chapter will hold membership both in the chapter and the Southern States Correctional Association. Dual members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members of SSCA in addition to their membership in their local association.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT. The Association shall be governed by the membership and the Executive Board. Only regular members are eligible to vote, hold office in or be a representative of the Association. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the elected Officers, the Immediate Past President and one representative from each member state. Officers shall be elected to serve in the following order:

President, President-Elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Executive Treasurer and Secretary

The Officers shall be elected by a majority of the regular members present at the annual meeting of the Association. The President shall be Chairman and Presiding Officer of the Executive Board and shall make committee appointments. The President and/or his/her designee(s) shall also serve as the delegate(s) to the American Correctional Association.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING. Voting privileges are extended to regular members only.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on such day(s) as may be determined by the membership. Special meetings of the Association shall be determined by the Executive Board. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held as it may determine or upon call of the President. A majority vote of the Executive Board will be required to conduct the business of the Association. All meetings of the Association shall be open except that with majority, the Executive Board may call an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation or removal of Officers or State Representatives from office.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION. The Association will cooperate and affiliate with other organizations to be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular members present at any annual meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment changes is published in the Southern Concourse or sent to each regular member in writing at least thirty (3) days prior to action thereon.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY. Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition, shall be used to decide all questions of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE XI - AUTHORIZATION OF BY-LAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES. The Executive Board shall be authorized to propose By-Laws and develop Standard Operating Procedures for the purpose of carrying out the business of the Association as set forth in the Constitution.