

**LEHIGH VALLEY SOCCER OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED
INTERCOLLEGIATE (NISOA) CONSTITUTION**

Article I NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization of registered **NISOA** Athletic Officials shall be the **LEHIGH VALLEY SOCCER OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED (LVSOA)** Chapter of the **NISOA** soccer officials.

Article II AFFILIATION

Section 1 This organization shall be affiliated with the **National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, Incorporated (NISOA)**. It will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws as set forth by the **NISOA** and any provisions or requirements as stated by the **NISOA** in its most recent revision of the **NISOA** Policy Manual.

Section 2 This organization shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Article III PURPOSE

Section 1 The **LVSOA** will endeavor to provide reliable and dedicated officiating for all levels of intercollegiate soccer games (community colleges, colleges, universities, etc.).

Section 2 The **LVSOA** will endeavor to progressively improve the quality of soccer refereeing through instruction in rule interpretations and proper mechanics.

Section 3 The **LVSOA** will endeavor to promote the game of soccer and officiate so that good sportsmanship and character development are fostered to the highest degree.

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 There shall be four classes of members. They shall be **ACTIVE**, **INACTIVE**, **ASSOCIATE**, and **LIFETIME**.

Section 2 Members of all classes may attend meetings and participate in discussions.

Section 3 Only **ACTIVE** members may hold office or vote on matters concerning this organization.

- Section 4* Members will be assessed dues and fees yearly as provided for in the Bylaws.
- Section 5* **ACTIVE** members are those members in good standing who meet all the requirements as provided for in the Bylaws.
- Section 6* **INACTIVE** members are those members who have been **ACTIVE** members but are no longer able to referee games because of their unavailability due to health, employment, or moving from the geographical area. An **INACTIVE** member may become an **ACTIVE** member in accordance with the Bylaws.
- Section 7* **ASSOCIATE** members are those individuals who are interested in the **LVSOA** or are considering membership. An **ASSOCIATE** member can also be a person who is receiving compensation for serving the **LVSOA** as an **ASSESSOR**.
- Section 8* **LIFETIME** members are those individuals who have been **ACTIVE** members in good standing and are retiring from **ACTIVE** membership. **LIFETIME** members with at least fifteen (15) years of service, shall receive the **LVSOA LIFETIME** membership benefits as stated in the **LVSOA** Bylaws.
- Section 9* All officials who transfer from other **NISOA** affiliated chapters shall be admitted to this **NISOA** chapter, providing they fulfill all requirements as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Article V OFFICERS

- Section 1* The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Interpreter. In the absence of the President another officer shall serve in his/her place in the priority stated in the preceding sentence. The officers shall be elected annually at the Annual Election Meeting and shall take office as provided for in the Bylaws.
- Section 2* The officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the Bylaws and such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the **LVSOA**.
- Section 3* The officers must be **ACTIVE** members in good standing in the **LVSOA**. No person may hold more than one office at a time. Officers may serve consecutive terms.
- Section 4* If a vacancy occurs among the officers for any reason, the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term shall be filled by a recommendation of the Executive Board and voted on by the membership-at-large.

Section 5 Officers may receive an honorarium for their services as officers. The amount of the honorarium shall be determined by the Executive Board and shown in the proposed Annual Budget.

Section 6 An officer may be recommended for expulsion from his/her office by the Executive Board if he/she is not carrying out the duties of the office in the best interest of the **LVSOA**. Such a recommendation will be voted on by the membership-at-large.

Article VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Interpreter, and three (3) other **ACTIVE** members-at-large, similarly elected as the officers.

Section 2 The Executive Board shall conduct any necessary business of the **LVSOA** as prescribed for in the Bylaws and shall perform other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the membership-at-large.

Section 3 Executive Board members must be **ACTIVE** members in good standing in the **LVSOA**. No person may hold more than one Executive Board membership-at-large position at a time. Executive Board members-at-large may serve consecutive terms.

Section 4 If a vacancy occurs among the Executive Board members-at-large for any reason, the position for the unexpired portion of the term shall be filled by a recommendation of the Executive Board and voted on by the membership-at-large.

