



# **CALIFORNIA CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

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Includes Amendments through November 30, 2017*

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

This assemblage of Clerks of the Board of Supervisors (COB) is named California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Association and is referred to hereafter in these Bylaws as Association or CCBSA. The Association is an affiliate of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

## **ARTICLE II: MISSION, GOALS AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT**

### **1. MISSION**

The California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Association (CCBSA) provides a professional network of shared-resources, education and mentoring opportunities, to its members, in support of their legislative and mandated responsibilities.

### **2. GOALS**

To achieve our mission, we are committed to:

- a. Exhibiting pride in the performance of our duties, and exemplifying “the model of public service” in leading by example.
- b. Serving as a liaison for our Boards in providing respectful and responsive public service to our diverse communities and the public.
- c. Stimulating innovative and progressive business-minded solutions in the performance of our duties and serving as visionaries in our field, furthering our commitment to excellence in public service.

- d. Embracing and celebrating the ever-changing environment of county government.
- e. Developing creative strategies in managing the evolution of the role and scope of the Clerk of the Board.
- f. Inspiring one another to do and to be the very best in our field.
- g. Promoting collaboration through networking and resource-sharing between members, the State and its member counties.
- h. Encouraging the continuing support of all members through regular communication and outreach.
- i. Providing members with practical tips to improve our work environments and create cost effective services.
- j. Creating a rewarding mentoring program which affords members a venue for continuing development.
- k. Encouraging and supporting the ongoing training and development of our membership.

### **3. COMMITMENT**

Members of the Association serve as leaders by pursuing advancements in business technology, emulating exemplary public service, and demonstrating progressive administrative skills while embracing the challenges of serving a diverse and ever-changing public.

The Association enables its members to share innovative business solutions by fulfilling the professional responsibilities associated with serving elected officials.

Members of this “results-oriented” group of professionals gain inspiration from mentoring others, exude pride and excellence in public service, and endeavor to lead by example while continually seeking professional growth and development opportunities to better serve our public.

### **ARTICLE III: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year – January 1 through December 31.

### **ARTICLE IV: ANNUAL DUES AND FEES**

- 1. Annual dues shall be set by the Executive Committee, demonstrated on a form prescribed by the committee and shall be payable to the Association for the various classes of membership.
- 2. Annual dues shall be paid to the Association Treasurer according to the following

timelines:

- a. **Renewing Counties** - January 1 through March 30 of each year. A renewing county is defined as a county that paid dues in the preceding year and elects to continue membership. Renewing counties in an unpaid status as of March 31 may have membership privileges suspended until dues are received. Renewing counties that have not paid membership dues by June 30 are ineligible for membership until January 1 of the ensuing year.
  - b. **New Memberships** – January 1 through October 30 of each year. A new membership is defined as a county that was not a member in the preceding year. New Membership dues received after July 1 are 50% less than the current published dues.
    - i. New membership dues postmarked after October 31 shall be deposited after December 15 with membership active the date of deposit through the ensuing year.
    - ii. The above dues structure shall be effective beginning January 1, 2018.
3. Annual conference registration fees shall be determined by CSAC and shall be payable to CSAC when due, prior to such conference. (Reference Article XI)
  4. Special workshop or meeting fees shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be payable, when due, prior to such workshop or meeting.

## **ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIPS AND PRIVILEGES**

### **1. MEMBERSHIPS**

The membership of the Association shall consist of regular members, associate members and Emeriti Members.

- a. Regular members shall consist of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or equivalent. There shall be only one (1) regular member per California County.
- b. Associate members shall consist of county employees who work in the office of, or under the direction of the Clerk of the Board (i.e. Deputy/Associate Clerk) or equivalent. Other county employees may be considered for Associate membership by the Executive Committee. There is no limit to the number of Associate members.
- c. Emeriti Members consists of retired regular members with a minimum of five (5) years as a member of the Association.

### **2. VOTING PRIVILEGES**

At the annual conference and special meetings of the Association, each County shall have one vote. Votes may be cast only by regular members who have paid the current dues.

