BY-LAWS

NEBRASKA PLANNING AND ZONING ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: **Membership**

SECTION 1. Classifications. The NPZA shall have the following classifications of membership:

(a) Individual member
(b) Political Subdivision member
(c) Private firm, state or federal agency and/or organization
(d) Student member
(e) Honorary/Emeritus member

SECTION 2. Definitions The membership classifications are defined as follows:

(a) *Individual member* – any person other than a person who makes his or her living primarily from providing planning or consulting services to a political subdivision, agency, or organization; or any person who is an elected or appointed official of a political subdivision, agency or organization.

(b) *Political Subdivision member* – any village, city, county, or joint planning commission.

(c) *Private firm, state or federal agency and/or organization member* – this includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies or other entity who make his or her/their living primarily from providing planning or consulting services to political subdivisions, agencies or organizations.

(d) *Student member* – any undergraduate or graduate student attending an accredited college or university pursuing a degree related to architecture, community or regional planning, public administration, or other related discipline.

(e) *Honorary/Emeritus member* – any individual who has been so designated by the Board of Directors due to his or her having made a significant lifetime contribution to the purposes of the NPZA.

SECTION 3. Privileges. Each membership classification shall have the following privileges:

(a) *Individual member* – a membership certificate, and each individual member may hold office, serve on committees, and receive all publications of the NPZA.

(b) *Political Subdivision member* – a membership certificate, and each appointed or elected official and the principal staff member or administrative officer of each political subdivision shall be have the same privileges as an individual member under subsection (a) above unless he/she would be ineligible to be an individual member as defined in subsection 2. (a) above.

(c) *Private firm, state or federal agency and/or organization member* – a membership certificate, and each private firm, state or federal agency and/or organization shall have one vote as a member of his or her/their respective NPZA District, serve on committees, and receive all publications of the NPZA; provided, however that a private firm, state or federal agency and/or organization member may not hold an elective NPZA office other than as an At-large NPZA Board member.

(d) *Student member* – a membership certificate and attend the NPZA annual conference at a reduced student rate.

(e) *Honorary/Emeritus member* – a honorary/emeritus member may hold office, serve on committees, attend the NPZA annual conference without paying a registration fee, and receive all publications of the NPZA.

(f) Membership classifications shall be established by the Board of Directors and reviewed annually.

SECTION 4. Membership Dues.

(a) Membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and reviewed annually.

(b) Notice of dues payable shall be sent sixty (60) days prior to the date due.

SECTION 5. Term of Membership. The membership year shall be the calendar year, and shall be due and payable on or before February 1 of the membership year.

ARTICLE II: Amendment to the By-Laws.

Any proposed amendments to the NPZA By-Laws must be submitted in writing to President at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting and shall be submitted to the eligible voting members of the NPZA present during the NPZA annual conference. The Executive Committee shall compile the votes and announce the results at the NPZA awards banquet subsequently held during annual conference. Amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible voting members attending the NPZA annual conference.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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NPZA Recording Secretary