Section 5 An Executive Board member-at-large may be recommended for expulsion from his/her position by the Executive Board if he/she is not carrying out his/her duties in the best interest of the **LVSOA**. Such a recommendation will be voted on by the membership-at-large.

Article VII COMMITTEES

Section 1 Each year the President shall appoint any Standing Committees he/she or the Executive Board or the membership-at-large may deem necessary for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**. These standing committees shall be appointed prior to the first meeting of the new calendar year. The standing committees shall be responsible to the membership-at-large and/or the Executive Board. All committees shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) members with one person serving as chairperson.

Section 2 The President may appoint any other committees, throughout the year, as he/she deems necessary for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**.

Article VIII MEETINGS

Section 1 Meetings shall be called by the President as provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 2 A quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the **ACTIVE**, eligible members of the **LVSOA** shall be necessary to conduct any business.

Article IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1 The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended hereafter. A proposed amendment will be read and discussed at any regular or special meeting of the **LVSOA**. It may then be voted on by the membership-at-large, with or without amendment. Upon a majority of the votes of those members present and the voting being favorable, the proposed amendment shall be published and distributed to the **ACTIVE** members. At the next regular meeting which follows the meeting at which the proposed amendment was favorably voted upon, the proposed amendment shall be read and again may be amended. Another vote shall be taken, and upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the **ACTIVE** members present and voting, the amendment shall be in full force and effect.

Article X PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1 The rules contained in the most recent revision of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern in all parliamentary procedure in which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these Bylaws.

Article XI ENACTMENT

Section 1 This Constitution and the Bylaws enacted to supplement this Constitution shall be in full force and effect upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the **ACTIVE** members present and voting; and upon becoming in full force and effect, all previous Constitutions and Bylaws shall be repealed without further action.

BYLAWS

Article I MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1* An applicant shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Section 2* An applicant must submit three (3) letters of recommendation; two (2) from **NISOA** members in good standing with at least five (5) years experience of officiating and one (1) from a college coach, **NISOA** assessor, or **NISOA** clinician.
- Section 3* An applicant must pass the **NISOA** Qualifying Exam by 75% and the **NISOA** Entry Level Physical Performance Test.
- Section 4* An applicant must have at least three (3) years of game experience at the high school level or higher.
- Section 5* An applicant must have officiated as a referee in at least 25 games at the high school, amateur, or professional level.
- Section 6* An applicant must have officiated the required games under the approved officiating systems of **NISOA**.
- Section 7* An applicant must pass the **NISOA** Medical Physical Exam and return an accompanying **NISOA** statement, which explains the referee's field capabilities, signed by the physician thus acknowledging an understanding of these activities.
- Section 8* An applicant must, once an initial application and game experience has been submitted to the chapter, complete all of the above requirements within six (6) months of the initial date of application.
- Section 9* An applicant must submit all fees and dues (Local, National, and New Member Uniform Kit) with the application form. Three (3) individual checks are to be made payable, one (1) each, to the Local Chapter, **NISOA**, and **OSI**.
- Section 10* An applicant is eligible to take the Fitness Test and/or the Written Exam twice within the months of November-December; January-August 31.
- Section 11* An applicant or member must possess good moral character and sound mental and physical health. The person must also possess good habits and

unquestionable honesty and integrity. The person must be able to refrain from the use of tobacco products while present on college property.

Section 12 No member shall be assigned to referee any **NISOA** affiliated game unless he/she has fulfilled the requirements to become a registered **NISOA** Official as stated in the most recent edition of the **NISOA** Policy Manual. A member must also continue to maintain his/her yearly **NISOA** membership as stated in the **NISOA** Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 13 An **ACTIVE** member may become an **INACTIVE** member by following the procedure as set forth in the most recent edition of the **NISOA** Policy Manual.

Section 14 An **INACTIVE** member may not officiate any **NISOA** affiliated games.

Section 15 An **INACTIVE** member must maintain all other membership requirements for **INACTIVE** officials as stated in the most recent edition of the **NISOA** Policy Manual. This includes the payment of **INACTIVE** member dues as set forth in the **NISOA** Membership Fee Structure.