### **3. WEBSITE PRIVILEGES**

All CCBSA members in good standing shall have access to the CCBSA website. Website privileges may be suspended without notification pursuant to the timeline for paying dues as demonstrated in Article IV.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

### **1. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Association are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE**

Regular members who have paid in full current annual dues are eligible to hold office.

### **3. TERM OF OFFICE**

- a. With the exception of the Treasurer, elected officers shall assume office at the close of the annual conference at which they were elected, and shall serve until the next regular annual conference or such other meeting as new officers are elected. The Treasurer shall serve from January 1 to December 31.
- b. Transfer of records to incoming officers shall occur prior to adjournment of the annual conference. In order to preserve the electronic records of the Association, all officers will make two backup copies of the thumb drive prior to the transfer of records and a CD of the records shall be retained by the outgoing officer.
- c. Appointed officers shall assume office at the time of their appointment.

### **4. VACANCY OF OFFICE/ROTATION OF OFFICERS**

- a. Upon a vacancy of the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the office of President.
- b. Vacancies in the office of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee at a meeting called by the President; or, in the absence of the President, by the Vice President, at which at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee are present.
- c. Unexpired Terms: Following an announcement of an officer that they will be leaving their position prior to the end of their term, or due to other circumstances creating an unexpected vacancy, the unexpired term will be filled as follows: The position of "President" will be filled as noted in 4(a); for vacancies in the positions of "Vice-President" and "Secretary", the officer in the position(s) below will advance. To fill the unexpired term of the position of "Treasurer", members in good standing who previously submitted a Statement of Interest shall be considered first, through procedures identified above (4b). Every attempt shall be made to have officers maintain a north/south regional balance in the rotation and succession of officers

through the officer positions.

## **ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **1. PRESIDENT**

- a. Shall be Chair of the Executive Committee and shall act as the presiding officer at all meetings unless a Chair has been otherwise appointed as provided in these Association bylaws.
- b. With the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall establish any temporary committee that is deemed appropriate and shall designate a Chair and appoint members to carry out the functions thereof.
- c. Shall make all appointments as set forth in the bylaws.
- d. Shall have the power to call special meetings.
- e. Shall be the official spokesperson for the Association and shall approve all correspondence and expressions of the Association's policies and determinations.

### **2. VICE PRESIDENT**

- a. Shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the latter's absence or inability to carry out such duties.
- b. In the capacity of Acting President, shall sign any correspondence initiated by the Association which shall bear the signature title of Acting President.
- c. Shall assume the office of the Association President in the event the office of President becomes vacant.
- d. Shall coordinate the presentation of appropriate awards at the annual conference.

### **3. SECRETARY**

- a. Shall be the custodian of all Association records other than financial records.
- b. Shall keep the minutes of the annual conference.
- c. Shall keep the minutes of the Executive Committee and any other such records as required by the Executive Committee.
- d. Shall prepare the minutes in narrative form and secure in a permanent manner.
- e. Shall notify the regular members of the place and date of the annual conference.
- f. In the event amendment(s) are made to these bylaws, shall provide the newly

adopted bylaws in electronic form to the Website Committee no later than December 31 of each year.

#### 4. **TREASURER**

- a. Shall be the custodian of all financial records of the Association.
- b. Shall be the custodian of all monies collected on behalf of the Association and deposit all of said funds in a financial institution in the name of the *California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Association* and ensure that the President and Vice President are listed as signatories on said account.
- c. Shall use said funds to pay the obligations of the Association as set forth in the approved Association Budget, and approved by the Chair of the Executive Committee.
- d. Shall maintain control of any special funds as referred to in Article XIII.
- e. Shall keep the CCBSA Membership informed on the financial status of the Association on a quarterly basis.
- f. Shall maintain financial records and prepare and submit a financial statement to the membership at each regular annual meeting. The closing date for said statement shall be within thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.
- g. At the request of the Executive Committee, shall have all necessary records at the place designated and make them available for inspection.
- h. Shall notify the membership of the current dues payable.
- i. Shall be responsible for collection of said dues or registration fees. and
- j. Shall maintain a current list of all members and their proper addresses as submitted by members on their annual Membership Form. CCBSA membership, as of the annual conference, shall be reported in the minutes of the General Business Meeting.
- k. Shall inform the Secretary of the status of all regular members' dues prior to the annual meeting.
- l. Shall have a standing position on the Conference Planning Committee.
- m. Shall confer with the incoming Treasurer no later than 30 days following receipt of the invoice from CSAC for entry of the final costs into the corresponding line items of the adopted budget. The updated budget shall be emailed to the Website Committee for posting.

