

**San Diego/Imperial Counties
Chapter Bylaws**

**Peace Officers Research Association of California
P.O.R.A.C**



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Article I: Name

The name of this chapter shall be the “San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (**PORAC**). Within these bylaws it shall be referred to as “The Chapter.”

Article II Purpose

Section 1

The purpose of the San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter is to provide and maintain an organization of peace officers employed by and retired from the various law enforcement agencies within the geographical boundaries of San Diego and Imperial counties. Functions of The Chapter shall be conducted in accordance with pertinent State law, Federal law and the bylaws of PORAC.

Section 2

The Chapter shall seek to promote and encourage the highest professional standards for peace officers and shall seek to sponsor all activities tending to improve the morale and contributing to the general welfare of the chapter members.

Section 3

The Chapter shall have the ability to engage in political activities in the name of “The San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter of PORAC” without violating the “Home Rule.” The Chapter shall have the power to endorse or oppose candidates, political measures, initiatives, bond measures, or any other issues requiring public vote or ratification under the authority of PORAC’s S.R. Article V. The Chapter shall also have the right to expend (PAC) or (PIC) funds, which have been designated by PORAC as belonging to The Chapter. Political endorsements will be ratified by a supermajority vote of two-thirds (2/3) or 66% of associations present.

The “Home Rule” for the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter is as follows:

1. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in political endorsements or contributions outside of its geographic jurisdiction without the approval of the other affected jurisdictional Chapter(s) of PORAC.
2. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in political endorsements of local agency or special district races in which the candidate would be a voting member affecting a Memorandum of Understanding of a voting Chapter Association opposing such an endorsement. These races include City Council, Mayor, School Board Trustee or College Trustee elections. In races pertaining to Board of Supervisor elections, if affected PORAC Chapter Associations are not in agreement of a single candidate, the Chapter will take a neutral position.
3. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in the political endorsement for County Sheriff that would be in opposition to any voting PORAC Chapter Association representing members of a County Sheriff’s Department.

4. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in political endorsements of local political measures, initiatives, bond measures, or any other issues requiring public vote or ratification which would be in opposition to any voting PORAC Chapter Association directly affected by that initiative.

Article III: Membership

Membership shall be in accordance with Article II of the bylaws of PORAC.

Article IV: Dues

Dues shall be in accordance with Article III of the bylaws of PORAC.

Article V: Chapter Officers and Executive Board

Section 1

The Executive Board of The Chapter shall be composed of the following Chapter Officers:

- 1) President; (4) Vice-Presidents; (1) Secretary; (1) Treasurer; (1) Chapter Director.

Section 2

(a) President

Shall preside at all Chapter meetings, shall appoint all committees, and shall be an ex-officio member of those committees.

(b) Vice-Presidents

There shall be at least one vice-president from each county (San Diego and Imperial)
No two vice-presidents shall be from the same association.

(c) Secretary

Shall record the minutes of the Chapter meetings and shall maintain the records of the Chapter
Shall maintain a record of the Chapter bylaws and standing rules.

(d) Treasurer

Shall keep the financial records of the Chapter
Shall provide the Chapter with a financial report at the Chapter meetings.

(e) Chapter Director duties shall conform with Article VIII Section 6 of PORAC Bylaws.

Section 3

The Chapter officers designated in Section 1 shall be elected or appointed:

(a) The President shall entertain nominations from the members in attendance at a third quarter Chapter meeting under the "New Business" section of the meeting. Such nominations shall remain open until declared closed by the president as directed by the members in attendance. The elections shall be determined by vote of the members present in November.

(b) All positions of the Chapter shall be elected for two-year terms, with elections held in the last quarter of odd numbered years.

(c) The Chapter Director shall be elected in accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of the PORAC bylaws.

(d) Vacancies may be filled by appointment of the E-Board, subject to ratification at the next Chapter meeting.

Article VI: Conduct of Business

Section 1

Whenever possible, the business of the Chapter shall be conducted at the regular Chapter meetings. Any other business shall be carried out by the Executive board, subject to the approval of the Chapter at the next regular Chapter meeting.

Section 2

The Executive Board may adopt, with subsequent ratification of the general membership, such Standing Rules as are necessary to insure the efficient operation and fiscal accountability of the offices specified in Article V Section 1. Such Standing Rules shall not supersede any Article of the Bylaws of this Chapter.

Section 3

At Chapter meetings, each member association present shall be entitled to one vote. In those cases where there is a conflict of votes within a represented association, the vote shall be cast by the pre-designated representative to The Chapter of that association.

Article VII: Line of Duty Death

The Chapter may, by a majority vote of the available Chapter Executive Officers, provide \$1,000 immediate funding to the immediate family of any Line of Duty Death Chapter member. The Chapter may, by a majority vote of the available Chapter Executive Officers, provide \$500 immediate funding to the immediate family of any Line of Duty Death peace officer within San Diego or Imperial County who is not a member of PORAC. If the death does not occur on-duty while the member, or non-member peace officer, is actively involved in a public safety function, "Line of Duty Death" will be determined by a majority vote of the available Chapter Executive Officers based on the available information using the protocol of the California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation.

Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1

a) General meetings of this Chapter shall be held no less than five (5) times a year, with at least one meeting per quarter on the date, time and place announced by the President

b) Dates of the next general meeting are to be noted by the Secretary in the minutes of the regular meetings.

c) The President or any two (2) members of the Executive Board may call special meetings.

Section 2

Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at any time and place deemed necessary by the President or quorum of the Executive Board. For the purposes of Special E-Board meetings, a quorum shall be defined to be 2/3 of the Executive Board.

Section 3

The order of business at the Chapter meetings shall be as follows:

- 1) Roll call/sign-in
- 2) Approval of the minutes
- 3) Treasurer's report
- 4) Committee/Director's Reports
- 5) Local Issues/Problems
- 6) Good of the Chapter
- 7) Unfinished business
- 8) New business
- 9) Adjournment

Section 4

For the purposes of a Chapter Meeting, a quorum shall consist of any three (3) members of the Executive Board and any active members in good standing of the Chapter.

Article IX: Parliamentary Procedures

Except as otherwise provided, the most current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised shall regulate the conduct of this Chapter.

Article X: Bylaw Revision

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted one business meeting prior to adoption. Amendments to these bylaws shall be approved by a 2/3 vote of those members associations present at that meeting.

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