Section 16 No **ACTIVE** member may become **INACTIVE** until all outstanding financial obligations, to the **LVSOA**, have been fulfilled.

Section 17 A **LIFETIME** member will receive a framed “Certificate of Merit” indicating his/her years of service to the **LVSOA**. He/She will also receive a plaque indicating lifetime membership in the **LEHIGH VALLEY SOCCER OFFICIALS’ ASSOCIATION (LVSOA)**.

Section 18 A **LIFETIME** member and his/her spouse or friend will be the guests of honor at the next Annual Dinner (Banquet) following the time at which the member has fulfilled the retired official’s requirements as stated in the **LVSOA** Constitution. The **LIFETIME** member will continue to be an invited guest at future Annual Dinners (Banquets) of the **LVSOA** following the initial Annual Dinner (Banquet) that he/she was a guest of honor.

Section 19 No **ACTIVE** or **INACTIVE** member may become a **LIFETIME** member until all outstanding financial obligations to the **LVSOA** have been fulfilled.

Section 20 **ASSOCIATE** membership shall be open to any and all persons interested in the sport of soccer and in the **LVSOA**. He/She shall not have the right to vote, or to hold office, and is not approved to officiate intercollegiate soccer games under the regulations of the **NISOA**. An **ASSOCIATE** member shall pay dues.

Article II TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Any **NISOA** member who wishes to transfer from one chapter to another **MUST** complete the **Application for Chapter Transfer** form, found in the most recent edition of the **NISOA Soccer Officials Manual**, and send it to the releasing chapter contact. It is also the responsibility of the transferring member to communicate with the accepting chapter contact, whose name and address can be found in the most recent edition of the **NISOA Information Booklet**.

Section 2 Upon receipt of the **Application for Chapter Transfer** form, the releasing chapter contact shall verify the member's status by signing the appropriate **Releasing Chapter Contact** form found in the most recent edition of the **NISOA Soccer Officials Manual**. Copies of this completed form should be sent to each of the following individuals.

- a. The accepting chapter contact (name and address of the chapter contact shall be found in the most recent edition of the **NISOA Information Booklet**).
- b. Dr. Raymond Bernabei, Executive Director, 541 Woodview Drive, Longwood, Florida, 32779.

Section 3 Should any of these procedures or contact people change, the correct information will be found in the most recent edition of the **NISOA Soccer Officials Manual**. It is up to the transferring member to make sure that he/she uses the proper information.

Article III DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1 The annual dues shall be set by the Executive Board and recommended to the membership for approval as part of the annual proposed budget. Dues are payable on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of January preceding the current soccer season.

Section 2 Any member who neglects to pay his/her dues on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of January preceding the current soccer season must pay a late assessment fee of ten dollars (\$10). The late assessment fee of ten dollars (\$10) must accompany the member's dues when paid. If the amount of the late assessment fee needs to be changed, it shall be set by the Executive Board.

Section 3 Any member who neglects to pay his/her dues on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of January preceding the current soccer season and/or the late assessment fee shall be considered "not in good standing". Any such

member shall not be assigned any games for the current soccer season until said dues and/or assessments are satisfied.

Section 4 Any member who joins the **LVSOA** for the first time shall pay a one time only incorporation assessment fee of ten dollars (\$10). This fee must be paid when the member makes his/her initial dues payment to the **LVSOA**. Any member who neglects to pay his/her ten dollar (\$10) fee shall be considered “not in good standing” and shall not be assigned any games for the current soccer season until the fee is paid. If the amount of the incorporation assessment fee needs to be changed, it shall be set by the Executive Board.

Section 5 Any member who neglects to pay any **LVSOA** Assignor’s fee(s) shall be considered “not in good standing”. Any such member shall not be assigned any games for the current soccer season until the fee(s) is/are paid.

Section 6 Other assessments may be made upon the members when the business of the **LVSOA** requires more funds than are currently available. Any such assessments shall be set by the Executive Board.