When assuming the office, the new Treasurer shall determine whether all funds of the Association are accounted for, and shall notify the Executive Committee in writing. If the funds and accounts are not in order, discrepancies shall be noted in the report. The Treasurer shall provide a bond in an amount not less than \$10,000. The bond shall be paid for by the Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII: ASSOCIATION REGIONS**

1. Four regional groups of the Association are hereby established.
2. The regional groups shall be named and comprised of the counties geographically related thereto, as follows:  
  
**Region 1:** Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Mendocino, Tehama, Plumas, Lake, Glenn, Butte, Sierra, and Colusa Counties.  
  
**Region 2:** Sonoma, Napa, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Marin, Solano, Sacramento, Placer, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, and Calaveras Counties.  
  
**Region 3:** San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Alameda, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa, Mono, San Benito, Madera, Tulare and Fresno Counties.  
  
**Region 4:** Monterey, Kings, Inyo, San Luis Obispo, Kern, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial Counties.
3. During the Annual Business meeting, each region shall select one member to serve as Regional Chair or two members to serve as Co-Chair. In the event the option to Co-Chair is selected:
  - a. Each Co-Chair has equal voting rights as a member of the Executive Committee and may vote on behalf of the region in the absence of the other.
  - b. Both Co-Chairs may attend any meeting at the same time; however, the region is only allowed one vote. Only one Co-Chair may motion and vote on an item on behalf of the region.
4. In the absence of the selection of a Regional Chair or Co-Chairs, the President may designate an individual to serve as Regional Chair. Duties and responsibilities of the Regional Chair shall include:
  - a. The partnering of seasoned Clerks with newly appointed Clerks, or Clerks new to the Association, to support Clerks as they grow in their position and within their organization in the performance of the duties of the Clerk of the Board.
  - b. Serving on committees as indicated in these Bylaws, including the Executive Committee and Website Committee.
5. Change of Affiliation. The Executive Committee may change the regional affiliation of a County upon its member's request.
6. Regional Meetings: The Regional Chair shall convene a regional group meeting at least once each year. Within 30 days following the meeting, the Regional Chair shall provide a brief report to the Executive Committee to include an attendance

roster and topics discussed.

7. Regional group meetings are open to attendance by any member of the Association. Attendance preference shall be granted to current members.
8. CCBSA recognizes the importance of outreach to non-member counties. Non-member counties may be invited to a regional meeting, adequate space and resources permitting.
9. The annual CCBSA budget may include appropriations for each region to cover reasonable costs for training resources. The Regional Chair may submit valid receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement not to exceed the maximum appropriation (per region) as adopted by the membership.
10. In the event the confirmed attendance at a regional meeting is below eight (8) participants, at their option, the Regional Chair may cancel the meeting.
11. Association officers are encouraged to attend Regional Meetings of their choosing.
12. Upon request of any member, regional groups will send notice of meetings with proposed agenda or general topics to be discussed.
13. Any member planning to attend a regional group meeting shall so inform the Host County so proper accommodations may be made

## **ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES**

### **1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- a. The governing board of the Association shall be the Executive Committee, and shall consist of nine (9) members: the President (who is the Chair), the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and the four Regional Chairs. The Secretary of the Association shall be Ex Officio Secretary of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve as the:
  - i. Nominating Committee to propose a roster of candidates for office prior to the annual conference election as described in Article X(1).
  - ii. Mission/Vision & Bylaws Committee (See Article IX(6)(b))
- b. The Executive Committee shall have the duty and power:
  - i. To direct the affairs of the Association (guidance).
  - ii. To advise the regular members of the Association as to the actions and recommendations taken by the Executive Committee; and
  - iii. To authorize necessary expenses of the Association.



