

BYLAWS  
OF  
FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS  
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ARTICLE 1  
Organization

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation is the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Section 2. Mission Statement. The corporation seeks to reduce substance abuse, crime and recidivism by promoting and advocating the establishment and funding of drug courts and providing for collection and dissemination of information, technical assistance, and mutual support to association members. A “drug court” is a process by which substance abusers entering the court system are placed into treatment and proactively monitored by the judge and a team of justice-system and treatment professionals; it employs effective drug-testing and graduated sanctions and incentives.

Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of the corporation is to:

- (a) Reduce substance abuse, crime, and recidivism;
- (b) Promote and advocate for the establishment and funding of effective drug courts in the United States;
- (c) Provide technical assistance and mutual aid to association members;
- (d) Stimulate development of other judicially supervised treatment programs, in cases where appropriate;
- (e) Collect, provide, and disseminate information related to the purposes of the organization;
- (f) Perform such other related activities to accomplish the stated goals and objectives;
- (g) To provide a communication network among drug court professionals throughout the State of Florida;
- (h) To serve as a liaison to the Congress of State Drug Court Associations and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals;
- (i) To represent Florida drug court professionals in the creation and implementation of state drug court policy;
- (j) To provide a forum for sharing ideas and concerns impacting drug court programs; and

- (k) To report and make recommendations to the Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Treatment-Based Drug Courts.

Section 4. Recognized Principles. Drug courts reflect the following nationally recognized principles, tailored to the needs of individual jurisdictions.

- (a) Drug courts integrate alcohol and other drug treatment services with justice system case processing;
- (b) Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights;
- (c) Eligible participants are identified early and promptly placed in the drug court program;
- (d) Drug courts provide access to a continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitative services;
- (e) Abstinence is monitored by frequent alcohol and other drug testing;
- (f) A coordinated strategy governs drug court response to participants' compliance;
- (g) Ongoing judicial interaction with each drug court participant is essential;
- (h) Monitoring and evaluation measure the achievement of program goals and gauge effectiveness;
- (i) Continuing interdisciplinary education promotes effective drug court planning implementation, and operations; and
- (j) Forging partnerships among drug courts, public agencies, and community-based organizations generates local support and enhances drug court effectiveness.

## ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1. Membership. The corporation shall have three classes of membership as follows: founding, individual, and organizational. Membership is open to all persons and entities interested in the development of effective drug courts in the State of Florida, who subscribe to the missions, definitions, and principles of this organization, and pay the applicable membership dues as established by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Membership Dues. The Board of Directors shall also prescribe the amount and manner of imposing and collecting any initiation or other fees; and any

dues, assessments, fines, and penalties; the manner of suspension or termination of membership and reinstatement if any; and, except as may hereinafter be provided, the rights, liabilities, and other incidents of membership.

Section 3. Place of Meetings. Meetings of the members of the corporation shall be held at such place, either within or out of the State of Florida, as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors, or, if not so designated, then at the office of the corporation.

Section 4. Annual Meetings. The annual meetings of the members of the corporation, commencing with the year 2002, for the purpose of election of directors and for such other business as may lawfully come before it, shall be held at least annually and on such date and at such time as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members of the corporation may be called, for any purpose or purposes, by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors or a majority of the Board of Directors at any time.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings.

- (a) Except for the first meeting and otherwise provided by law or the Articles of Incorporation, written notice of each meeting of members, specifying the place, date and hour and purpose or purposes of the meeting, shall be given not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting to each member entitled to vote, directed to his or her address as it appears upon the books of the corporation: except that where the matter to be acted on is a merger or consolidation of the corporation or a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all the assets of the corporation or the dissolution of the corporation, such notice shall be given not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to such meeting. Notice of a special meeting shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the subjects in the meeting notice and matters germane thereto.
- (b) When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting if the time and place thereof are announced at the meeting at which that adjournment is taken unless the adjournment is for more than thirty (30) days, or unless after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, in which event a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each member of record entitled to vote at the meeting.
- (c) Notice of the time, place and purpose of any meeting of members may be waived in writing either before or after such meeting, and to the extent permitted by law, will be waived by any member by his attendance, in person or by proxy. Any member so waiving notice of such meeting shall be bound by the proceedings of any such meeting in all respects as if due

notice thereof had been given.

