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# Bylaws Indiana Chapter International Association of Assessing Officers

#### **SECTION 1 - NAME**

The name of this organization is the INDIANA CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS, referred to hereinafter as the Chapter.

#### **SECTION 2 – CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

The Chapter is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana.

#### 2.1 JURISDICTIONAL AREA

The Chapter shall encompass a jurisdictional area consisting of all ninety two (92) counties within the State of Indiana.

#### 2.2 OFFICE LOCATION

The Chapter's post office address and the location of its principle office shall be the office address and location of the Chapter Treasurer.

#### **SECTION 3 – PURPOSE**

The primary purpose of the Chapter shall be to:

- Raise the standards of the property tax assessment profession by gaining recognition of its members as having professional expertise and integrity;
- Improve the standards of Indiana property tax assessment practice;
- Educate Indiana property tax assessment practitioners through IAAO training programs;
- Educate the general public in matters relating to property tax assessment practice by informing them of the nature and importance of the assessing profession;
- Engage in research and publish the results of studies in assessment administration.
- Provide a clearing house for the collection and distribution of useful information relating to assessment practices;
- Cooperate with and provide support to other public and private agencies interested in the improvement of property tax assessment administration;
- Promote justice and equity in the distribution of the property tax burden;
- Promote fellowship among all members;
- Advance the goals and objectives of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS referred to hereinafter as the Association.

#### **SECTION 4 - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Chapter is open to all persons interested in assessment and mass appraisal practice.

#### 4.1 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

All members, whose dues are current, are entitled to vote on any business presented by the Executive Board for their consideration and are entitled to vote at the annual summer conference meeting for the purpose of filling open Executive Board positions.

#### 4.2 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application is made by notifying the Chapter Secretary.

#### 4.3 DUES

Chapter membership dues are independent of Association dues and shall be set by Executive Board. They are due by March 1 and delinquent after June 1 of each year. Member privileges shall be suspended with the non-payment of dues.

#### **SECTION 5 – CHAPTER GOVERNANCE**

Chapter governance shall consist of nine (9) elected Executive Board members in good standing with IAAO.

#### SECTION 6 - OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Officers of the Executive Board of the Chapter shall consist of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Northwest District Vice-President, Northeast District Vice-President, Southwest District Vice-President, Southeast District Vice-President and Immediate Past-President.

For the purpose of ensuring continuity from year to year, the following terms of office shall apply:

- President: two year term;
- Vice-President: two year term;
- Secretary: two year term; (even numbered years)
- Treasurer: two year term; (odd numbered years)
- Northwest District Vice-President: two year term; (odd numbered years)
- Northeast District Vice-President: two year term; (even numbered years)
- Southwest District Vice-President: two year term; (even numbered years)
- Southeast District Vice-President: two year term; (odd numbered years)
- Immediate Past-President: two year term

The duties of the Officers of the Executive Board are as follows:

#### 6.1 PRESIDENT

- Shall preside at the annual meeting of the general chapter membership and Executive Committee Meetings.
- Shall perform all general administrative duties for the Chapter.

- Shall appoint all necessary committees of the Chapter.
- Shall appoint the Chapter's IAAO Representatives to fulfill a one year term.

#### 6.2 VICE-PRESIDENT

- Shall perform all the duties of the President in the event of his or her absence or disability.
- Shall succeed to the office of President with the election of new officers as outlined in Section 8 of these Bylaws.

#### 6.3 TREASURER

- Shall devise methods for the receipt, safeguarding and disbursement of Chapter funds, the keeping of accounting records and the auditing of such records, and for preparation and adoption of a budget to cover Chapter activities.
- Shall prepare annually a report of Chapter finances. The report shall include a statement of receipts, disbursements, and balances for the reporting year, AND SUBMITT TO Executive Board of the Association by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Shall be responsible for filing all necessary tax returns.

