

THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Association is the **Shenandoah Valley Paralegal Association**.

ARTICLE II

Definition

A Paralegal is a person, qualified through education, training, or work experience, who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, governmental agency, or other entity in a capacity or function which involves the performance, under the ultimate direction and supervision of an attorney, of specifically-delegated substantive legal work, which work, for the most part, requires sufficient knowledge of legal concepts that, absent such assistance, the attorney would perform this task. (American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Assistants, April 14, 1986.)

ARTICLE III

Obiects and Purnoses

Association, and who is approved by the Membership Committee, upon written application, shall become a member upon payment of annual dues to be set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated by resignation, by non-payment of dues, or by loss of eligibility for membership under this Article.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president, president-elect, a secretary, and a treasurer. All officers must be members in good standing.

[Amended & Adopted 11/8/00]

Section 2. Terms of Office. The president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer shall be elected for one year terms at the October meeting in the manner provided in the Bylaws and shall assume their duties at the January meeting. The president-elect shall be elected for a two year term

Section 2. Special Committees. The president may appoint special committees for a specified duration and purpose, as specified in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

Bylaws

The Association shall adopt Bylaws for the conduct of its affairs in harmony with this Constitution. Review and revision of the Bylaws shall take place at least every five years, or at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members, provided that written notice of proposed amendments shall have been mailed or delivered not less than fourteen (14) days in advance of such meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Effective Date

This Constitution shall take effect on May 9, 1990.

The foregoing Constitution was presented to the members of the Association present and voting at the May 9, 1990, meeting of the Association on May 9, 1990, for approval and was duly approved by a vote of 20.

ARTICLE X

Satellite Chapters

Satellite chapters of this Association may be formed in surrounding areas where paralegals

have expressed an interest in affiliating with this Association and do not desire to form a separate organization. A chairman and recorder for each satellite chapter shall be appointed as specified in the Bylaws.

[Adopted 12/1/90]

ARTICLE XI