- iv. To administer all aspects of the Scholarship Program.
- c. For the purpose of transacting official business, a quorum shall consist of not less than five (5) members.
- d. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the call of the President or a majority of the Executive Committee.

## **2. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- a. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members: the Association Treasurer (who is the Chair), the Vice President, and one (1) regular member from each regional group.
- b. Duties: The Finance Committee shall:
  - i. Prepare an annual budget. The budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be presented at the annual conference for adoption.
  - ii. Administer special funds as indicated in Article XIII of the bylaws.
  - iii. Audit the financial records of the Treasurer, determine whether the expenditures of the Association have been made for purposes of the Association, determine whether the funds of the Association are safely kept in an insured financial institution or in securities of the United States Government, and report its findings to the Executive Committee.
  - iv. Each year the Finance Committee may recommend up to \$2,500.00 for the Scholarship Program to be approved as a line item in the annual budget. Scholarship awards must be approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Scholarship Application Process.

## **3. ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

The Annual Conference Committee shall consist of eight (8) regular members: the Host Clerk (who is the Chair), the President (who shall be the Chair if the Host County Clerk of the Board is not a member of the Association), the Immediate Past Host Clerk, the Immediate Future Host Clerk, one (1) regular member from each regional group, and the Treasurer.

The Annual Conference Committee shall be responsible for the place, time, and program arrangements of the annual conference

## **4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Committee shall consist of five (5) regular members appointed by the President.

The Legislative Committee shall monitor, analyze, and make recommendations regarding legislative activity that affects Clerks of the Board and their functions.

## **5. SUBCOMMITTEES**

The Association President shall designate subcommittees and appoint members thereof to perform necessary duties not otherwise provided for in this article.

Subcommittee Chairs and Vice-Chairs will be solicited during recruitment of subcommittee membership and will be designated at the time of assignment by the President.

**a. Education/Certification Committee**

This committee will be responsible for ensuring that the higher education/certification program is completed and that the curriculum covers required topics sufficient to ensure successful transition or replacement of qualified persons to the position of Clerk of the Board throughout the State. The committee will advise CCBSA membership of how, when, where and the cost of the program.

**b. Mission/Vision Statement and Bylaws Committee**

This committee will review the current Mission and Vision Statements to ensure that they reflect the current mission and direction of the organization. The committee will make suggestions for change/modification and will solicit input from the general membership.

The committee will evaluate the current bylaws, solicit changes, improvements, and clarification from the membership no later than 90 days prior to the annual meeting and make appropriate recommendations for modifications.

**c. New Clerk's Institute/ Clerk's Manual/Best Practices Committee**

This committee will evaluate the structure and content of the New Clerk's Institute and make recommendations for expansion and/or improvement. This committee will also begin development of standards for the Clerk's Manual and for the submission of Best Practices solutions. These tools are extremely important for the successful professional growth of all new Clerks of the Board as well as a means for implementing successful operational solutions. This committee will provide the Executive Committee with a report and recommendations for consideration.

**d. Awards and Recognition Committee**

i. The Awards and Recognition Committee shall consist of one representative from each Region and the Vice President of the Association who shall act as Chairperson.

ii. It shall be the responsibility of the Awards and Recognition Committee to participate in the nomination and selection process of all awards and recognition of the Clerks of the Board and/or any outside individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the Association. Awards and recognition shall be based on those identified and approved or adopted by the Association and included in these Bylaws as Appendix A.

iii. The Awards and Recognition Committee shall appoint 3 - 5 members to a

Subcommittee called "The Sunshine Committee" whose duties and responsibilities shall be included in Appendix A of these Bylaws.

#### **e. Website Committee**

The Website Committee shall consist of five (5) members: the Association Secretary and the four (4) Regional Chairs (the Regional Chair may designate a regional representative to serve on this committee). The Secretary of the Association shall be the Chair or may designate a member to serve as Chair. The President may appoint additional members as needed.