#### 6.4 SECRETARY

- Shall prepare and keep a roll of all members and submit said roll to the Chapter Executive Board by July 1 of each year.
- Shall notify all members of the annual and regular meetings
- Shall handle all correspondence to the Chapter members.
- Shall email membership renewal notices to perspective members.
- Shall collect dues, and mail membership cards.
- Shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
- Shall prepare an annual report of Chapter activities, members, officers and governing body members and submit to the Executive Director designated staff of the association no later than ten (10) days after the chapter's annual meeting, as required by procedural rule12.2.7.7.

#### 6.5 DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS

All District Vice-Presidents shall serve as members of the Executive Board and assist with the administration of the Chapter. Each will be responsible for direct contact with the counties within his/her district in order to foster better communication and create an atmosphere of inclusiveness.

#### 6.6 IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT

- The main responsibility is to provide counsel and advice to the Executive Board members in an effort to facilitate the continuity of actions and programs of the Association.
- Shall perform the duties of the President, in the event that both the President and Vice-President are absent or are disabled.

#### **SECTION 7 – DISTRICT BOUNDRIES**

Each of the four (4) districts shall be made up of the following Indiana counties:

#### 7.1 NORTHWEST DISTRICT:

Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Starke, Marshall, Newton, Jasper, Pulaski, Fulton, Benton, White, Cass, Miami, Carroll, Howard, Warren, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Boone.

#### 7.2 NORTHEAST DISTRICT:

Elkhart, LaGrange, Steuben, Kosciusko, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley, Allen, Wabash, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Grant, Blackford, Jay, Tipton, Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne.

#### 7.3 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT:

Vermillion, Parke, Putnam, Hendricks, Vigo, Clay, Owen, Morgan, Sullivan, Greene, Monroe, Knox, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence, Orange, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Crawford, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Perry.

#### 7.4 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT:

Marion, Hancock, Rush, Fayette, Union, Johnson, Shelby, Franklin, Brown, Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings, Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, Washington, Scott, Jefferson, Switzerland, Clark, Floyd, Harrison.

#### **SECTION 8 - ELECTIONS**

Annual elections of members of the Chapter's governing body will always take place at the annual general meeting which is to coincide with the Indiana County Assessors Association Annual Summer Conference.

#### 8.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At least sixty (60) days prior to the annual general meeting the President shall appoint three (3) Chapter Members who are also members of the Association to a Nominating Committee to verify the eligibility of candidates for the Executive Board. Eligible candidates are hereby defined as any Regular Member in good standing, who is also a member of the Association, not affected by term limitations, expressing a desire to run.

- Each candidate must complete a questionnaire provided on the Chapter's web site.
- Candidates formerly convicted of a felony shall be disqualified.
- In the event that no one expresses an interest to any open Executive Board position(s), the Nominating Committee shall contact individuals from the membership rooster and encourage participation. If an office is unable to be filled the Executive Board may elect to retain the current office holder for an additional term
- The Nominating Committee shall verify all candidate qualifications and submit a report; including all biographical information and questionnaires to the Executive Board for approval no later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting during which the elections are to take place.
- Upon approval by the Executive Board, candidate's biographical information shall be posted on the web site.
- Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot for all elected positions to be filled along with the corresponding nominee for each.

#### 8.2 BALLOTING PROCEDURES

Paper ballots listing the names of nominees for each position to be filled will be circulated to all Regular Members present at the annual meeting who are entitled to vote and who wish to participate. The election process will proceed even if a quorum of Regular Members entitled to vote may not be present at the annual meeting.

#### 8.2.1 UNCONTESTED POSITIONS

In the event that there is a single unopposed candidate for an office, the President can confirm a candidate's election by calling for a motion from the floor by acclimation.

#### 8.3 NUMBER OF TERMS IN OFFICE

#### 8.3.1 PRESIDENT:

The President shall serve a two (2) year term. Due to the succession of the Vice-President to the office of the President, the President will not serve consecutive terms. However, due to extraordinary circumstances such as the vacancy of the office of Vice-President, and upon resolution of the Executive Board, the President may seek an extension of not more than one (1) two (2) year term.

