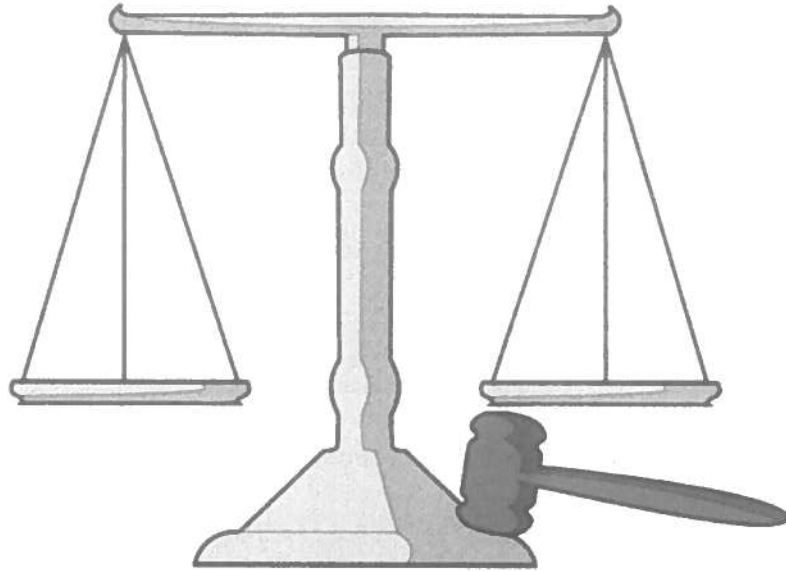


**NSAPG**



**NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION  
OF POLICE GOVERNANCE**

**Approved September 20, 2014**

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE**

**DEFINITIONS**

**Boards – a Municipal Police Board or a Police Advisory Board**

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

To establish a provincial body to express the views and positions of Municipal Police & Police Advisory Board Governing Authorities.

To provide a means for the collecting and sharing of information and discussion of matters relating to policing.

To create a formal network for the dissemination of information relating to the governance of policing.

To consider matters of Provincial interest which affect policing and to formulate policy positions and appropriate responses at the policy making level for dissemination to government and the public on such matters as:

- Drug and substance abuse policies
- Sentencing policies
- Young offenders
- Communication policies
- Employment equity
- Minorities, the alienated and disadvantaged
- Recruitment & retention of women and minorities
- Policing standards
- Community oriented policing
- Regional policing

To comment on social, economic, cultural and legislative questions; particularly of provincial concern which affect the quality, efficiency and cost of policing.

To promote the quality and uniformity of policing services and to encourage greater cooperation among Policing Services and the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels in Canada, including the Canadian Association of Police Governance.

To educate the public on matters relating to governance of policing services.

To act as a lobbying group to liaise between the Provincial and Municipal governmental authorities and the Provincial Solicitor General.

To provide a forum for participation by all civilian governors of policing services and other agencies to promote and encourage greater cooperation to serve the interests of the public and to advance criminal justice and promote common policies.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Municipal Police Boards & Police Advisory Boards at an annual membership fee of \$900.00 (HRM & CBRM) and \$400.00 for all remaining Police Boards. Membership dues will be set at the AGM each year and are payable by December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Other Police & Justice groups at an annual membership fee of \$200.00

## **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year for the NSAPG shall be September 1 in any given year to August 31.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the NSAPG shall be held in conjunction with the annual joint conference of the NSCPA & NSAPG.

A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be a minimum of ten (10) Police Board Members of a member Police Board, representing at least six Municipal Police Boards, one of which must be HRM or CBRM.

At each Annual General Meeting the following items of business shall be dealt with:

- Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Consideration of the annual report of the President
- Consideration of the financial statement and new budget
- Consideration of resolutions
- Election of Board for the ensuing year, if needed
- Other business raised from the floor

## **VOTING PRIVILEGES**

Each member Police Board, in attendance, at the meeting, shall be entitled to one vote. The Police Board voting member shall be identified prior to the start of the meeting.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Board shall be as determined by the Executive, with a minimum of three meetings per year.

A quorum for all Board Meetings shall be a minimum of five (5) Board members.

## **MAKE-UP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of one (1) member from each Municipal Board and one (1) member from a Police Advisory Board.

To serve on the Board of Directors the individual must be a member of a Municipal Police Board or Police Advisory Board who's Board is a member of the NSAPG.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A Call for Nominations shall go out from the NSAPG, by May of each year, to all member Municipal Police Boards & Police Advisory Boards.

No nominations for election to the Board of Directors may be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, unless there is not a full slate submitted.

If an election is required at the Annual General Meeting it shall be by secret ballot.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a one year term.

Vacant Board of Director positions that occur after the Annual General Meeting shall be filled by appointment of the remaining Board of Directors as a result of a call for interest to eligible Police Boards.

## **ELECTION OF NSAPG EXECUTIVE**

The Board of Directors shall, at their first meeting, elect from among themselves Directors to fill the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer.

## **BY-LAW CHANGES**

Proposed changes to the NSAPG By-laws can take place in the following ways:

1. Fall Conference AGM
  - a) Proposed changes must be submitted to the Board by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
  - b) All proposed changes will be circulated to the membership prior to the Conference AGM.
  - c) Changes to the By-Laws must have the support of at least 50% of the Municipal Police Boards, one of which must be either CBRM or HRM.
  
2. Special Email AGM
  - a) In special circumstances, as determined by a unanimous motion of the Board, proposed changes may be submitted to the members by way of email.
  - b) Each Board will vote on the proposed changes and submit the results of the vote to the President.
  - c) For changes to be passed there must be a 2/3rds vote of support from member Boards.
  - d) Support must include at least 70% of Municipal Board members, one of which must be HRM or CBRM.