Section 7 Any **LIFETIME** member who serves the **LVSOA** as an **ASSESSOR** shall not be required to pay the yearly **ASSOCIATE** membership dues.

Article IV MEETINGS

Section 1 At least one **NISOA** annual mandatory rules interpretation meeting must be held prior to the beginning of the summer-fall soccer season. This meeting shall be conducted by the **LVSOA** Interpreter.

Section 2 The **LVSOA** must hold a minimum of ten (10) scheduled meetings during the summer-fall soccer season (July-October). The mandatory **NISOA** rules interpretation meeting will not count as one of the ten meetings.

Section 3 Executive Board meetings shall be held as deemed necessary by the President. Such meetings shall also be held when requested by a minimum of five (5) Executive Board members. Members of standing committees shall attend these meetings only upon the request of the Executive Board.

Section 4 The annual election of officers and Executive Board members-at-large shall be held during the final business meeting of the summer-fall soccer season.

Section 5 Special meetings of the **LVSOA** shall be held as deemed necessary by the President, the Executive Board, or the membership-at-large.

Article V ATTENDANCE

- Section 1* All **ACTIVE** members and **ASSOCIATE** members receiving compensation for serving the **LVSOA** as an **ASSESSOR** must attend one (1) **NISOA** annual mandatory rules interpretation meeting during the summer.
- Section 2* All **ACTIVE** members and **ASSOCIATE** members receiving compensation for serving the **LVSOA** as an **ASSESSOR** must attend a minimum of three (3) meetings during the summer-fall soccer season (July-October). The annual **LVSOA** Dinner (Banquet) will not count as one of the three (3) required meetings. A member may attend a maximum of one (1) meeting at another recognized **NISOA** soccer chapter to be counted toward the required three (3) meetings. However, the official must submit a written, signed statement of attendance for the meeting from the respective chapter's Secretary to the Recording Secretary of the **LVSOA**.
- Section 3* In order for a member to receive credit for attending a meeting he/she must be in attendance by fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the meeting and must remain in attendance until the conclusion of the meeting or ninety (90) minutes after the scheduled start of the meeting, whichever occurs first (Sept. 1998).
- Section 4* At the close of the summer-fall soccer season the Recording Secretary shall submit in writing, to the Executive Board, a list of the **LVSOA** members, showing a complete summary of attendance.
- Section 5* An **ACTIVE** member or an **ASSOCIATE** member receiving compensation for serving the **LVSOA** as an **ASSESSOR**, may appeal to the Executive Board, in writing, if he/she feels that attending the required three (3) scheduled meetings places an undue hardship on him/her. The Executive Board will deal with each appeal on an individual basis.

Article VI VOTING

- Section 1* Each **ACTIVE**, eligible, member of the **LVSOA** shall have one vote on all questions. The vote of the majority of those members present and voting shall prevail in all matters, except the final voting on any amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws. The affirmative vote of at least two-third (2/3) of the **ACTIVE** members present and voting shall be required for final voting on any amendments.
- Section 2* Voting upon the election of officers and the Executive Board members-at-large shall be by written ballot. If there is only one candidate for each of

the offices and Executive Board member-at-large positions, then the Recording Secretary shall cast a vote of acclamation.

Section 3 Voting upon motions and all other matters shall be by voice or show of hands vote. The presiding officer shall not vote except in case of a tie vote. However, he/she may vote during elections as another member.

Article VII ELECTIONS

Section 1 Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be elected during the final business meeting of the summer-fall soccer season. Written, absentee ballots received by post or e-mail shall be accepted and counted if received by the Corresponding Secretary after the second-to-last and before the last business meeting of the summer-fall season. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates to the membership at the two (2) meetings prior to the election meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at either of these two meetings.

Section 2 The election of officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be voted on in the order stated in **Article VI, Section 1** of the Constitution. The President shall be elected first, then the Vice-President, etc., until each office and Executive Board member-at-large position has been filled.

Section 3 Election of officers shall be by the majority vote of the **ACTIVE**, eligible members present and voting. In case no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election shall be held to include only the two (2) candidates with the highest number of votes which shall include all ties.