#### 8.3.2 VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President shall serve a two (2) year term. At the end of the Vice-President's term he or she shall then succeed the President for a term of two (2) years. This allows the Vice-President to become familiar with Chapter programs and procedures during his or her term in order to facilitate continuity of the Chapter operations. In the event that a sitting President is granted a second term by majority vote of the remaining (8) board members, the Vice-President shall also be granted a second term.

#### 8.3.3 TREASURER:

The Chapter Treasurer shall serve a two year term elected on even numbered years and may succeed himself or herself for as many times as he/she is elected.

#### 8.3.4 SECRETARY:

The Chapter Secretary shall serve a two year term elected on odd numbered years and may succeed himself or herself for as many times as he/she is elected.

#### 8.3.5 DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The District Vice-Presidents may serve two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms. Any Regular Member may run again after one term of not serving on the Executive Board.

#### 8.3.6 IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT:

The Immediate Past-President shall serve a two (2) year term; however, if the sitting President is granted an additional two (2) year term by a majority vote of the remaining eight (8) Executive Board members, the Immediate Past-President shall also serve an additional two (2) year term.

#### 8.3.7 IAAO REPRESENTATIVES:

IAAO Representative is an honorary emeritus position available to those who have demonstrated a deep commitment to the mission and objectives of the Chapter and the

Association. The President of the Chapter shall appoint Representatives for a one (1) year term that meets all of the following requirements:

- 1.) Be a Regular Member in good standing;
- 2.) Be a member of the Association in good standing;
- 3.) Individuals displaying a passion for IAAO

#### 8.4 ELECTION RESULTS NOTIFICATION

The Chapter President shall be responsible for announcing to all members the official results of the elections at the Annual Meeting.

#### 8.5 SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Special elections may be called by the Executive Board in order to fill an unexpected vacancy.

#### 8.6 VACANCIES

Any vacancy occurring in the list of Executive Board shall be filled either by majority vote of the Executive Board Members or by special election, subject to the nominating and election procedures as provided for in these Bylaws. Any vacancy occurring among the Executive Board Members shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board Members.

#### 8.7 SUSPENSION

Member privileges shall be suspended with the non-payment of dues. Membership dues are payable by March 1. On or before May 1, the Treasurer shall notify the Chapter in writing of all Members who are delinquent in the payment of their annual dues and of the potential suspension of those members unless their dues are brought current by June 1. Annual dues not paid by June 1 shall result in the suspension of rights and privileges of the delinquent Member, including the right to vote in elections.

#### 8.8 RESIGNATION

Any Executive Board Member may resign his/her office at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the President or Secretary of the Chapter. Such resignation shall take effect at the time of the receipt thereof, and the acceptance thereof shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

#### 8.9 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

#### 8.9.1 FOR CAUSE

The Chapter may take action against an Executive Board Member for cause other than ethical violations (See Section 8.9.3). Cause is defined as lack of participation in Chapter affairs or willful and substantial breach of one or more provisions of these Bylaws which could result in compromising corporate governance, exposing the organization to an increased risk or liability or damaging the Chapter's credibility, integrity or public standing.

#### 8.9.2 DUE PROCESS

The disciplinary process is as follows:

- 1.) An allegation with supporting evidence of misconduct against an Executive Board Member is brought before the Executive Board by any Member of the Executive Board:
- 2.) The Executive Board Members not named in the allegation will review the evidence.
- 3.) Allegations that are deemed to have sufficient merit by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board will be upgraded to a formal charge.
- 4.) A hearing date will then be set and all parties involved will be notified in writing.
- 5.) A hearing will be held before the Executive Board in which the charged party and/or his/her representatives will have ample opportunity to present evidence on his/her behalf.
- 6.) Formal disposition by unanimous vote of the Executive Board will result in one of the three following actions being taken;
  - a. No Action: The parties named in the allegation will be notified that no action will be taken;
  - b. Censure: The parties named in the allegation being found culpable to misdeeds not rising to the level of termination will be subject to censure consisting of a reading of the Executive Board's findings at a Regular Meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes.
  - c. Termination: Those improprieties found to be so egregious as to warrant removal from the Chapter's governing body will be administered by written notification to the affected parties within thirty (30) days of the hearing and made part of the Chapter records by reading said notification at a Regular Meeting and recorded in the meeting.
- 7.) Disposition not supported by unanimous vote will result in no action being taken
- 8.) Decision of the Executive Board is final. No rights of appeal do hereby exist.

