



*P.O.R.A.C.*  
*Peace Officers Research Association of California*  
SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES CHAPTER

**Chapter Bylaws**

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## **Article I: Name**

The name of this chapter shall be the “San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC). 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 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.

### Section 3

The Chapter shall have the ability to engage in political activities in the name of “The San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter of PORAC” without violating the “Home Rule.” 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 Political Action Committee (PAC) or Political Issue Committee (PIC) funds, which have been designated by PORAC as belonging to The Chapter. Political endorsements will be ratified by a supermajority vote of two-thirds (2/3) or 66% of associations present.

The “Home Rule” for the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter is as follows:

1. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in political endorsements or contributions outside of its geographic jurisdiction without the approval of the other affected jurisdictional Chapter(s) of PORAC.
2. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in political endorsements of local agency or special district races in which the candidate would be a voting member affecting a Memorandum of Understanding of a voting Chapter Association opposing such an endorsement. These races include City Council, City Attorney, Mayor, School Board Trustee or College Trustee elections. In races pertaining to Board of Supervisor elections, if affected PORAC Chapter Associations are not in agreement of a single candidate, the Chapter will take a neutral position.

3. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in the political endorsement for County Sheriff that would be in opposition to any voting PORAC Chapter Association representing members of a County Sheriff's Department.
4. The San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter will not engage in political endorsements of local political measures, initiatives, bond measures, or any other issues requiring public vote or ratification which would be in opposition to any voting PORAC Chapter Association directly affected by that initiative.

### **Article III: Membership**

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

### **Article IV: Dues**

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 should be at least one vice-president from each county (San Diego and Imperial)  
No two vice-presidents shall be from the same association.

##### (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 member associations in attendance. The elections shall be determined by vote of the member Associations present in November. **(Amended 9/2020)**

(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 IX, Section 8 of the PORAC bylaws.

(d). Vacancies may be filled by appointment of the E-Board (Executive Board), subject to ratification of the membership 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

Voting for Chapter and Region business, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, shall be as follows:

**A.** Associations shall have one (1) original vote as a member and one (1) additional vote for each of its one hundred (100) individual members for whom PORAC dues are paid.

**[Added 6/2020]**

### Section 4

Each association shall have one (1) vote, to include the RAM Committee, in local Chapter issues. State and Federal issues shall be voted upon as described in the State PORAC Bylaws and Standing Rules. **(Added 9/2020)**

### **Article VII: Line of Duty Death**

The Chapter may, by a majority vote of the available Chapter Executive Officers, provide \$1,000 immediate funding to the immediate family of any Line of Duty Death Chapter member. The Chapter may, by a majority vote of the available Chapter Executive Officers, provide \$500 immediate funding to the immediate family of any Line of Duty Death peace officer within San Diego or Imperial County who is not a member of PORAC. If the death does not occur on-duty while the member, or non-member peace officer, is actively involved in a public safety function, "Line of Duty Death" will be determined by a majority vote of the available Chapter Executive Officers based on the available information using the protocol of the California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation.

### **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 5 members 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) Local Issues/Problems
- 6) Good of the Chapter
- 7) Unfinished business
- 8) New business
- 9) 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.

#### **Standing Rules**

##### Standing Rule #1

The Chapter will reimburse all Executive Directors on the Executive Board (President, Secretary, Treasurer and all 4 Vice Presidents) when they attend any training that is approved by the Chapter. Such expenditures may be for, but not limited to: food, lodging, vehicle mileage expense, transportation expenses, tolls, fees, the Annual PORAC Conference, PORAC Symposium, Regional meetings, seminars, tips, and training programs. The Chapter shall not claim ownership, nor require use of frequent flyer or similar credits earned on travel or credit card reimbursements while on Chapter business.

This Standing Rule is in effect as long as the Chapter is solvent. To be eligible for reimbursement all required reimbursement forms and receipts must be provided to the Chapter treasurer. **(Added June 10, 2020)**

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