The Website Committee shall:

- i. Have the responsibility to negotiate and develop a contract with the Webmaster subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee. The Association President is authorized to execute the final contract with the Webmaster as recommended by the Executive Committee (contract not to exceed amount approved in CCBSA budget).
- ii. Develop priorities for CCBSA website development including the areas of content, design and organization. The Website Committee shall seek input from the full CCBSA membership regarding matters involving the CCBSA website, however, the Committee is empowered to provide direction to the Webmaster independent of the full membership.
- iii. Develop protocols to ensure the CCBSA website content is kept up to date, which may include specifying performance standards as part of the Webmaster's contract with the Association, authorizing Web Committee members to post content to the CCBSA website and directing the Webmaster to perform projects.
- iv. Develop protocols for the Webmaster to respond to individual member work requests.
- v. Provide a report at the respective regional meetings and at the Annual Meeting as directed by the Annual Conference Committee.

#### **f. CCBSA Fundraiser Committee**

There may be an annual fundraiser related to support for professional development for Clerks of the Board throughout the State. All funds raised are to be used toward training, hiring of workshop speakers and meeting facilitators, purchasing materials related to training, etc. The fundraiser shall be determined by the Executive Committee and be appropriate to the values and professionalism of the Association.

Fundraising events might include, but are not limited to, development and sale or raffle of products that reflect the Association or the Counties, etc. The Fundraiser Committee may be comprised of volunteers of Clerks of the Board interested in participating and/or members of the Emeriti Clerks Group.

#### **g. Emeriti Clerks Group**

All persons who have been Clerks of the Board of Supervisors or equivalent who have retired from their position while actively participating as a member of CCBSA. Emeriti Members shall consist of those retired Regular members with a minimum of 5 years of membership in the Association.

Purpose of the Emeriti Clerks Group is to:

- i. Interact with friends in CCBSA;
- ii. Contribute to CCBSA in ways that interest the Retired Clerks and within a time frame that the Retired Clerks can choose;
- iii. Keep in touch with County Government, in general through a relationship with CCBSA;
- iv. Provide a transition opportunity for retiring Clerks from "working" to "retirement" status;
- v. Offer experience, expertise and candor to the CCBSA as requested
- vi. Provide a "social" relationship with other retired Clerks; and
- vii. Develop a method for Retired Clerks to occasionally contract with a County who may be looking for an interim Clerk while the hiring process is taking place.

Clerks Emeriti are honorary CCBSA members. Clerks Emeriti are not eligible to vote on the business and activities of CCBSA. Clerk Emeriti membership may be reviewed on a regular basis.

#### **h. Clerks Quiz Committee**

The Clerks Quiz Committee shall include the CCBSA Quiz Master and one (1) regular member from each regional group. This committee is intended to assist the CCBSA Quiz Master with ongoing development of and enhancements to the Clerk's Quiz at the Annual CSAC/CCBSA Conference.

#### **i. CCBSA Sponsorship Committee**

This committee is responsible for working with the President to solicit conference sponsorships which may include developing a list of possible sponsors, preparing and sending solicitation letters to prospective sponsors and performing necessary follow-up actions as requested by the President. The President, acting in concert with the Sponsorship Committee, is authorized to directly solicit sponsorships and take all necessary actions to seek sponsorships on behalf of CCBSA.

Sponsorship of CCBSA enhances our relationship with the private sector, and is beneficial for companies of all interests and sizes, providing an avenue to develop relationships with our membership to foster invaluable public-private partnerships.