- (d) Unless and until voted, every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the person who executed it or of his legal representatives or assigns.

Section 7. Quorum and Voting.

- (a) At all meetings of members, the presence, in person or by proxy duly authorized, of the holders of the membership interest of one-tenth of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of members may be adjourned, from time to time, by vote of the holders of a majority of the membership interests represented, but no other business shall be transacted at such meeting. At an adjourned meeting of the members at which a quorum is present or represented any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting. The members present at a duly called or convened meeting, at which a quorum is present, may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, all actions taken by the holders of a majority of the voting power represented at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be valid and binding upon the corporation.

Section 8. Voting Rights. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Except as otherwise provided by law, only members whose names are listed on membership records of the corporation on the record date for determining the members entitled to vote at said meeting shall be entitled to vote at such meeting.

Section 9. Voting by Proxy. There shall be no voting by proxy except that specific matters may be voted by proxy provided that the Board of Directors has determined that such matters may be voted by proxy prior to such vote and further provided that the proxy is in written form and sets forth the specific issues and positions that may be voted by proxy.

Section 10. Record Date for Members. For the purpose of determining the members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to or dissent from any proposal without a meeting, or for the purpose of any other action, the directors may fix, in advance, a date as the record date for any such determination of members.

Section 11. Action Without Meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, any action required by statute to be taken or that may be taken at any annual or special meeting, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if consent(s) in writing are signed by the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action. To be effective, a written consent must be delivered to the principal place of business of the corporation and shall bear the date of

signature of each member who signs the consent. Prompt notice of the taking of the Corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to those members who have not consented in writing.

### ARTICLE III Directors

Section 1. Powers. The control and administration of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall have the power and authority to do and perform all acts and functions necessary to carry out the purposes and mission of the corporation not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

Section 2. Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-four (24) directors. The members will strive to select a Board of Directors that reflects ethnic, gender, racial, geographic, and professional diversity. There shall be at least two (2) members from each District Court of Appeal region.

Section 3. Term. Prior to each annual meeting after the first, the members shall elect directors from among its members, who shall serve for a two (2), year term. Directors wishing to serve an additional term may submit their name to the nominating committee for a vote by the Board of Directors. Any director may resign at any time by delivering his or her written resignation to the Secretary, such resignation to specify whether it will be effective at a particular time, upon receipt by the Secretary or at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. If no such specification is made, it shall be deemed effective at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. Vacancies thus created shall be voted on by the general membership through the nominating process.

Section 4. Nomination. No later than three months prior to the election of directors, officers or members of the Executive Committee, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall appoint two members of the Board of Directors representing separate professions, who along with the Chairperson of the Board and Statewide Drug Court Coordinator shall serve as a Nomination and Orientation Committee. The Nomination and Orientation Committee cannot comprise any member of the Board of Directors who is up for re-election to the Executive Committee and seeks another term as an Officer of the Board. If the current Chair chooses to run again, the Vice Chairperson or Statewide Drug Court Coordinator shall head the Nomination and Orientation Committee. Nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the Nomination and Orientation Committee in writing by the general membership no later than two months prior to the annual meeting. The Nomination and Orientation Committee shall review the nominations for vacancies from the general membership and create a ballot of the most qualified nominees.

Section 5. Election. No later than one month before the annual meeting the general membership will vote on the ballot submitted by the Nomination and Orientation Committee and return the ballot to the Nomination and Orientation Committee. The Nomination and Orientation Committee shall tally the ballots and submit the results to the Board of Directors. The results shall be announced at the annual meeting. The incoming, newly constituted Board of Directors shall vote on the Executive Committee

membership from the nominations submitted by the Nomination and Orientation Committee.

Section 6. Ex-Officio Directors. In addition to the twenty-four directors, the Past-Chairperson and the Statewide Drug Court Coordinator of the Office of the State Courts Administrator shall serve as ex-officio directors.

