

**Constitution and By-laws of the
KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS
KALHD**

ARTICLE I – NAME AND INTENT

The name of this organization shall be The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, hereafter designated as the Association.

The intent of this Constitution and these By-laws is to comply with all applicable state and federal laws.

ARTICLE II- OFFICES

The principal office of KALHD is 300 SW 8th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66603.

ARTICLE III - MISSION STATEMENT

The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments is dedicated to strengthening local health departments for the purpose of improving and protecting the lives of all Kansans.

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

A member shall be a local health department engaged in the delivery of public health services at the local level of less than statewide scope whose annual assessments have been paid. The local health office and/or chief administrator of the local health department shall be the recognized Representative of member departments to the Association unless otherwise delegated by the member department.

ARTICLE V-OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the KALHD Board shall be:

1. To support the association's Vision – *Local public health departments and community systems effectively able to protect and improve the public's health.*
2. To represent the collective voice of local health departments and to enable KALHD to accomplish the association's mission – The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments is dedicated to strengthening local health departments and serving as a unified voice to promote effective public health policy
3. To work cooperatively whenever feasible with community , civic, governmental, and other health partners to increase knowledge of and access to public health services access Kansas for all citizens of Kansas communities
4. To serve as a liaison to KDHE to further the public health at the program and policy making levels

ARTICLE VI –OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The officers of the Executive Committee Association shall be as follows:

- a) President
- b) President-Elect
- c) Secretary-Treasurer
- d) Past President

Section 2.

Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- a) Officers of the Association
- b) Six District Representatives
- c) Two members at large

Section 3.

Officers of the Association will be selected from Representatives from member departments.

Section 4.

- a. Governance Committee - Prior to the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Governance Committee consisting of three Representatives and charged with recommending the name of at least one Representative for each elective office.

- b. District Representatives - Prior to the annual meeting, the current KALHD representative will forward name(s) of Representatives and alternate to Nominating Committee to be placed on the slate for presentation at the annual meeting. In the event any district does not recommend a Representative by 30 days prior to the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee shall recommend at least one candidate for Representative and one for alternate, to be voted on at the annual meeting. If the district Representative is unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting, the district shall be represented by the alternate.

- c. Voting – Following the Governance Committee’s report at the annual meeting, the President shall call for any additional nominations from the floor prior to the election. Election shall be determined by majority vote of active Representatives voting.

Section 5.

In case of a vacancy in any elective office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified Representative to serve for the unexpired term.

Section 6.

The terms of all officers shall be for one year, from annual meeting to annual meeting of the Association, with the exception of District Representatives and the members-at-large, who will serve two-year staggered terms.

Section 7.

The officers, members-at-large and District Representatives shall constitute the Board of Directors which shall be the governing body of the Association and shall conduct the affairs for the Association in a legal fashion in accordance with the provisions of the constitutions and by-laws.

ARTICLE VII- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The President shall supervise the affairs of the Association and preside at all meetings during the year following the annual meeting when elected. The President shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

The President Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence or conflict of interest. Additionally, the President-Elect shall serve as Chairperson of the Conference Committee.

Section 3.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each member on or before the annual renewal date of the amount of dues payable for the following year; shall collect all dues and any other revenues of the Association; and shall maintain a complete record of all Association activities and transactions. The Secretary-Treasurer may delegate all or a portion of these duties to the Executive Director, but will retain responsibility for oversight of any delegated duty. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as Chair of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEES

Section 1.

In addition to the standing committees identified in this article, the President is empowered to appoint such additional ad hoc committees as may be required to advanced the best interest of the Association and enable it to fulfill its objectives. Unless the President secures approval of the Board of Directors not to fill and activate certain committees, the following standing committees will be maintained and appointed by the President for a term of one year.

- a) Conference Committees
- b) Legislative Committees
- c) Governance Committees
- d) Finance Committees

Section 2.

Representatives from member departments or other public health professionals may serve on any Ad Hoc committee. KALHD committees shall be chaired by a KALHD member or the Executive Director. Committees will present their recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval by the Board.

Section 3.

The Conference Committee, in combination with the Executive Director, shall organize and facilitate the convention details of the midyear/annual meeting. This shall include providing the meeting room, any food service, and any entertainment. All agreements with hotels, catering services, entertainment groups and other providers of convention services shall be in writing and filed with the Executive Director or Secretary of the Association. In addition, this committee shall develop the formal program and make all arrangements for presentation of such programs at the midyear/annual meeting. Chairman of the committee shall be the President-Elect of the Association.

Section 4.

The Legislative Committee shall each year develop an annual legislative statement detailing the official position of the Association on legislation and legislative matters pertaining to public health programs and problems. This legislative statement shall be approved by the Association at a KALHD's membership meeting. Based on this approved legislative statement, the committee shall use this legislative statement upon issues between local health departments and related state and federal agencies, bodies, and organizations. Between annual meetings, it will act on behalf of the Association.

Section 5.

The Finance Committee shall provide financial oversight and planning of the Association, make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding financial policies, and review the annual audit and report the findings and its recommendations at the annual meeting. The Secretary-treasurer shall serve as chair of the Finance Committee.

Section 6.

The Governance Committee consisting of three Representatives, shall recommend the name of at least one Representative for each elective office and present the slate of candidates to the membership at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section 1.

The regular mid-year and annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The membership shall receive written notice of the annual meeting at least 30 days in advance.

Section 2.

Special meetings may be held at such times and places as designated by the Board of Directors. Notice to be sent out by the Executive Director at least ten days in advance.

Section 3.

The Board of Directors shall direct business of the Association between annual meetings. It shall meet at least once per year in addition to convening in connection with the mid-year and annual meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4.

The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Board of Directors in the absence of a Board meeting or if business must be conducted prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. Any such decisions will be made known to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Section 5.

During the annual and mid-year meetings of the Association the following should be applied: nominations/elections, due changes, and By-Laws by simple majority of active members present and voting; list and other items brought up by the membership. Each member present may vote.

ARTICLE X- ASSESSMENTS AND DUES

Section 1.

The annual assessment of members shall be recommended by the Board of Directors at the mid-year or annual meeting.

Section 2.

The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year. Annual assessments and dues for any year shall become payable on December 1. The names of members whose assessments or dues have not been received by March 31 shall be removed from the membership roll. A member may pay dues and be placed in good standing at any time during the year; dues will not be pro-rated.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

An amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws may be adopted only at the mid-year and annual meetings upon affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at such meeting. Proposed amendments may be presented by individual members from the floor or by the Board of Directors.

Adopted by the membership at the November 22, 2005 Annual Meeting.