Five levels of participation provide a company the opportunity to support the Association on an annual basis. Sponsors will receive the following:

- \$5,000 or more – CCBSA Diamond Circle Sponsor
  - Recognition on signage boards used by CCBSA at the CSAC conference
  - Your agency's product brochure is included in the Clerk's Agenda package
  - Four tickets to the Clerk's Annual Welcome Dinner
  - Four invitations to the CCBSA Installation of Officers Reception
  - Identified as a Corporate Sponsor on the CCBSA Website (logo and link)
  - Verbal recognition at Annual General Business Meeting
- \$3,000 - \$4,999 – CCBSA Platinum Circle Sponsor
  - Recognition on signage boards used by CCBSA at the CSAC conference
  - Your agency's product brochure is included in the Clerk's Agenda package
  - Three tickets to the Clerk's Annual Welcome Dinner
  - Identified as a Corporate Sponsor on the CCBSA Website (logo and link)
  - Verbal recognition at Annual General Business Meeting
- \$2,000 - \$2,999 – CCBSA Gold Circle Sponsor
  - Recognition on signage boards used by CCBSA at the CSAC conference
  - Your agency's product brochure is included in the Clerk's Agenda package
  - Two tickets to the Clerk's Annual Welcome Dinner
  - Identified as a Corporate Sponsor on the CCBSA Website (logo and link)
  - Verbal recognition at Annual General Business Meeting
- \$1,000 - \$1,999 – CCBSA Silver Circle Sponsor
  - Recognition on signage boards used by CCBSA at the CSAC conference
  - One ticket to the Clerk's Annual Welcome Dinner
  - Identified as a Corporate Sponsor on the CCBSA Website (logo)
- \$500 - \$999 – CCBSA Bronze Circle Sponsor
  - Recognition on signage boards used by CCBSA at the CSAC conference
  - Identified as a Corporate Sponsor on the CCBSA Website (logo)

Logos of Corporate Sponsors are uploaded on the CCBSA website upon receipt and will only remain on the site until June 30th of the following year.

## **ARTICLE X: NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS**

### **1. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee will distribute to all members Statements of Interest to solicit the interest of members to be considered for Association Treasurer. At least 30 days prior to the annual conference, the President or Vice President shall send via email to each regular member the complete list of nominees including scanned copies of their Statements of Interests and any supporting documentation submitted by each nominee. Additional names may be nominated from the floor at the business session during which the election will be conducted.

## **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Election of Officers shall be held at the regular annual conference. The election shall be conducted by the President. The election may be by voice vote or written ballot.

## **3. VOTING FOR OFFICERS**

In the event of a contest for an office, election shall be by written ballot and conducted by the President. The President shall appoint three (3) tellers who will prepare, distribute, retrieve, and tabulate the ballots. At the request of the President, the tellers will orally report the results of the tabulation. The eligible member receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, and the tellers will so certify in writing to the Association Secretary for incorporation into the minutes.

## **ARTICLE XI: CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

### **Annual CCBSA Conference**

The annual conference of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the CSAC Annual Meeting. CSAC provides planning support for our annual conference in return for member registration for the CSAC Annual Meeting. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members in attendance at a General Business Meeting.

To ensure all members, whether attending Association conferences or not, are informed of matter(s) to be considered during the business meeting portion of conference(s), particularly matters requiring a vote or consensus of the membership, at least two (2) weeks prior to the Association conference the Secretary shall distribute to all members a general description of the matters to be considered during any scheduled Association business meeting. Matters not on the business meeting agenda may be considered at the discretion of the President.

### **Other Conferences / Meetings**

1. Other conferences or meetings of the full Association shall be held at such time and place as designated by the Executive Committee.
2. All meetings shall be conducted under *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* unless the President, for good cause, permits departure therefrom.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

1. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the regular members. Each member county is eligible to cast a single vote.
2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to the annual conference. The Executive Committee shall prepare a recommendation either in favor of, against, or with modification to the proposed amendment(s). The original amendment as proposed and Executive Committee recommendation shall be published on the website and delivered via email from the President (or designee) to the regular membership not less than 60 calendar days

prior to the annual conference start date.

3. Modifications to proposed amendments are not permitted within 60 calendar days prior to the annual conference.
  - a. Minor typographical or grammatical modifications to proposed amendments are permitted during the discussion of the amendment(s) at the annual meeting.
  - b. Any proposed Amendment that is determined through deliberation of those members present at the Business Meeting to require substantive modification may be continued to the next Annual Conference for reconsideration.
  - c. Amendments shall be the first order of business during the Association Business Meeting at the annual conference.

