KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF MAPPING PROFESSIONALS

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I – MISSION

Section 1. Purpose
The purpose of the Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals, referred to in this Constitution as “KAMP” or “the Association” is twofold:

1. To foster the understanding and improvement of the management and use of geospatial information throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky in all levels of government, academia, and the private sector.
2. To provide a mechanism for dialogue and education regarding geospatial information issues of concern or interest to all Kentucky professionals involved in the collection, processing, analysis, use, and maintenance of geospatial information.

Section 2. Objectives

2.1 To create a framework in which the various governmental units, academic institutions, and private sector organizations of Kentucky may cooperate in the investigation, study, discussion, and recommendation of improvements in geospatial information management.
2.2 To provide a forum whereby geospatial information professionals and others interested in geospatial information may exchange ideas and experiences and obtain advice, by addressing common problems.
2.3 To advance geospatial knowledge and practice through education.
2.4 To encourage a high standard of professionalism as a means to more effectively serve the public.
2.5 To work toward the improvement and development of the quality of geospatial information available to government, academia, and the private sector.
2.6 To support legislation beneficial to the improvement of geospatial information and practice.
2.7 To actively promote the development of modern geospatial information management and analysis techniques.
2.8 To provide a unified professional voice on geospatial issues.
2.9 To promote interaction and cooperation among the members of KAMP, with other professional associations, and among other public and private sector groups.
2.10 To provide a forum for examining new geospatial information ideas.
2.11 To develop, and help others design, a variety of educational programs and materials on geospatial information issues.
2.12 To promote public understanding of KAMP, its members, and activities through a variety of media.
ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct

All members of the Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals shall be subject to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

1.1 Preamble

Members of KAMP are professional in character. The purpose of the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct is twofold. Its primary purpose is to establish clear, precise, ethical, and professional guidelines for the members of KAMP who earnestly seek to discharge their duty to the public and their profession. Its secondary purpose is to provide minimum standards by which to judge KAMP members whose conduct is in question. Each member of KAMP agrees that they will:

1.2 Faith and Allegiance

Give full faith and allegiance to such oaths of office as the member may take, obey all applicable laws and regulations, and apply the law to all individuals alike as may be required of the member.

1.3 Performance

Perform all professional duties in a manner consistent with statutory requirements, without advocacy for, or accommodation of, any particular interests, being factual, objective, unbiased, and honest in all conclusions, and taking care to conform to the highest professional standards.

1.4 Public Records / Confidential Information

Make available all maps or data for public review unless: (1) access is specifically limited or prohibited by law; or (2) information has been obtained on a confidential or proprietary basis and the law permits such information to be kept confidential or proprietary.

1.5 Respectful Attitude

Maintain, at all times, a courteous and respectful attitude in relations with associates, clients, public officials, and the general public, and encourage a similar attitude on the part of all subordinates.

1.6 Public Officials

Cooperate with public officials to improve the efficiency and economy of public administration.

1.7 Conduct

Conduct all activities in a manner that will reflect credit upon the member, other members and KAMP. Cooperate fully with other members in all matters affecting any official duties the members may have.

1.8 Appearance of Impropriety
Use caution to avoid the appearance of impropriety even though, in fact, no impropriety exists or is intended.

1.9 Professional Reputation

Protect the professional reputation of other members of KAMP who subscribe to and abide by this Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

1.10 KAMP Professional Designations

Use no KAMP professional designation unless duly authorized to do so by the Association, and claim no qualifications in reports, testimony, or elsewhere, which are not factual or which may be subject to erroneous interpretation.

1.11 Recognition

Strive for the individual and collective recognition of the mapping field as a profession, and continually seek to take advantage of sources of current information and educational opportunities. Give full credit to the originator of any material used in writings or speeches.

1.12 Prohibited Assignments

Accept no mapping or other assignment in which the member has an unrevealed personal interest or bias, or which cannot be completed without placing the member’s personal integrity or that of the mapping profession in jeopardy.

1.13 Advertising and/or Solicitation

Avoid self-laudatory advertising and/or solicitation of engagements, using unwarranted, inaccurate, or misleading claims or promises, which are detrimental to the establishment and maintenance of public confidence. The Association declares that such practices on the part of a member constitute unethical and unprofessional conduct.

1.14 Report Unethical Practices

Report widely divergent testimony, unethical practices, or other acts by members tending to discredit KAMP or to lower the prestige of membership therein to the President of KAMP.

