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March, 1990 amendments
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December, 2001 amendments
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. This association shall be known as the CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA.

SECTION 2. The objectives of this association shall be as follows:

- (a) To provide members of this association for the development of relevant activities bearing on the future of probation and the solution of problems affecting membership.
- (b) To provide increased opportunities for the development of relevant activities bearing on the future of probation and the solution of problems affecting membership.
- (c) To stimulate cooperation between County Probation Departments in the State of California.
- (d) To endeavor to raise the standards and techniques in the conduct of probation work carried on by County Probation Departments.

- (e) To develop a mutual understanding and interpretation of the existing California laws pertaining to probation services and related activities.
- (f) To endeavor to establish and maintain in each of the counties of California well-organized departments of probation for the handling of their probation services.
- (g) To design and implement agreements and programs for the efficient handling of matters of inter-county problems and other matters of inter-county relationships.
- (h) To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas of mutual interest and development of approved administrative policies.
- (i) To provide for offenders a meaningful and rehabilitative experience as an alternative to incarceration when the protection of society and the welfare of the individual are best served by such an alternative.
- (j) To effectively advocate for issues that impact County Probation Departments.

SECTION 3. The Chief Probation Officers of California shall strive toward these ends by challenging its members to assume their proper roles of leadership in the correctional community. All members may be requested to serve on a committee of this association. These committees may concern themselves with, but are not limited to, the following professional issues:

1. Probation philosophy and scope of activities;
2. Prevention and research
3. Relationships with State and inter-county governments;
4. Chief Probation Officers Training programs;
5. Probation administration
6. Legislation
7. Intra-agency and community relationships;
8. Departmental matters.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the association shall consist of Chief Probation Officers of the counties of California.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the officers and the Legislative Committee Chairperson, the immediate Past President, the Chairpersons of the respective regions, and the Executive Director of the Association.

SECTION 2. The officers shall assume office on January 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year ending December 31st of the calendar year. The Vice President (President Elect) shall then ascend to the Presidency.

SECTION 3. In the event an elected officer does not complete a one year term, the vacancy will be filled by a special election of the membership. The Executive Committee shall serve as the nominating committee. In the event the vacancy is the President of CPOC, the immediate past president shall preside over the special election.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be a minimum of four business meetings a year.

SECTION 2. At least thirty days notice shall be given to all members of the association of the time and place of all business meetings.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regularly called business meeting of the association by two-thirds vote of members present.

SECTION 2. Election of officers shall be held at the last business meeting of the calendar year, Nominations will be of officers for the following year, submitted to the membership at the second to last business meeting of the calendar year.