Section 7. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, whether caused by failure to elect, resignation, removal, death, increase in the authorized number of directors or otherwise, shall be filled for an unexpired term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon the nomination of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Declared Vacancy. The office of any individual member of the Board of Directors who shall fail to attend three (3) successive meetings of the Board of Directors without excused absence, as determined by the Chairperson of the Board, may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and said vacancy shall be filled in the manner as prescribed in hereinabove provided, the Board of Directors, or any individual director or emeritus member may be removed from office, with or without cause, and a new director or directors may be elected by a majority vote of members entitled to vote.

Section 9. Meetings.

- (a) The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately before or after the annual members' meeting at a place announced by the Board of Directors and such meeting shall be held for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may lawfully come before it.
- (b) Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place within or out of the State of Florida which has been designated by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place within or out of the State of Florida whenever called by a majority of the directors. Notice of any special meeting of the Board shall state the purposes of the proposed meeting and provide at least ten (10) days notice of said meeting. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the subjects stated in the meeting notice and matters germane thereto.
- (d) Written notice of any meeting may be waived by a majority of the Board of Directors in writing at any time before or after the meeting and will be waived by any director by attendance.

Section 10. Quorum and Voting.

- (a) At any meeting of the Board of Directors, one-third of the number of directors in office at the time of said meeting should constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of directors present at a meeting at which a

quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. Less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting.

- (b) Any member of the Board of Directors, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a meeting by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- (c) The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, however called or noticed, or whenever held, shall be as valid as if such a meeting had been duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present shall sign a written waiver of notice, or a consent to holding such meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

Section 11. Action Without Meeting. Unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board or of such committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing, and such writing or writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or committee.

Section 12. Fees and Compensation. The directors of the corporation shall receive no compensation for their services as directors but may be reimbursed for such expenses as they may incur in carrying out the purposes of the corporation, provided that such reimbursement in no way adversely affects the corporation qualifications under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or as amended.

#### ARTICLE IV Executive Committee

Section 1. Officers and Terms. The Board of Directors may appoint such officers for a minimum two year term with the option to seek re-nomination for additional one year term. Executive Committee officers wishing to serve another term must notify the Nomination and Orientation Committee in writing of their intent when nominations for the Board are sought or by April 1st.. The elected offices of the Board that comprise the Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and two At-Large Directors. The Past-Chairperson shall automatically be placed on the Executive Committee as an ex-officio director.

Section 2. Nomination and Election. Nominations to the Executive Committee shall be submitted by the Nomination and Orientation Committee. The Executive Committee shall be voted on by the incoming Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will

consider the nominations and will vote on the final Executive Committee during the first meeting of the term of the newly constituted Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board Officers and Duties.

- (a) Chairperson of the Board. The Chairperson of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer and possess such powers as are assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Vice Chairperson of the Board. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson of the Board in the event of the Chairperson of the Board's absence, resignation, inability to perform such duties, and shall also perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Past Chairperson of the Board. The Past Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson of the Board in the event of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board's absence, resignation, inability to perform such duties, and shall also perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Past-Chairperson shall serve as an ex-officio director.
- (d) Secretary. The Secretary or designee shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the association, shall keep the seal of the association and affix it to such papers and instruments as may be required in the regular course of business, shall make service of such notices as may be necessary or proper, shall supervise the keeping of the records for the association and shall discharge such other duties of the office as prescribed by the Board.
- (e) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate records of receipts and disbursement in books belonging to the corporation. The Treasurer shall deposit monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation in meeting its general accounts receivable and as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, or whenever they may require it. The Treasurer shall keep a full record of the financial proceedings of the association. The Treasurer shall deposit and record all membership funds collected and shall disburse funds as approved by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall report the corporation's financial condition, account for all transactions of the financial condition of the corporation to the Board on a periodic basis and shall publish the annual budget in a timely manner. The treasurer shall serve as chair of the finance committee to insure the financial stability of the corporation.
- (f) At-Large. The At-Large Directors shall provide guidance and perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of

Directors for the unexpired term by majority vote of the Board of Directors upon the nomination of the Chairperson of the Board.