#### 8.9.3 ETHICAL VIOLATIONS

All complaints against Chapter members alleging violations of the IAAO Code of Ethic and Standards of Professional Conduct shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Association for disposition in accordance with Association Procedural Rule Section 3.6.1. Any disciplinary action imposed by the Association against a Chapter member such as suspension or termination shall be binding on the Chapter.

#### 8.10 RECORDS

At the conclusion of their terms, all outgoing Executive Board Members shall turn over all Chapter books, records and other property to the newly elected Officials.

#### **SECTION 9 – FINANCE**

#### 9.1 CREATION

The funds of the Chapter shall consist of a general operating fund.

#### 9.2 REVENUE

Income to the Chapter shall consist primarily of annual membership dues as well as revenue from any and all sources that are necessary and appropriate to achieving the organizational objectives outlined in Section 3.

#### 9.3 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be on a calendar year basis, January 1 - December 31.

#### 9.4 OPERATION

The Executive Board shall instruct the Treasurer as to the desired method for receipt and disbursement of Chapter funds. Funds shall consist of a general operating fund.

#### 9.5 AUDIT

The President shall appoint a standing Audit Committee that will perform and internal audit and based upon its findings, may recommend to secure the services of a professional auditor to conduct an audit of the Chapter's financial records. The Executive Board, at any time, based upon a majority vote, may enter into a contract with a professional auditor to perform said services. A report of the results shall be sent to the President and to the Executive Board. The Chair of the Audit Committee will announce the results at the Chapter's annual meeting. A copy of the Audit report will be available to any Regular Member upon request.

#### 9.6 EXPENSE REIMBURESEMENT

#### 9.6.1 IAAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Executive Board will vote each year to approve (based on available funding) expense reimbursement for all Executive Board Members and Representatives interested in attending the IAAO Annual Conference. Reimbursement shall consist \$500.00 of their expenses and three (3) nights lodging at the Conference Hotel or similar property.

#### 9.6.2 OTHER EXPENSES

All other extraordinary expenditure reimbursements in excess of \$500.00 must be approved by the Executive Board by majority vote.

#### **SECTION 10 - AWARDS**

In special recognition of outstanding service by dedicated Chapter Members in support of the organization's goals and objectives the following awards are given:

#### 10.1 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Each year, at the annual meeting, a Regular Member of the Chapter may be awarded the title of "Member of the Year."

#### 10.1.1 NOMINATIONS

Nominations are to be received by a Member of the Awards Committee no later than June 1. In the event that no nominations are received, the Awards Committee may select the "Member of the Year."

#### 10.1.2 REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for selection of "Member of the Year" shall be as follows:

- a. Must be a Regular Member of the Chapter for at least one (1) year;
- b. Current Officers and Executive Committee Members are not eligible;
- c. Previous winners are eligible.

#### 10.1.3 CRITERIA

The criteria for selection of "Member of the Year" shall include but not be limited to

- a. Attendance at Chapter meetings;
- b. Promotion of the Chapter through recruitment;
- c. Service to Chapter;
- d. Technical courses and workshops attended;
- e. Designations;
- f. Membership in other organizations.

#### 10.1.4 AWARD

The award will include a plaque purchased from the Chapter's general fund with the recipient's name and bearing Chapter logo with the inscription: "(YEAR) Indiana Chapter of the IAAO Member of the Year." Chapter dues shall be waived for the following year.

#### 10.2 THE KURT BARROW LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Kurt Barrow Lifetime Achievement Award was created to recognize a Regular Chapter Member for outstanding commitment and dedication to the work of the organization.

