

CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
BYLAWS

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, hereinafter referred to as “Chapter”.

Section 2 This Chapter is organized for professional and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (“Code”). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such purposes include the following:

- (a) Advancing the science, processes, and art of public administration.
- (b) Advancing the equality of opportunity of all persons through public administration

In furtherance of its exclusively charitable and educational purposes, Chapter shall have all general powers of an unincorporated association under the laws of the state of Florida as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, together with the power to solicit and accept grants and contributions for such purposes.

Section 3. These bylaws supersede any previous bylaws.

Section 4. The purposes of this chapter shall be:

- a. To facilitate the exchange of knowledge and results of experience among persons interested or engaged in the field of public administration.
- b. To stimulate more extensive discussion, research and experience in administrative policies and practices pertaining to the management of public services.
- c. To encourage the collection, compilation and dissemination of information on matters relating to public administration.
- d. To foster continuous consideration of the problems of administration.
- e. To promote the interaction of students of public administration with public administration practitioners in all feasible ways.
- f. To encourage the active involvement of members of minority groups in Chapter activities.
- g. To advance generally the science processes and art of public administration.

Section 5. The Chapter may take positions on matters of public polity relating to public administration based on Chapter analysis of issues, a report of which shall accompany the statement of position. “Matter of public policy relating to public administration” shall be narrowly construed. The chapter will not support candidates for public office.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the purposes of the American Society for Public Administration shall be eligible for membership in the Central Florida Chapter.

Section 2. Membership in the American Society for Public Administration shall be a condition of membership for on-going participation in the Chapter.

Section 3. The Chapter shall encourage interested persons other than members to participate in Chapter programs and activities with a view to accomplishing the purposes of the Society and the Chapter and enlarging the Society's influence and membership.

Article III. Organization, Officers and Governing Body

Section 1. The Chapter encompasses all of Central Florida, which includes the counties of Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Brevard, Volusia and Lake. The Chapter shall encompass the University of Central Florida until such time as the University re-establishes the University Chapter.

Section 2. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Outreach, Vice President for Student Affairs, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Chapter President shall be responsible for ensuring that the Chapter is operating effectively and filing all required program reports with national ASPA, and at the annual Chapter meeting providing the Chapter with an annual progress report. The form of such report will be at the sole discretion of the Chapter President.

Section 3. The succession of office shall be the President-Elect shall become President. The term of office for each position shall be one or two years beginning in the month of May. The term lengths shall be as follows: President-Elect, two year term (one year as president-elect; one year as president); Vice President for Programs, one year term; Vice President for Outreach, one year term; Vice President for Student Affairs, one year term; Treasurer, two year term; Secretary, two year term.

Section 4. The officers of the Chapter form the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall supervise and direct the affairs of the Chapter. The actions of the Board shall be consistent with the general policies of the Society.

Article IV. Elections

Section 1. The officers shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Chapter, during the month of May.

Section 2. Nominations for officers shall be made by a nominating committee of three appointed by the president, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Nominations may also be made by any member of the Chapter from the floor.

Section 3. The manner of holding elections and the rules of procedure pertaining thereto shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Elections shall be conducted by ballot for any office for which there is a contest.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy between elections, the President shall have the authority to appoint a replacement member, except the President-Elect.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The Chapter shall conduct regular meetings September through November and February through April with one Chapter meeting held in May.

Section 2. For purposes of the annual meeting, Chapter members shall be given at least 15 days notice of time, place and, so far as possible, the business to come before members.

Section 3. The Treasure shall present at the annual meeting a report of the activities and finances of the Chapter for the previous year. The President will provide the membership with an annual report that at a minimum summarizes the activities and accomplishments of each section, as well as the status of the Chapter's membership.

Article VI. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Chapter Board of Directors and members of the Chapter, and adopted, following 15 days' written notice to the membership, at the annual meeting by a majority vote of members present and voting.

Section 2. All amendments to the Chapter constitution shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the American Society for Public Administration.

Section 3. Consistent with inclusion of this Chapter in the group federal income tax exemption ruling of the American Society for Public Administration (identified by the Internal Revenue Service as Group Exemption Number 3155), all amendments to the Chapter Constitution which may be made from time to time shall be submitted to the American Society for Public Administration for its approval.

Article VII. Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any director or officer of the Chapter, or any other private person, except that the Chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Chapter and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth hereinabove.

Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise permitted by Section 501(h) of the Code, and the Chapter shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements concerning) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

Section 3. In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Chapter, after paying or making a provision for the payment of all of the liabilities and obligations of the Chapter and for necessary expenses thereof, all of the remaining assets and property of provided it remains organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c (3) of the Code, and if not, to an organization which does so qualify. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any director or officer or to any private individual.

Section 4. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end in the month of May. The employer identification number of the chapter assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is 36-2340300.

Approved by the General Chapter Membership on May 2, 2007.

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Chapter President