Section 5. Compensation. The officers of the Board of Directors shall receive no compensation for their services as officers but may be reimbursed for such expenses as they may incur in carrying out the purposes of the corporation, provided that such reimbursement in no way adversely affects the corporation's qualifications under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or as amended.

## ARTICLE V Board Committees

### Section 1. Standing Committees.

- (a) Standing Committees shall be formed by resolution adopted by a majority of directors at any meeting during which a quorum is present. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors may appoint such advisory, standing or special committees as are authorized by the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting investigation, study and action in work of a continuous and recurring character. The duties of the Standing Committees shall be set forth by the Board of Directors. All actions of the various standing, advisory or special committees shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Unless modified by the Board of Directors, there shall be the following standing committees:
  - (i) Bylaws Committee. The bylaws committee shall be responsible for reviewing the bylaws and making recommendations for amendments where appropriate.
  - (ii) Legislative Committee. The legislative committee shall be responsible for drafting, revising and supporting legislation that promotes and expands drug court programs in Florida as approved by the Board of Directors.
  - (iii) Membership Committee. The membership committee shall be responsible for developing the membership of the organization and shall be responsible for collection of membership fees, developing a membership directory, and keeping members informed of all relevant information.
  - (iv) Nomination and Orientation Committee. The nomination and orientation committee shall be responsible for ensuring the nomination and election of Board members and officers in accordance with these Bylaws and shall develop and orientation process for new Board members.
  - (v) Strategic Planning Committee. The strategic planning committee shall be responsible for the development of short term and long term plans for the growth and success of the corporation. The committee shall

work in tandem with the Executive Director and shall report to the Board.

- (vi) Funding Committee. The funding committee shall be responsible for the development of funding sources and aid the corporation in expanding and diversifying funding opportunities.
- (vii) Training Conference Committee. The conference committee shall be responsible for the planning and implementation of training conferences for the association.
- (viii) Treatment Fidelity and Accountability Committee. The treatment fidelity and accountability committee shall be responsible for providing assistance, guidance, and advice to the field regarding issues surrounding treatment fidelity and accountability.

- (b) The chairs of each Standing Committee shall be appointed annually by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- (c) Standing Committees shall be empowered to establish such subcommittees as may be necessary to assist in the performance of their investigation, study or action. All subcommittees will be responsible for reporting directly to their respective Standing Committees.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, form Ad Hoc Committees and study matters relating to specific purposes, business and objectives of the corporation. The term of such committees shall be ended upon completion of their assigned tasks.

Section 3. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors in office, shall elect an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Past-Chairperson, and two At-Large Directors. The Executive Committee shall have and exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors subject to such limitations as the laws of the State of Florida or the Board of Directors may impose. The Executive Committee shall have power to make rules and regulations for the conduct of its business. The Executive Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and report to the Board of Directors.

- (a) Members of the Executive Committee shall be selected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
  - (i) Vacancies. Vacancies on the Executive Committee, whether caused by the failure to elect, resignation, death or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors upon the nomination of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
  - (ii) Meetings. The Executive Committee will meet as needed.

- (iii) Quorum. A majority thereof shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI  
Corporation Officers

Section 1. Officers and Terms. The officers of the corporation shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Past-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and two At-Large Directors, and such other officers with such other titles as the Board of Directors shall deem necessary. The Past-Chairperson shall automatically be an officer an ex-officio director.

Section 2. Selection of Corporate Officers. The corporate officers shall be selected by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting.

Section 3. Duties. The officers of the corporation shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers, together with such duties as shall be prescribed by these Bylaws or by the Board of Directors.