1.15 KAMP and Its Officers

Cooperate with KAMP and its officers in all matters, including, but not limited to, the investigation, censure, discipline, or expulsion of members who, by their conduct, prejudice their professional status or the reputation of KAMP.

1.16 Conform

Conform in all respects to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, and the Constitution and By-laws of KAMP as the same may be amended from time to time.
Section 2. Member in Good Standing

A member in good standing is any member, Regular, Corporate, or Student, who is fiscally current with the association and who has not violated the KAMP Constitution and Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

Section 3. Regular Members

Regular membership shall be open to anyone involved with mapping, map production, geographic information systems (GIS) or geospatial information management.

Section 4. Corporate Members

Corporate membership shall be open to businesses and institutions interested in or involved with mapping or geospatial information management. Each corporate member shall be entitled to designate one (1) representative who shall have the rights and privileges of a regular member of the Association. Each corporate member shall be entitled to change its designated representative at anytime.

Section 5. Student Members

Student membership shall be open to any individual enrolled in a degree granting program at an accredited institution of higher education. Each student member shall have the rights and privileges of a regular member. Student membership status may be retained for the duration that the student is enrolled in the degree granting program. Student membership status shall terminate on December 31 of the year during which member’s enrollment in a degree granting program ceases. Student members shall notify KAMP when their qualifying enrollment ends.

Section 6. Honorary Members

At its discretion, the Executive Board may bestow honorary membership upon individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of mapping, GIS, geospatial information management, or to KAMP.

Eligibility requirements for honorary members are:

1. The individual has conducted no acts that are in conflict with the KAMP Constitution and Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.
2. The individual is not a current member of KAMP.

Section 7. Electoral Rights

The right to hold office is open to all regular members in good standing.

Section 8. Voting Rights
The right to vote on issues brought before the membership at the annual meeting, election of officers, constitutional amendments, and other such matters affecting the Association shall be open to all members in good standing. All members in good standing shall have a single, equal vote regarding motions put before the Association.

**Section 9. Membership Application**

Application for membership may be made at any time of year. The right to accept or reject any application for membership is hereby reserved to the Executive Board, provided that no person shall be discriminated against by reason of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin or physical ability.

**Section 10. Membership Dues**

The annual membership dues will be determined by the Executive Board and stated in the By-laws.

**Section 11. Expulsion and Suspension of Members**

At its discretion, the Executive Board may expel or suspend the rights of any member who has violated the Constitution or By-laws of the Association. A motion to expel or suspend shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board. An expulsion or suspension may be appealed at the next annual meeting and overturned by a majority vote of members in good standing, present and voting.

**ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1. Powers and Responsibilities**

The governing body of the Association shall be the Executive Board. The Board shall provide direction for the Association and supervise its affairs. The Board shall have the authority to pass any By-laws deemed necessary to accomplish the mission of the Association that are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution. Such By-laws, or amendments thereto, shall be valid and in force when approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of Executive Board members. Presidential appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board. At their discretion, the Executive Board shall also have the authority to review and approve or reject publications of the Association, fund disbursements, the place and manner of keeping for all funds, securities and legal instruments of the Association, and committee budgets. Said committee budgets shall not be exceeded without approval of the Executive Board.

**Section 2. Members**

The Executive Board membership shall consist of all Association officers as identified in Article IV, Section 1 of this Constitution.

**Section 3. Meetings**

The Association President shall conduct and chair periodic meetings of the Executive Board for the purpose of furthering the mission of the Association. Special meetings of the Board may also be called at the discretion of the President or upon written request to the President by three (3) or more Executive Board members.
Section 4. Quorum and Voting

For the purpose of transacting official business, a quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of no less than a majority of the members. All members of the Executive Board shall have a single, equal vote regarding motions put before the Board.

Section 5. Compensation

Members of the Executive Board shall serve without compensation. However, the Executive Board reserves the authority to provide reasonable reimbursements for expenses incurred by the Association members who attend meetings, conferences or educational seminars on behalf of KAMP. The conditions under which members may qualify for such reimbursements shall be stipulated in the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Immediate Past-President, and one or more Directors. The method for determining the number of Directors for any given year shall be stipulated in the By-laws.

Section 2. Selection

Selection At the annual meeting of the Association there shall be elected a President-Elect for a term of one (1) year by those members in good standing and in attendance. On the January 1st immediately following the election all newly elected Board members will assume office; where by the President from the concluding year shall become the Immediate Past-President and the President Elect from the concluding year shall assume the office of President unless the office of President was vacated (see Article IV – Section 3). Also at the annual meeting the Association will elect half of the Directors and rotate electing a Secretary one year and a Treasurer the next, all for a term of two years.