Section 4 Election of the three (3) Executive Board members-at-large shall be by plurality vote.

Section 5 If there are no candidates for an office or Executive Board member-at-large position, the election for any vacancy shall be postponed until candidate(s) are nominated, at which time the election shall be completed.

Section 6 The newly elected officers and Executive Board members-at-large shall assume office immediately following the annual **LVSOA** Dinner (Banquet).

Article VIII QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Section 1 Only **ACTIVE** members in good standing in the **LVSOA** shall be considered for nomination and election to an office.

Article IX QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Section 1 Only **ACTIVE** members in good standing in the **LVSOA** shall be considered for nomination and election to an Executive Board member-at-large position.

Section 2 Only **ACTIVE** members in good standing in the **LVSOA** shall be appointed to serve on any **LVSOA** committees.

Article X DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Section 1 The President, and in his/her absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the **LVSOA** and of the Executive Board. If neither the President nor the Vice-President is present the Recording Secretary shall preside. If all three (3) of the aforeshown officers are absent the Corresponding Secretary shall preside. If all four (4) of the above officers are absent the Treasurer shall preside.

Section 2 The President shall conduct the business of the **LVSOA** properly in all matters except those specifically assigned to other officers or committees in accordance with the Bylaws, the Constitution, the Executive Board, the membership-at-large, or the President.

Section 3 The Vice-President shall serve as the official contact person for the **NISOA**. As such, he/she shall receive and distribute information from the **NISOA**. He/She shall also administer the yearly **NISOA** physical fitness test(s) and shall also coordinate the new member registration procedures.

Section 4 The Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Evaluation Committee and/or the Assessment Committee, depending on which committee(s) is/are deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**. The committee(s) shall be determined by the President, the Executive Board, or the membership-at-large, on a yearly basis. The Vice-President shall perform any other duties which, from time to time, may be requested by the President or the Executive Board, for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**.

Section 5 In the event of the resignation, expulsion, death, or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall possess and exercise all the powers of the President for the remainder of the season or for the period of disability. In the event of the resignation, expulsion, death, or disability of the President and/or the Vice-President, the Executive Board shall appoint an acting President and/or Vice-President for the period of disability or for the remainder of the season. He/She shall have the authority to act on behalf of the **LVS OA** in normal business matters requiring immediate attention, except that he/she may not obligate the **LVS OA** financially without prior approval of the Executive Board or the membership-at-large. It shall be his/her obligation to direct the other officers and committees in the performance of their duties in the best interest of the **LVS OA**. He/She shall perform such other duties as are prescribed, from time to time, by the **LVS OA**.

Article XI DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Section 1 The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings, including any regular meetings, Executive Board meetings, and any special meetings of the **LVS OA**. He/She shall keep a record of the names of those members present at all regular meetings and Executive Board meetings of the **LVS OA**. He/She shall be responsible for completing and submitting all membership and attendance reports and requirements as may be required by the **NISOA**. The Recording Secretary shall perform any other duties that may from time to time be requested by the President or Executive Board for the efficient operation of the **LVS OA**.

Section 2 The Recording Secretary shall also perform the duties as defined in **Article V ATTENDANCE, Section 4**, of the Bylaws.

Section 3 The Corresponding Secretary shall, prior to the first summer-fall meeting, send a notice to the membership advising them of the meeting dates for the summer-fall soccer season. These meeting dates will be contained in the President's spring-summer letter to the membership.

Section 4 The Corresponding Secretary shall receive, prepare, and dispatch all correspondence concerning activities of the **LVS OA** as directed by the President, and shall inform the **LVS OA** of the receipt and dispatch of correspondence. He/She shall advise the membership, in writing, of any special meetings at least one (1) week in advance of the meeting date. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform any other duties that may from time to time be requested by the President or the Executive Board for the efficient operation of the **LVS OA**.

Section 5 In the event of the resignation, expulsion, or death of either the Recording Secretary or the Corresponding Secretary, the Executive Board shall recommend a successor who will be voted on by the membership-at-large. The successor shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event of the absence or disability of either the Recording Secretary or the Corresponding Secretary, the Executive Board shall appoint a temporary Recording Secretary or Corresponding Secretary for the duration of the absence or disability.