- (a) Chairperson of the Corporation. The Chairperson shall have general supervision over all the affairs of the corporation and shall be the principal spokesperson of the corporation and perform all other duties and possess such other powers as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Vice Chairperson of the Corporation. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and act in the absence of the Chairperson as if imbued with the powers of the Chair.
- (c) Past Chairperson of the Board. The Past Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson of the Board in the event of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board's absence, resignation, inability to perform such duties, and shall also perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Past-Chairperson shall serve as an ex-officio director.
- (d) Secretary. The Secretary or designee shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the association, shall keep the seal of the association and affix it to such papers and instruments as may be required in the regular course of business, shall make service of such notices as may be necessary or proper, shall supervise the keeping of the records for the association and shall discharge such other duties of the office as prescribed by the Board.
- (e) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall keep full and accurate records of receipts and disbursement in books belonging to the corporation. The Treasurer shall deposit monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation in meeting its general accounts receivable and as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, or whenever they may require it. The Treasurer shall keep a full record of the financial proceedings of the

association. The Treasurer shall deposit and record all membership funds collected and shall disburse funds as approved by the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall report the corporation's financial condition, account for all transactions of the financial condition of the corporation to the Board on a periodic basis and shall publish the annual budget in a timely manner. The treasurer shall serve as chair of the finance committee to insure the financial stability of the corporation.

- (f) At-Large Directors. At Large Directors shall provide guidance and perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term by majority vote of the Board of Directors upon the nomination of the Chairperson of the Board.

## ARTICLE VII Execution of Corporate Instruments

### Section 1. Execution of Corporate Instruments.

- (a) The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, determine the method and designate the signatory officer or officers, or other person or persons, to execute any corporate instrument or document, or to sign the corporate name without limitation, except where otherwise provided by law, and such execution or signature shall be binding upon the corporation.
- (b) Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Board of Directors of otherwise required by law, formal contracts of the corporation, promissory notes, deeds of trust, mortgages and other evidences of indebtedness of the corporation, and other corporate instruments or documents requiring the corporate seal shall be executed, signed or endorsed by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors or his or her designee.

Section 2. Checks. All checks and drafts drawn on banks or other depositories on funds to the credit of the corporation, or in special accounts of the corporation, shall require one signature of the Treasurer or other designee approved by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII Emeritus Status

The Board of Directors may designate former board members as emeritus board members based upon their distinguished contribution to the drug court field. This is an honorary title that shall not entitle the emeritus board member to vote, act on behalf of the Board of Directors or the Association, or to receive the benefits associated with active board membership without the authorization of the Board. However, emeritus board members shall be invited to attend Board meetings, The purpose of the emeritus

status is to strengthen the drug court movement by drawing upon the knowledge, experience, and good will of emeritus members to provide the organization with a strong foundation for future growth and service.

ARTICLE IX  
Corporate Seal

The corporate seal shall consist of a die bearing the name of the corporation and the state and date of its incorporation. Said seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise.

ARTICLE X  
Indemnification

The corporation shall indemnify to the fullest extent allowed under the law any person who is a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, of whatever kind or nature by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation against expenses, including attorney's fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, except where an individual is adjudicated not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interest of the corporation. The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who may be indemnified pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE XI  
Miscellaneous

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the calendar year.

Section 2. Nondiscrimination. The officers, directors, committee members, employees and persons served by the corporation shall be selected entirely on a nondiscriminatory basis with respect to age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion and national origin.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

These Bylaws may be repealed, altered or amended or new Bylaws adopted by vote of the majority of the Board of Directors present at any meeting where notice of such proposed action has been announced in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

DRUG COURT CONGRESS

Section 1. Membership. The membership representing the Florida Drug Courts at the National Congress shall comprise the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Office of the State Courts Administrator Ex-Officio Director may participate as a non-voting member.

Section 2. Responsibilities. Representatives to the Drug Court Congress shall:

- (a) Attend the annual meeting of the Drug Court Congress to represent the interests of the Florida Drug Courts to the National Congress.
- (b) Meet with state legislative representatives to advocate on behalf of the Florida Drug Courts.
- (c) Serve as the contact point between the Florida Drug Courts and the Drug Courts of other states/countries, NADCP and NDCI to gather and exchange information relative to the successful operation of Drug Courts.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY/TREASURER

The undersigned, Secretary of the Florida Association of Drug Court Professionals, a Florida nonstock corporation, hereby certifies the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Bylaws of said corporation, with all amendments to date of this Certificate.

WITNESS the signature of the undersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Secretary,  
Florida Association of  
Drug Court Professionals