

***National High Intensity Drug Trafficking  
Area Directors Association  
(NHDA)***

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## **Background**

The National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Directors Association (NHDA) was formed on February 9, 2005, to create a professional association for HIDTA Directors and deputy directors. The primary purpose of the Association is to inform and educate local, state and national leaders as well as the public on issues that affect drug law enforcement issues.

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# National HIDTA Directors Association BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I

### Name

**Section 1**    **Association Name.** This association shall be known as the National HIDTA Directors Association (NHDA).

## ARTICLE II

### Objective

**Section 1**    **Objective.** The following shall be the objective of this association:

- A.    Inform and educate local, state and national leaders as well as the public on drug law enforcement issues.
- B.    Develop a liaison with other organizations and associations involved with drug policy.

## ARTICLE III

### NHDA Members

**Section 1**    **Membership Eligibility.** All HIDTA Directors and deputy directors are eligible for membership and shall be accepted as a member upon payment of the annual dues.

## ARTICLE IV

### Board of Directors and Duties

**Section 1**    **Board of Directors.** The board of directors of this association shall consist of six (6) members elected by the membership according to the procedures contained in these Bylaws. A seventh member will be selected by the duly-elected board of directors.

**Section 2**    **Officers:**

- A. President and Treasurer.** The president and treasurer of the association will be specifically elected to these positions by the membership. The board of directors will determine and select other officers among the board they feel necessary to carry out the business of the association.
- 1. Duties of the President.** The president will be responsible for, with the board's concurrence, leading and representing the association. The president will preside over all meetings and make necessary assignments.
  - 2. Duties of the Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to be in charge of all association funds and assets, make financial statement and any other duties assigned to the treasurer by the president and/or the board of directors.
- B. Director-at-Large.** A member of the association shall be appointed by the board of directors as a director-at-large. This appointment is to bring balance and/or needed expertise to the board.
- C. Terms.**
- 1. Board of Directors.** The board of directors shall serve a three (3) year term but may be re-elected to additional terms.
  - 2. Director-at-Large.** The director-at-large shall be subject to renewal annually by the board of directors.
- D. Compensation.** Directors of the board are not paid but volunteer their time to complete their duties for the position in which they serve.

## ARTICLE V

### Meetings

**Section 1 Membership Meetings.** Regular membership meetings will be held as needed to coincide with the HIDTA Directors meetings.

**Section 2 Order of Business.** *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern order of business at all meetings.

**Section 3 Meeting Notification.** Members shall be notified two (2) weeks in advance of upcoming meetings. An agenda with item(s) requiring a vote shall be included in this notification.

**Section 4 Special Meetings.** The president of the association shall be empowered to, when in the best interest of the association, call for a special meeting or conference call of the board of directors. Notification shall be as soon as possible in advance.

**Section 5 Quorum.** A majority number of directors, which are seven (7), are required to convene or continue all official board of directors meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Elections**

**Section 1 Vote.** Board members shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at a regularly-called NHDA meeting.

**Section 2 Procedure.** Whenever a vacancy occurs, or a board member term expires, the general membership shall be notified. The notification shall include whether the board member whose term expires is requesting another term in office. Members of the NHDA wishing to run for a vacant or expired position shall notify the president. The president is responsible for notifying the membership of candidates two weeks in advance of the meeting. Only candidates who were nominated or requested to be placed on the ballot will be considered. Nominations will not be taken from the floor during the regularly-scheduled meeting.

**Section 3 Conduct of Election.** The president shall preside over the election and, with board concurrence, develop the process.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Amendments**

**Section 1 Amendments.** The NHDA membership shall have the power as a body to amend these Bylaws at a regularly scheduled board meeting. Any NHDA member may send a written proposed amendment to the president. The board of directors will discuss the proposed amendment and make a written recommendation to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to a regularly-scheduled meeting. The members shall discuss

and vote on the amendment which requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present to pass.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Funding**

**Section 1** **Annual Dues.** Annual dues shall be collected from each member of the NHDA. The amount will be voted upon by NHDA members upon a recommendation of the board of directors. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to change the annual dues.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **National Membership**

**Section 1** **National Narcotics Officers' Association Coalition.** The National HIDTA Directors Association is a proud member of the National Narcotics Officers' Association Coalition (NNOAC). The NNOAC is comprised of state, regional and other narcotics associations, representing more than 50,000 narcotics law enforcement officers and investigators. The NNOAC actively researches, monitors and supports legislative initiatives designed to increase the effectiveness of narcotics law enforcement and law enforcement in general.



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