Article XII DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

Section 1 The Treasurer shall receive all monies due the **LVSOA**, deposit those monies in a bank selected by the Executive Board, and make such disbursements as directed by the Executive Board and/or the **LVSOA** or as provided for in these Bylaws. He/She is empowered to make necessary disbursements to any officer, Executive Board member-at-large, or committee member necessary for conducting the business of the **LVSOA**. Typical costs include postage, office supplies, telephone calls, etc. The Treasurer shall give a financial report to the **LVSOA** at each business meeting and to the Executive Board at a Board meeting if requested to do so. He/She shall perform any other duties that may from time to time be requested by the President or the Executive Board for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**.

Section 2 The Treasurer shall present a proposed annual budget, to the membership-at-large, prior to October 1st. The budget will be discussed, changed if necessary, and voted on by the membership. The Treasurer shall also submit a written financial report to the **LVSOA** or Executive Board, if requested by the President, Executive Board, or the membership-at-large.

Section 3 In the event of the resignation, expulsion, or death of the Treasurer, the Executive Board shall recommend a successor who will be voted on by the membership-at-large. The successor shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event of the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Executive Board shall appoint a temporary Treasurer for the duration of the absence or disability.

Article XIII DUTIES OF THE INTERPRETER

Section 1 The Interpreter shall conduct the annual **NISOA** rules interpretation meeting, as stated in **Article IV MEETINGS, Section 1**, of the Bylaws.

Section 2 The Interpreter shall provide appropriate information or rule interpretations and discuss their intent for uniform interpretations. He/She shall also provide appropriate information on approved mechanics and techniques of soccer officiating so that the overall quality of soccer refereeing is progressively improved.

Section 3 The Interpreter shall settle any disputes among members concerning rule interpretations and/or mechanics of refereeing. All interpretations and rulings rendered by the Interpreter shall be binding on all members of the **LVSOA** unless they are superseded or are in conflict with anything set down by the **NISOA**. The Interpreter shall perform any other duties that may, from time to time, be requested by the President or the Executive Board for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**.

Section 4 In the event of the resignation, expulsion, or death of the Interpreter, the Executive Board shall recommend a successor who shall be voted on by the membership-at-large. The successor shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event of the absence or disability of the Interpreter, the Executive Board shall appoint a temporary Interpreter for the duration of the absence or disability.

Article XIV DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1 The Executive Board shall meet when requested by the President or as provided for in the Bylaws. Proceedings of the Board shall be made known to the **LVSOA** at the following membership meeting following the Executive Board meeting. Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, providing all members of the Board have been notified of the meeting.

Section 2 The Executive Board shall consider all business and charges brought before it by the President or the membership-at-large. It shall take appropriate action to discharge its duties in the best interest of the **LVSOA**.

Section 3 The Executive Board shall perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by these Bylaws or as may be prescribed by the membership-at-large, for the efficient operation of the **LVSOA**.

Section 4 If a vacancy occurs among the three (3) Executive Board members-at-large for any reason, the position for the unexpired portion of the term shall be filled upon the recommendation of the Executive Board and voted on by the membership-at-large.

Article XV UNIFORM

Section 1 All members, when officiating any **NISOA** affiliated game, shall abide by the Mandatory **NISOA** Referee Uniform Dress Code, as stated in the most recent edition of the **NISOA** Soccer Officials Manual. This uniform dress code has been adopted by the **NISOA** Executive Board for all **NISOA** officials. All **NISOA** officials are required to wear either of the shirts listed in the Dress Code. Any deviation from this code is a violation. All members must abide by any other uniform or dress standards as may be set forth from time to time by the **NISOA** Executive Board.

Section 2 All members, when officiating, should carry and utilize any equipment as recommended by the **LVSOA**, such as two (2) whistles, a set of red and yellow cards, a pen or pencil, a flipping coin, and a timing device.