### **ARTICLE XIII: SPECIAL FUNDS**

Special funds may be established for any purpose consistent with the stated objectives of this organization and shall be administered by the Finance Committee as directed by the Executive Committee. Special funds shall include all grants and gifts of every kind, or any moneys set aside by this organization for a specific purpose.

### **ARTICLE XIV: USE OF THE ASSOCIATION NAME/LOGO**

1. No member of the Association shall, by inference or otherwise, directly or indirectly misuse or abuse the name/logo of the Association or the member's connection therewith. Nor shall any member imply or cause others to imply that the Association will sponsor or be responsible for any written article, statement, corporation or the practice of any member or firm, association, corporation or the government agency by which said member is employed or is associated.
2. Any member who desires to use the Association name in connection with any personal endeavor shall first receive written authority from the Executive Committee.
3. The CCBSA logo is a powerful symbol that embodies the goals, mission and commitment of the Association. As such, all members must take care in the use of the logo. Authorized use of the CCBSA logo shall include for official correspondence, letterhead, stationery and the like. It shall be used consistent with the goals, mission and Bylaws of the Association.

### **ARTICLE XV: EFFECTIVE DATE**

Adopted amendments to bylaws become effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the ensuing year.

# APPENDIX A

## JOHN TAYLOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Although nominations are sought each year, the John Taylor Award of Excellence is not an annual award and may not be presented in years when the Awards and Recognition Committee deems that there is no nominee who satisfactorily meets all of the standards set forth in the rules.

### Criteria for Nomination

- Nominee shall be individual or group from outside the Clerk's Association who has made an outstanding contribution to the Clerk of the Board Association and/or the profession;
- Nominee shall be individual or group who has demonstrated evidence of outstanding public service during an entire career, or the preceding twelve-month period;
- Nominee shall be individual or group who has demonstrated a spectrum of efforts, from individual commitment and service to the Clerk of the Board profession and the CCBSA, to the ability to create a viable organization and involve others;
- Nominee shall be individual or group who has demonstrated initiative and the ability to translate ideas into practical results (examples might be an Assemblyman or Senator who has sponsored legislation on behalf of the Clerks Association; or some major volunteer effort for or by an individual; or a Board of Supervisors member who has made a significant contribution to the overall good of the Association, etc.)

### Time Parameters

- Nominations shall coincide with time parameters for Bylaw changes.
- Nomination letter shall be submitted to the Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson. Following the submittal deadline, the Chairperson will provide a list of nominations for all Committee members to review.

### Process for Selection

- Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson shall schedule a meeting of Committee to consider nominees and to make a Selection for the award. Copies of nomination letters may be provided to Committee Members.
- No individual shall be eligible to receive the John Taylor Award of Excellence more than once. The John Taylor Award of Excellence shall not be voted posthumously. No member of the Awards and Recognition Committee shall be eligible to receive the John Taylor Award of Excellence while serving as a member of the Committee.

### Award Process

- Award will be purchased by Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson (i.e., Vice- President of Association) or designee.
- Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson or designee will prepare pertinent



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information for CCBSA President to use in announcing/presenting the award. (recipient name, County, and details of achievement).

- Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson or designee will contact both the awardee and Chairperson of the County, if applicable, for which the award recipient works to advise him or her of the recognition.

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

President may or may not identify an award recipient the year he or she is President.

### Criteria for Nomination

- Nominee shall be Outstanding "community service" (service above and beyond the job)
- A unique situation that might have occurred for which the Clerk did an outstanding thing that shall be commended and recognized
- A visionary change within their organization or department that shall be recognized
- An outstanding leadership/inspiration effort
- Clerk recognized within their County as an Employee of the Month or was highlighted in the Capstone for an outstanding effort, etc.

Current CCBSA President may identify an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the Association or made an outstanding achievement perhaps under very difficult circumstances (examples might be a circumstance of a fire in the Clerk's Office and the destruction or recovery of records, or taking over a job in the situation of a Clerk being ill; or a significant budget reduction and still maintaining services, etc.)

