

Articles of Organization

ADOPTED MAY 17, 1971; EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 1972 (AMENDED NOVEMBER 13, 1995)

ARTICLE 1—NAME. The name of this corporation is NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE 2—PURPOSES AND POWERS. The purposes of the corporation (hereinafter referred to as the Association) shall be to promote the science and improve the methods of fire protection and prevention, electrical safety and other related safety goals; to obtain and circulate information and promote education and research on these subjects and to secure the cooperation of its members and the public in establishing proper safeguards against loss of life and property. In furtherance of those purposes, the Association's powers shall specifically include all of the powers specified in paragraphs (a) through (l) and (n) through (o), respectively, of Section 9 of Chapter 156B of the Massachusetts General Laws, together with all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the aforesaid purposes.

ARTICLE 3—NATURE OF ORGANIZATION. The Association is a membership corporation not organized for the purposes of realizing pecuniary profit or gain to its members, but the Association may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may indemnify the directors, officers, employees and agents of the Association from certain unexpected consequences of their actions or omissions in the affairs of the Association, to the extent provided from time to time by action of the Board of Directors. Through membership no member is pledged to any course of action.

ARTICLE 4—MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the Association shall consist of such class or classes with such qualifications, rights and obligations as shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Association as the same may from time to time be amended.

ARTICLE 5—OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, and such additional officers as shall from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. There shall be a Board of Directors including elected Directors and ex-officio members, consisting of not less than fifteen or more than thirty Directors.

The powers and duties of the President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be such as usually pertain to the Chief Executive, Financial, and Recording Officers of a corporation respectively. Said Officers shall have such additional powers and duties, and all other Officers shall have such powers and duties, as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs of the Association, and the Board shall conduct those affairs through the Officers of the Association and such Committee or Committees as shall from time to time be formed pursuant to the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE 6—ANNUAL MEETING. The membership of the Association shall meet annually within or without the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to elect such Officers, Directors of the Association, and others in accordance with the Bylaws, and to act on such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

ARTICLE 7—AMENDMENT. These Articles may be amended at any meeting of the Association members, duly called and held, by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast, notice of the proposed amendment having been given to all members at least sixty days previous.