**Committee Charter**

**Committee Name:** Membership Committee

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Membership Committee shall be to review Active, Associate and Affiliate Membership applications and Life Member nominations; to establish and maintain criteria for approval of membership applications and nominations; to serve as a welcoming group to new Chiefs and Sheriffs; and to encourage membership of qualified candidates by informing them of the goals, purposes and benefits of WASPC affiliation.

**Authority:**

The Committee shall have authority to review membership applications and nominations and to report recommendations to the WASPC Executive Board for action; to submit recommendations to the WASPC Executive Board regarding criteria for approval of membership applications and nominations; and to encourage membership of qualified candidates by informing them of the goals, purposes and benefits of affiliation with the Association.

**Membership:**

Any member of WASPC including Active, Associate, Life and Affiliate Members expressing an interest in the future of the Association may be a member of this Committee.

**Chairperson:**

The Committee shall be chaired by a Sheriff or Police Chief appointed by the President.

**Duties:**

* The Committee shall meet at least annually.
* The Committee shall review membership applications and nominations.
* The Committee shall work closely with staff to prepare recommendations for action on membership applications and nominations for consideration by the Executive Board.
* The Committee shall create and maintain criteria for consideration by the Executive Board regarding approval of membership applications and nominations.
* The Committee shall welcome new members into WASPC
* The Committee shall encourage membership of qualified candidates by informing them of the goals, purposes and benefits of WASPC affiliation.