### Time Parameters

- Recommendations for award may be submitted to the current President during period same as Bylaws.
- President will advise Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson no later than October 1 (approximately one month prior to annual conference) as to whether this award will be given and to whom.

### Award Process

- Award will be purchased by Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson (i.e., Vice-President of Association) or designee. CCBSA President will prepare pertinent information for presentation.
- Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson or designee will contact the Chairperson of the County for which the award recipient works to advise him or her of the recognition.

# APPENDIX A

## CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Members of the Association may request a Certificate of Acknowledgement to recognize a non-member's exemplary contributions to the Association and/or to the Office of the Clerk of the Board. Examples of individuals who might be recognized could include a retiring Board member or CAO/CEO who provided unwavering support to their Clerk of the Board and CCBSA.

Members requesting that a particular individual be recognized shall submit a nomination letter to the Chairperson of the Awards and Recognition Committee. The nomination letter shall identify the name, County, and title of the individual to be recognized, along with a brief summary of their outstanding contributions to the Office of the Clerk of the Board and/or CCBSA. The Awards and Recognition Committee will consider nominations received and will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. Upon concurrence of the Awards and Recognition Committee and the Executive Committee, the CCBSA President will issue a Certificate of Acknowledgement. The Certificate will be returned to the requesting member to be presented to the honoree. Certificates awarded during the year shall be reported during the Annual Conference.

## SUNSHINE SUBCOMMITTEE

### Description of Committee

Comprised of 3 - 5 members appointed by the Awards and Recognition Committee, this group will have responsibility for sending cards to members of the Association who retire, are hired as a new Clerk of the Board, who just had a baby, became a new Grandparent, received some very unique and special "good news," were promoted, got married, scholastic achievements, anniversaries of significance, loss of loved ones, etc. (Information concerning health or death of loved ones shall be done with sensitivity and caution based on the wishes of the Clerk affected. Issues of privacy shall always be considered.)

Regional Chairs will provide information regarding members within their Region. Members within each Region shall inform Regional Chairperson of various events and activities regarding Clerks in their Region.

Cards sent from the Awards and Recognition Committee in cases of illness or bereavement will be the responsibility of the individual assigned by the Awards and Recognition Committee to handle this task. Cards shall state "signature" as: Awards and Recognition Committee member name, on behalf of CCBSA.

# APPENDIX A

## **Budget**

An annual budget allocation shall be approved and available for purchase of awards, cards, flowers and postage and shall be made a part of the annual budget decision.

A cap on expenditure amounts shall be established annually. All receipts for expenditures incurred by the Awards and Recognition Committee shall be submitted to the CCBSA Treasurer.

## **RETIREMENT OF A CLERK OF THE BOARD**

### **Process**

A resolution will be prepared recognizing retiring CCBSA members in good standing, who have a long tenure and have been active in the Association. Certificates of Acknowledgement may be prepared to recognize retiring CCBSA members in good standing whose tenure in their position, and/or participation and involvement in the Association have been limited.

The Regional Chair will advise Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson of any individual retiring in good standing from the position of Clerk of the Board or a person who is a member of the CCBSA. Members of CCBSA shall advise the Regional Chair for their County of any upcoming retirement(s).

The Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson or designee will arrange to have a resolution/certificate of acknowledgement prepared.

To ensure timely presentation of a resolution or certificate acknowledging a retiring Clerk in good standing who is separating from service in CCBSA, the President or designee, in consultation with the Executive Committee is authorized to present the resolution/certificate to the Clerk at the time of the retirement/separation. Names of retired Clerks shall be reported/recognized at the Annual Conference.

### **Scholarship Program**

The Scholarship Program is designed to assist Clerks of the Board (or equivalent) and/or Associate members in good standing with financial aid for the following:

- Tuition and training related materials for continuing education in the form of qualified classes or coursework that directly pertain to state mandates for the Clerk of the Board position.
- Attendance at the annual CCBSA conference which may include aid for registration and hotel costs.

Funding for the Scholarship Program and any awards thereof are discretionary pursuant to Article IX section (2)(b)(v).

The application and judging criteria may be modified as necessary by the Executive

Committee prior to the start of the application period.