Section 3. Vacancy of Office

When a vacancy other than the President occurs in the Executive Board, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of no less than three (3) members in good standing for the purpose of recommending a regular member in good standing to fill said vacancy. Recommendations of the nominating committee shall require approval of a majority vote of the Executive Board. Approved Director nominees shall serve until the end of that term. When a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Immediate Past-President shall immediately return thereto. The Immediate Past-President vacancy can only be replaced by a former President. Any appointment for an immediate vacancy of President Elect shall serve until the next annual meeting at which time the nominee for the vacated position will be put to the general membership for a vote of confidence in order to move to the next level of the presidential series.
ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President

The President shall be the chairperson of the Association and preside at the annual meeting, special meetings, and meetings of the Executive Board. The President may designate the President-Elect or, in their absence, another member of the Executive Board to preside at meetings. The President shall appoint all committee chairpersons and other such appointments. The President shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 2. President-Elect

The President-Elect shall exercise all the powers and duties of the President in the absence or inability to act of the President and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep and maintain a true, up-to-date record of all proceedings of the Association and meetings of the Executive Board. The record of proceedings shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Executive Board. Following each election, the record of proceedings shall be turned over to the Secretary's immediate successor in office. The Secretary shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial agent of the Association and shall exercise such authority, and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, securities, and legal instruments of the Association and shall be responsible for their safekeeping. To this end the Treasurer may, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, determine the place and manner of keeping for all funds, securities, and legal instruments. A correct account of all receipts and disbursements must be kept at all times and a complete up-to-date report submitted at each annual meeting. The Executive Board shall have full right to examine accounts of the Association and cause an audit to be made at any time. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain a roll of all members of the association. Following each election the membership roll and other records shall be turned over to the Treasurer's immediate successor in office.

Section 5. Director

Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Executive Board meetings. Directors shall serve as advisors to the Executive Board and represent the interests of the membership. Directors perform special tasks as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 6. Immediate Past-President
The Immediate Past-President shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Executive Board meetings. The Immediate Past-President shall serve as an advisor to the Executive Board. The Immediate Past-President shall have no formal duties, but shall perform special tasks as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting

A general meeting of the Association shall be held annually. At the annual meeting the election of officers shall take place, the Treasurer shall report on the status of the Association’s finances, and standing committees shall report their activities of the past year. Other events and/or reports may be conducted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special Meetings

The Executive Board shall have authority to call special meetings of the Association for such purpose, at such time and location as the Board deems necessary.

Section 3. Notice

Notice of the annual and any special meetings shall be given to all members not less than 30 days prior to such meetings. The notice shall state the date, time and location of the meeting, and include an agenda of business to be conducted.

Section 4. Quorum and Voting

A quorum for the annual and special meetings will be determined in the By-laws. The election of officers, with the exception of filling office vacancies as stipulated by this Constitution, may only be conducted at the annual meeting. Other rules regarding motions and voting shall be stipulated in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. How Proposed

Any regular member in good standing may propose amendments to this Constitution. All proposed amendments must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board before they can be submitted to the membership for ratification. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Board for its review no less than sixty (60) days in advance of the annual meeting or special meeting.

Section 2. How Amended

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all Association members eligible to vote and in attendance at the annual meeting or special meeting, provided that notice and a copy of any proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to all members, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and that consideration of the amendment shall have been approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. Definition of Geospatial information

Geospatial information is any data, whether digital or hardcopy format, that has a spatial element relating to a map component.

Section 2. Ratification of Constitution

This Constitution shall be valid and in force when ratified by a majority vote of all Association members. Upon ratification of this Constitution, the chairperson of that initial meeting will conduct an election in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order. There will be no Past President in place.

Section 3. Dissolution Clause

If the Association is dissolved, its assets will be distributed to properly designated education and/or charitable organizations through a formula established by the Executive Board. In no case shall any assets revert to members or to any other person, but shall be used for nonprofit, educational, or charitable purposes, consistent with the mission of KAMP.

Section 4. Saving Clause

If any provision of this Constitution is declared invalid or unconstitutional, then all other portions thereof shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed through appropriate action.

Section 5. Correspondence

The official method of correspondence of the Association will be e-mail unless other provisions are made between an individual member and the sitting Treasurer. The responsibility of keeping current addresses with the Treasurer is the responsibility of each member.