

## **RULE 23: Drug Recognition Experts Section (10-8-91)**

### Section 1: Purpose of the Section, General Officers, and Duties

- (a) The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Section shall be established and operated in accordance with the IACP constitution, rules and objectives as an integral part of the association, and this section shall serve as a coordinating body between the several and separate state chapters of DREs. It shall be the responsibility of this section, through its officers, to serve as a resource and respond to the views and needs of the section membership.
- (b) The General Chair shall be the presiding officer at all section meetings; represent the section in all official matters; appoint all officers not elected, regional coordinators, standing and special committees, and fill all vacancies for the remainder of the term of office; supervise all subcommittees; and, prepare an annual report.
- (c) The First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and Third Vice Chair, in the order of their ascendancy, shall assist, advise and consult with the General Chair. The Vice Chairs shall assist, advise and consult with their respective regional coordinators, and prepare an annual report to be consolidated with the annual report of the General Chair and presented to those present and voting at the annual meeting. In the absence of the General Chair, the Vice Chairs, in order of ascendancy, shall preside.
- (d) The Secretary shall be the designated association staff officer and Section Staff Advisor and will prepare, transmit, or maintain such division correspondence, reports, records, files, rosters, moneys, and perform such related duties as may be designated by proper authority.
- (e) The General Chair, First, Second and Third Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority of those present and voting at the annual meeting.

### Section 2: Membership

Membership in this section shall be open to all active and associate members of the association in good standing who are either certified DREs or have a professional interest in the Drug Recognition Expert program and/or procedures.

### Section 3: Voting

Section members who are certified DREs, or who have direct responsibility for the management and/or coordination of a Drug Recognition Expert program(s), shall have full voting privileges. In the event of a tie vote, the General Chair will cast the tie-breaking vote.

### Section 4: Nominations and Elections

- (a) A Committee on Nominations shall meet, during the annual conference but prior to the annual meeting of the section, to select for presentation to the membership of the section at the annual meeting nominees for general officers. In addition to the nominations by the committee, any voting section member may submit a nomination from the floor at the annual meeting and move for action by the membership. Each of the general officers must represent a different one of the four regions of the section. No two officers may be from any one region.
- (b) The Committee on Nominations shall, for the purpose of electing the general officers, assure the membership that proper representation by the nominees is divided continuously into four regions as follows: Region I (California, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba); Region II (Colorado, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin); Region III (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland); and Region IV (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia).

(c) To assure perpetual continuance of regional representation in the general offices, as each general officer concludes a term of office (one year) and is succeeded by the next elected general officer, the region represented by the then Past General Chair shall be declared vacant and subject to nomination and election for the office of Third Vice Chair. Each general officer, General Chair, First, Second and Third Vice Chair, shall hold said office for a term not to exceed one year. Thereafter, each officer shall be elevated to the next highest office within the provisions of Sections 1(e), 3 and 4 of this rule.

(d) The term of any of the elected general officers shall automatically terminate 60 days after retirement, resignation or demotion from service as a certified DRE or separation for any reason from regular and active police service. Should, at any time, an office become vacant, the next ranking chair will automatically serve in that capacity until the next annual meeting at which time it will be declared vacant and subject to election. The immediate Past General Chair shall serve for one year as the Executive Assistant to the section officers.

(e) The General Chair, or Acting General Chair if it was the office of General Chair that was vacated, shall appoint an individual qualified for membership in the section, and representing the same region as the first vacated office to assure regional representation as set forth in this section, to fill the unexpired term of the Third Vice Chair. Upon expiration of the term, the office shall be declared vacant and subject to election. The individual serving in the acting capacity may seek office subject to the provisions of this section.

#### Section 5: Committees

Committees may be appointed by the General Chair from time to time as conditions warrant for the investigation of matters particularly relevant to the section. A subcommittee may be, according to the wishes of the General Chair, of a permanent or temporary nature.

#### Section 6: Resolutions

Resolutions favorably voted on by the section at its annual and/or mid-year meeting(s), and which are in the mutual interest of the IACP, shall be submitted for approval to the Advisory Committee for Highway Safety, Executive Committee, Board of Officers, or Executive Director, if in accordance with approved Association policy.

#### Section 7: Amendments

Amendments to this rule shall be voted on at the annual meeting and/or mid-year meeting(s), and passed by a majority vote of those in attendance. Before any amendment shall take effect, it shall be approved by the Executive Committee of this Association as provided by the constitution.

#### Section 8: Meetings

(a) The section will meet at least once at the Association's annual meeting and the General Chair, with the assistance of the Vice Chairs and Secretary, will determine the program and agenda prior to the section meeting(s).

(b) The General Chair may call a mid-year meeting anywhere in the United States.

(c) A quorum consists of those member states at the annual meeting or any called meeting of the DRE Section.

#### Section 9: Membership Dues

Annual section membership dues shall be determined by resolution of the section membership at the annual meeting.

#### Section 10: Sergeant-at-Arms

The section General Chair may, at their discretion, appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms who shall not have voting power.

#### Section 11: Rules

The General Chair may adopt rules for this section not inconsistent with the above provisions.

