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**ARTICLE I: Official Name and Objectives**

**Section 1.01 Official Name:** This organization shall be known as the *New York State Division of the International Association for Identification*, a non-profit organization.

 **Section 1.02: Objectives*:*** The current objectives of the New York State Division of the International Association for Identification are:

A. To associate persons who are actively engaged in the business of identification, investigation, and scientific crime detection in an organized body so that the profession in all of its branches may be standardized and practiced effectively and scientifically.

B. To engage research work in scientific crime detection and developments.

C. To encourage the enlargement and improvement of the forensic science community within the scope of the recognized sub-disciplines, as recognized by the International Association for Identification.

D. To keep its members apprised of the latest techniques, discoveries and development in crime detection and the science of identification in all its phases.

E. To employ all the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of personal identification and crime detection.

F. To encourage and promote the advancement of forensic science through training, education and publication of information in all the disciplines of forensic science within the membership, and throughout the applicable student population.

**ARTICLE II: Membership**

**Section 2.01 Categories:** Membership of the New York State Division shall consist of Active Members; Associate members; Honorary Members, and Life members.

**Section 2.02:** Qualifications and Application: The qualifications and application procedures for each category of membership shall conform to the provisions as set forth in the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE III: Officers**

**Section 3.01:** The officers shall consist of: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Editor-Historian, Recording Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Webmaster.

**Section 3.02 Election, Appointment, Removal, and Duties:** The election or appointment, succession, removal, and duties of all officers shall conform to the Provisions of the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors**

**Section 4.01 Members of the Board of Directors**:There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) elected members including the immediate Past President of the Division, who shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Only these five (5) members shall be entitled to vote on business properly brought before the Board of Directors, unless otherwise provided for in the By-Laws.

**Section 4.02** **Election, Appointment, Removal, and Duties:** The election or appointment, succession, removal, and duties of all officers shall conform to the Provisions of the By-Laws.

**Article V: Committees**

**Section 5.01 Standing Committees and Subcommittees**: Standing Committees and Subcommittees shall be established in accordance with the By-laws.

**Article VI: Educational Conferences and Membership Meetings**

**Section 6.01 Annual IAI International Educational Conference**: An Annual IAI International Educational Conference (“Annual Conference”) shall be held in conformance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

**Section 6.02 Annual Membership Meeting:** An Annual Membership Meeting shall be held at each Annual IAI International Educational Conference in conformance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

**Article VII: Elections**

**Section 7.01:**  The election of officers and the election of the next place of meeting shall take place on the last day of the annual conference unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the delegates in conference assembled, present and voting. Annual Meeting/Conference shall conform to the Provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 7.02:** In the event of an insufficient number of members in attendance at the place of meeting, the Division may hold elections through mail, electronic communication, or through media outlets to ensure the participation of a majority of the membership.

**ARTICLE VIII: Emblem**

**Section 8.01 Use:** Only members of the Division who are in good standing shall use the Emblem.

**Article IV: Scholarships and Funds**

**Section 9.01:**The IAI shall have the power to establish Scholarships and Funds to promote the objectives of the IAI in conformance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE X: Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct**

**Section 10.01 Code of Ethics:** The New York State Division of the IAI has established a Code of Ethics, which is in conformance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

**Section 10.02 Violations:** A violation of the Code of Ethics and/or the Standards of Professional Conduct may be considered as adequate cause for expulsion, suspension, or revocation of membership in conformance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XI: Non-Profit Organization**

**Section 11.01** Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Division is organized exclusively for one or more purposes as specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE XII: Dissolution**

**Section 12.01** Upon the dissolution of the IAI, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the IAI, transfer the remaining assets of the IAI to an organization(s) which at that time is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes so as to qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future IRS Code) and according to the laws of New York.

**ARTICLE XIII: Amendments to the Constitution**

**Section 13.01** Any motion to amend the Constitution of the Division must be read once to the members in conference assembled at the business session and, if passed, must go over to the next annual conference for final passage and adoption.

**Section 13.02** Any changes to the Constitution of the Division may be distributed electronically for consideration and vote in accordance with Articles VIII and IX of the By-Laws.

**Section 13.03** **IAI Approval of Amendments:** All amendments to the Division Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to the IAI Chief Operations Officer and shall not be effective until approved by the IAI. If the Chief Operations Officer does not take any action within six (6) months after receipt by the Association, the submitted amendment or amendments are automatically approved without any further action by the IAI.