

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

The name of this organization shall be “The Michigan Fire Inspectors Society”.

2. PURPOSE:

- a. To exchange ideas in the field of fire prevention, education, and suppression.
- b. To encourage cooperation of state and local agencies in solving Michigan’s fire problem.
- c. To assist in formulating educational seminars for the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

a. REGULAR MEMBER:

Any person interested in the protection of life and property from the hazards of fire shall be eligible for membership in the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society. Membership shall be on an individual basis. **Providing an individual meets all other criteria for membership, any person who pays the non-member registration fee for the Fall or Winter Seminar shall be enrolled as a member for a period of at least one year.**

5. TERM OF OFFICE:

- a. Except as specified in Rule 6a, the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected annually from the membership-at-large during the business meeting of the annual Educational Seminar. The Trustees shall be elected by the membership-at-large for staggering terms of four, three, two, and one years initially. Hereafter, one Trustee shall be elected each year for the term of four years.
- b. Except where it is so specified in these by-laws, a member of the Executive Board shall not be elected or appointed to another office until such time as his or her present term of office expires.
- c. The Executive Board of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society may remove from office any Executive Board member who is absent without excuse from two (2) consecutive scheduled meetings.

d. Elected Executive Board members who complete a full cycle of membership on the Executive Board, or who have occupied the position of Vice President or President for one full year, may not be nominated for a second Executive Board position for a period of seven years. This provision does not apply to the position of Secretary/Treasurer, who may be re-elected to consecutive terms.

8. MEETINGS:

- a. There shall be an annual business meeting of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society to be held in conjunction with the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Educational Seminar. This business meeting shall be held during the Educational Seminar at which regular business and the election of officers shall be conducted. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the formulation of

the program for the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Educational Seminar. The President of the Society shall serve as Chairperson of the Educational Seminar or may delegate this responsibility to another member of the Executive Board. A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum to transact official business for the Society.

b. The election of officers and trustees for the Executive Board of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society shall take place at the annual business meeting. Election to any Executive Board position shall require a simple majority vote of over 50% of the members present. In the event that any nominee does not receive a majority vote on the first ballot, the two nominees with the highest number of votes shall participate in a run off vote. The nominee in the run off with the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner.