

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL STATES ASSOCIATION

(Adopted June 18, 1974)
(Amended June 25, 1982)
(Amended June 17, 1983)
(Amended October 13, 1992)
(Amended October 8, 2002)
(Amended September 4, 2003)

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the Central States Association (hereinafter ACSA@) of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of the CSA is to bring together representatives of the various members at least once a year to discuss the problems and experiences arising out of the administration of workers' compensation laws, particularly those affecting the central region and to propose and evaluate solutions to those problems.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two classifications of membership: active and associate.

Section 1. Each of the following designated jurisdictions of the United States of America having a Workers' Compensation law shall be entitled to active membership in this Association.

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| 1. Illinois | 7. Missouri |
| 2. Indiana | 8. Nebraska |
| 3. Iowa | 9. North Dakota |
| 4. Kansas | 10. Ohio |
| 5. Michigan | 11. South Dakota |
| 6. Minnesota | 12. Wisconsin |

Section 2. Individuals or organizations may make application to the (CSA) as associate members. An application for associate membership shall be in writing, bear the approval of an active member of the CSA, be accompanied by the prescribed membership fee and be filed with the President of the CSA. Such application shall then be presented to the Executive Committee and the Executive

Committee shall determine by majority vote whether or not such application shall be accepted.

ARTICLE IV - REPRESENTATION

- Section 1. Each active member jurisdiction of the CSA shall have one vote.
- Section 2. Each workers= compensation agency, board, commission or court may send as many delegates to CSA meetings as it may deem advisable.
- Section 3. Any delegate in attendance at a CSA meeting shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, subject to such rules as may be adopted by the CSA.
- Section 4. Associate Members do not have voting rights.

ARTICLE V - ANNUAL DUES

- Section 1. Each active and/or associate member shall pay annual dues of \$100.00 or such amount as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. Annual dues are payable on or before the beginning of each calendar year. In order to entitle members to representation and to vote, dues must be paid prior to the time of voting.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, may waive dues for the entire membership or in the event of hardship, for an individual member or members.

ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATION AND OFFICIERS

- Section 1. The fiscal year of the CSA shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. The organizational year shall be from the date of installation of officers to the date of installation of officers for the succeeding year. The officers and the Executive Committee shall serve, when duly chosen, for the organizational year, and until their successors are duly chosen and installed.
- Section 2. The officers of this Association shall be a President and a Vice President. The President and Vice President shall be elected annually by the delegates in convention - one vote to each state. A Secretary-Treasurer may be appointed by the President from the

membership or from the President's jurisdiction. Eligibility for the offices of President and Vice President shall be limited to authorized delegates of member jurisdictions as defined in Article IV, Section 2.

- Section 3. If, for any reason, the President or Vice President, during the term for which he or she was chosen, should cease to be an authorized delegate of a member jurisdiction, his or her office shall immediately become vacant. If, for any reason, a vacancy occurs a majority of the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term.
- Section 4. There shall be an Executive Committee of the CSA, which shall consist of one representative from each member state, to be selected by the member state; provided, further that the President and Vice President shall automatically be the member of the Executive Committee representing their respective jurisdictions. The President is authorized to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to act as Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to formulate programs for all conventions and other meetings of the CSA, to fill all offices which may become vacant, and, in general, to conduct the affairs of the CSA.
- Section 6. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.
- Section 7. No officers, member of the Executive Committee, or other volunteer committee members shall be held to a higher standard of care than other such volunteers because of any professional training or licensure unless they have been engaged expressly to render special professional service or to give professional opinions.

ARTICLE VII - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such standing committees as he or she deems advisable.

ARTICLE VIII - BY-LAWS

The CSA active members, by majority vote at any called meeting, may adopt such by-laws as deemed necessary and not in conflict with the provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE IX

This constitution, or any clause, thereof, may be repealed or amended at any called meeting of the CSA. Notice of any such change must be read in open meeting, referred to a special committee, and cannot be voted upon the same day in which it was introduced, except by unanimous consent.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting is required to change the constitution.

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary procedure for conduct of CSA business shall be as prescribed in Roberts' Rules of Order except where otherwise stated in the Constitution or by-laws.

Last recorded amendments by Su Davis, Nebraska