



IOWA AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION

720 Lyon St.
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Iowa American Legion Press Association. For the sake of brevity, the letters IALPA will be used to identify this association.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. The aims and purposes of IALPA shall be to foster periodical publications of The American Legion in the Department of Iowa, by Districts, Counties and Posts of The American Legion, and in its subsidiary and/or auxiliary organizations.

Section 2. To encourage the improvement of these publications through mutual endeavor, by fostering exchange of publications; by disseminating through the medium of IALPA new ideas, promotional plans, and other information of value in forwarding the programs of The American Legion; by suggestions for increasing readership; to assist in the solution of mechanical, professional or financial problems.

Section 3. The IALPA and its members shall not affiliate, nor cooperate, in any work or movement in violation of the spirit and policy of The American Legion.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership in IALPA is open to all members in good standing of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of IALPA shall be held at the Department Convention of The American Legion of Iowa, at a time and place selected by the Department of Iowa staff.

Section 2. The regular meetings shall be held as prescribed by the By-Laws (Article II).

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Executive Board as prescribed by the By-Laws (Article II).

Section 4. Only members in good standing shall have the right to vote at any meetings of the organization. A quorum for the transaction of business at all regular meetings shall consist of seven members. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of four members.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting shall elect a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. There shall be an Executive Board composed of the elected officers of the Association, the Department Staff Liaison and all past presidents who are in good standing.

Section 3. All officers and members of the Executive Board shall pay their annual dues for the year of the term for which they are elected before they take office.

Section 4. All officers and members of the Executive Board shall take office immediately following the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be for a period of one year, with the exception of the past presidents who automatically remain members of the Board.

Section 5 The Department Adjutant will serve as the Department Staff Liaison for the IALPA.

ARTICLE VI STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. IALPA may provide in its By-Laws for such standing committees as it deems necessary.

ARTICLE VII FINANCES

Section 1. The annual dues shall be set for the Fiscal year at the Annual Meeting. The Fiscal year shall begin September First and shall end the following year on August Thirty-First.

Section 2 The IALPA Treasurer shall forward to the Department Headquarters all income, including dues to be deposited in an account designated for IALPA. This may include dues for National American Legion Press Association.

Further all IALPA expenses shall be paid from this account.

The Department of Iowa will keep the IALPA President and Treasurer up to date on this account.

(See by-laws for details)

**ARTICLE VIII
DICIPLINE**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be the arbiter in any differences of opinion as to the eligibility of an applicant for membership.

Section 2. The Executive Board is empowered to suspend or cancel the membership of any member for cause, after notifying the member. The board will send this notification in writing to the member. The member will be given a 30 day period to respond to the Board. The member may meet in person or respond in writing to the Board. After a fair and impartial hearing the Executive Board will make a final decision.

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of IALPA by a two-thirds vote of the membership present. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted to the IALPA President and Secretary in writing not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. This Constitution shall become effective at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting where adopted and/or amended, and shall be in effect thereafter.

Adopted at the IALPA Annual meeting Friday July 13, 2018.

Nicholas Lucy _____
IALPA President

D.J. Hadley _____
IALPA Secretary

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