Article XVI DETRIMENTAL CONDUCT

Section 1 The following examples of misconduct, among other matters, shall be considered grounds for recommendation to both the **LVSOA** Executive Board and the **NISOA** Executive Director for suspension and/or expulsion of a member. The examples are:

- a. Refereeing a game or appearing for a game under the influence of an intoxicant.
- b. Wagering on soccer or any other sport in any respect or acting as a stake-holder for a wager on a game.
- c. Conviction of a felony or conviction of a misdemeanor if such may bring discredit to the member or to the **LVSOA**.
- d. Failure to meet financial obligations, if such may bring discredit to the member or to the **LVSOA**.
- e. Being charged with aggravated assault, a drug-related offense, or a sex-related offense.
- f. Pleading guilty or no-contest to aggravated assault, a drug-related offense, or a sex-related offense.

Section 2 It shall be the duty of each member of the **LVSOA** who has knowledge of detrimental conduct on the part of another member of the **LVSOA**, to report such conduct to the Executive Board.

Section 3 Disciplinary action(s) may also be taken toward a member by the **LVSOA** Executive Board and/or the **NISOA** Executive Director for the following reasons. The reasons are:

- a. Failure to take the annual physical fitness test as set forth by the **NISOA**.

- b. Failure to attend the annual **NISOA** mandatory rules interpretation meeting as set forth in the **LVSOA** Intercollegiate (**NISOA**) Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. Failure to attend a minimum of five (5) business meetings during the summer-fall soccer season (July-October) as set forth in the **LVSOA** Intercollegiate (**NISOA**) Constitution and Bylaws.

Article XVII AWARDS

Section 1 Awards will be made to members for their service to and leadership in the **LVSOA**. To qualify the member must be **ACTIVE**, in “good standing,” and free of any misconduct while acting as a soccer referee representing the **LVSOA** during the period for which the award is given. Members receiving awards will be recognized at the Annual **LVSOA** Dinner (Banquet). If no Dinner (Banquet) is held the awards will be presented at the last scheduled business meeting of the calendar year.

Section 2 **SERVICE AWARD**
A **SERVICE AWARD** will be presented to a member on completion of each five (5) years of service in the **LVSOA**. The **AWARDS COMMITTEE** will select an appropriate award.

Section 3 **RECOGNITION AWARD**
The **RECOGNITION AWARD** will be presented to members who have served in a leadership capacity in the **LVSOA** for a minimum of five (5) years. Nominations can be made by any **ACTIVE** member and submitted in writing to the **AWARDS COMMITTEE** by October 15th of the current soccer season.

Section 4 **LARRY STARNER AWARD**
The **LARRY STARNER AWARD** will be presented to a member who exemplifies those characteristics displayed by former **LVSOA** member Larry Starnier. The following criteria will be used to qualify recipients for this award.

- a. Coolness under pressure.
- b. Professional attitude
- c. Little toleration of dissent
- d. Honesty/integrity

Heavy emphasis will be placed upon the criteria, “coolness under pressure”. Nominations for this award will be made in writing to the **LARRY STARNER AWARD COMMITTEE** by October 15th of the current soccer season. The “professionalism” and “coolness under pressure” should be described in some detail in this nomination.

REVISIONS

21 Sept '03 By-laws, Article III – Dues and Assessments

Revisions to align with the assignor's status as unaffiliated from LVSOA

Section 5 (fees to be paid to assignor) eliminated

Section 6 (penalties for late payment of assignor fees) eliminated

Remaining sections renumbered accordingly

12 Oct '03 By-laws, Article I – Membership

Revisions to align with current national NISOA practices with regard to assessments and fitness testing

Section 7 (assessment requirements for applicant) eliminated

Section 8 (fitness test requirements for applicant) eliminated

Section 13 (probationary membership period) eliminated

Section 14 (assessment requirements during probationary membership period) eliminated

Section 15 (use of fitness test scores in game assignments) eliminated

Remaining sections renumbered accordingly

28 Mar '04 By-laws, Article V – Attendance

Revisions to align with current national NISOA policy

Section 2 revised to require attendance at 3 meetings annually; rules interpretation meeting counts, 1 meeting permitted outside chapter

Section 5 revised to reflect the 3-meeting requirement