#### 10.2.1 NOMINATIONS

This award shall be given by the Awards Committee without nominations from the Chapter Membership. It may not necessarily be awarded annually but rather at such a time as the Awards Committee believes there is a deserving individual.

#### 10.2.2 REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for selection of the "Kurt Barrow Lifetime Achievement Award" will be as follows:

- a. Must be a Regular Member of the Chapter for many years;
- b. Must be an IAAO designee;
- c. Current Officers and Executive Committee Members are eligible;
- d. Previous winners are not eligible.

#### 10.2.3 CRITERIA

The recipient has exemplified professionalism through the accomplishment of many of the following Chapter and Association service categories:

#### 10.2.3.1 CHAPTER SERVICE & PARTICIPATION

- a. Attendance at Chapter meetings;
- b. Committee appointments;
- c. Articles published in newsletter or on website;
- d. Current or past Chapter Executive Board Member;
- e. Passionate about fulfilling IAAO's Mission Statement

#### 10.2.3.2 ASSOCIATION SERVICE & PARTICIPATION

- a. Committee appointments;
- b. IAAO Representative;
- c. Professional Designations Advisor;
- d. Executive Board Member;

- e. Conference Attendance;
- f. Published articles.

#### 10.2.4 AWARD

The award will include a plaque purchased from the Chapter's general fund with the recipient's name and bearing Chapter logo with the inscription: "(YEAR) Indiana Chapter of the IAAO Kurt Barrow Lifetime Achievement Award." Chapter dues shall be waived for the following year. The IAAO Regular Membership dues will be paid for from the Chapter's general fund.

#### **SECTION 11 – MEETINGS**

#### 11.1 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The <u>ROBERT'S REVISED RULES OF ORDER</u> shall be the authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these Bylaws, and shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

#### 11.2 MEETING LOCATION

Every meeting of the Members must be held at such place within the State of Indiana, which the Executive Boards or Members may select from time to time.

#### 11.3 ANNUAL MEETINGS

An annual meeting of the Regular Members for the election of the Executive Board and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting must be held at a time and place which coincides with the Indiana County Assessors Association Annual Summer Conference.

#### 11.4 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Attendance at Executive Board meetings shall be mandatory, for all elected Executive Board Members. Executive Board Meetings are to be called by and presided over by the President of the Chapter.

#### 11.5 REGULAR CHAPTER MEETINGS

Attendance at Regular Chapter meetings shall be mandatory, for all elected Chapter Executive Board Members. Regular Chapter Meetings are to be called by and presided over by the Chapter President.

#### 11.6 SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Regular Members may be called by the President or by a request of 50% or more of the Regular Members of record who are entitled to vote on the business proposed to be transacted at such special meetings. Such a request shall be in writing and shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting. A prior 72 hour notice of the time and location of the meeting shall be given by the President.

#### 11.7 NOTICE FOR MEETINGS

Notice of every meeting of the Regular Members must be in writing and shall have the signature of either the President or Secretary affixed to it. Such notice must state the purpose for which the meeting is to be held, and a copy thereof must be served either by regular mail or by electronic mail (email) upon each Regular Member of record entitled to vote at such meeting. If served by regular mail all charges shall be prepaid by the Chapter. Notice shall be served in the above prescribed manner at least ten (10) days before, but not more than thirty (30) days before the meeting.

#### 11.8 GUESTS

Non-members, guests and interested parties may attend regular meetings of the Chapter, but will hold no debate or voting authority. Attendees will be allowed to speak upon recognition by the Chairperson. Non-members, guests and interested parties may attend special meetings by invitation only.

#### 11.9 QUORUM – EXECUTIVE BOARD AND REGULAR MEETINGS

For the purpose of transacting official business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Board.

#### 11.10 OUORUM – MEMBER MEEETINGS

Unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, the presence of thirty (30) percent of the Regular Members in good standing, in person, entitled to vote thereat is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting. In the absence of a quorum, the Executive Board may conduct the Chapter's business based upon a majority vote of those Regular Members present.

