

P.O.R.A.C  
San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter Bylaws

**Article I: Name**

The name of this chapter shall be the “San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter of the Peace Officers research Association of California.” 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 have the ability to engage in political activities in the name of “The San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter of PORAC”. 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 funds, which have been designated by PORAC as belonging to The Chapter.

Section 3

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.

**Article III: Membership**

Section 1

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

**Article IV: Dues**

Section 1

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 agency.

### (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 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) Unfinished business
- 6) New business
- 7) Good of the Chapter
- 8) 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.