#### **SECTION 12 - COMMITTEES**

When not defined by these Bylaws, the Executive Board shall define the composition and duties of the Standing Committees, which shall be subject to amendment by the Executive Board at any regular meeting. Members of all Committees, other than the Executive Board, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. A single chairperson shall be appointed within each Committee.

#### 12.1 STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 12.1.1 EXECUTIVE BOARD

See SECTION 8.

#### 12.1.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

See SECTION 8.1

#### 12.1.3 EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee shall, in consultation with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance and other organizations, coordinate and deploy IAAO educational offerings for the State of Indiana. This committee will work with the education coordinator to unsure all needs are addressed.

#### 12.1.4 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Chapter's web site shall serve as the primary public information source. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for updating and maintaining the Chapter's website. All information published on the web site shall be vetted by the Chapter President prior to release. Secondary publications may include but are not limited to District Newsletters created and distributed by the corresponding District Vice-President for a given district (see Section 7.1-7.4). The Communications Committee may provide assistance in the creation and dissemination of District Newsletters.

#### 12.1.5 AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee shall be responsible for accepting nominations from the Members for Member of the Year award. The Committee is charged with weighing each nominee's set of qualifications and selecting award recipients based on those qualifications and requirements. In addition, the Committee shall provide the plaque awards. Members of the Awards Committee who are themselves being considered for an award must be recused from participating in the selection process.

#### 12.1.6 AUDIT COMMITTEE

See SECTION 9.5

#### 12.2 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special Committees may be appointed by the President to perform such services as the President may wish to assign, provided that all such activities will be in conformity with these Bylaws.

#### 12.3 RECORDS

At the conclusion of their terms, all Standing Committee Members shall turn over Chapter books, records and other property to newly appointed Committee Chairpersons.

#### **SECTION 13 - CONTRACTS**

Unless otherwise provided for by Indiana Statute, these Bylaws or by resolution of the Chapter's Executive Board, no Officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Chapter by any contract or engagement, or to pledge the Chapter's credit, or to render the Chapter's pecuniary liability for any purpose or for any amount. Any contract or instrument authorization by the Executive Board may be executed and delivered in the name and on behalf of the Chapter by the President and Treasurer. However, the Executive Board may authorize any other Officer or Officers, agent or agents, in the name of and behalf of the Chapter, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

#### SECTION 14 – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Regular Members present at any meeting of the Chapter provided that fourteen (14) days advanced notice is given to all Members of the Chapter of the intention to amend, together with a written copy of the substance of the proposed amendments.

#### 14.1 CERTIFICATION

Amendments to these Bylaws, approved and adopted by majority vote of the Executive Board, shall be certified by the Secretary of the Chapter and addressed to the Association's Executive Board by mailing to the Executive Director of the Association.

#### SECTION 15 – RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Chapter, in furtherance of common goals and objectives, shall maintain a professional, working relationship with but not limited to the following organizations:

- 15.1 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
- 15.2 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- 15.3 INDIANA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION

#### **SECTION 16 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

#### 16.1 LOBBYING

While Members having the authority to represent the Chapter may, on occasion, be called upon to provide advice to Indiana Legislators they are, in accordance with these Bylaws and rules governing Indiana not-for –profit organizations, expressly forbidden from engaging in any type of lobbying activity.

#### 16.2 DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER

In the event that the Chapter is dissolved or its charter is revoked, all Chapter funds shall be turned over to the Association.

#### 16.3 INDEMNIFICATION

The Chapter shall and hereby does indemnify each director, officer, former director, and former officer of the organization, and each person who may serve or may actually have served at its request as a director or officer of another corporation, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any civil action, suit, or proceeding in which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he or she is adjudged in the action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty to the organization.

#### 16.4 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

- 1. If any provision of these Bylaws violates or contravenes applicable law, that provision shall be void.
- 2. If any provision of these Bylaws conflicts with The Association's Chapter Rules and Regulations, The Association's Chapter Rules and Regulations shall be controlling.
- 3. If any provision of these Bylaws is rendered void by virtue of this section, the other provisions of the Bylaws shall nonetheless survive and remain valid.