

Military Police Association Ireland

Constitution



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Constitution of the Military Police Association Ireland

1. The name of the Association shall be the “Military Police Association Ireland” abbreviated to, and hereunder called the MPAI. The MPAI is non-political, non-denominational and non-profit organisation.
2. **Objectives.**

The objectives of the MPAI are:

 - a. To foster esprit de corps within the Military Police Corps and the Military Police retired community.
 - b. To support and participate with other Defence Forces Associations to preserve and perpetuate the traditions of the Defence Forces and the Military Police Corps.
 - c. To recognise the achievements of serving and veteran members of the Military Police Corps
 - d. To provide support to Military Police veterans and their families.
 - e. To provide a venue where retired and serving members of the Military Police Corps can share a common identity and experience.
 - f. To encourage and support public interest in the Military Police Corps.
3. **Honorary Officers.**

The Provost Marshal shall be invited to become the Patron of the MPAI.
4. **Membership and Subscriptions.**
 - a. Regular Membership: Membership is voluntary and open to retired and serving members of the Military Police Corps of the PDF, RDF and other Military Police Services.
 - b. Associate Membership: Open to any person employed, or having been employed, in support of the Military Police Corps, or any person fostering the aims of the Military Police Corps within the Defence Forces context. Associate members do not have voting privileges or the right to sit on the Executive Committee.
 - c. Honorary Membership: Any person may be honoured by the MPAI for their service to the Military Police Corps.
 - d. Subscriptions: A membership subscription shall be levied on all regular members on an annual basis. For the purpose of membership, the membership year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Executive Committee will set amounts and propose same to the members all membership fees must be paid by the 1st March each year.
 - e. Branche Treasurers will operate a Petty Cash Account. The account will be operated in accordance with Association Rules. The account may be inspected at any time by the National Executive Committee.
 - f. Branch Treasurers will submit an Annual Report to the Association Treasurer. The Report should outline all transactions in the Petty Cash Account. The Report will be submitted for inclusion in the Association Annual Treasurers Report for submission to the AGM.



5. Governance.

- a. Executive Committee: There shall an Executive Committee elected to provide for the management and administration of the MPAI. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers whose respective duties are shown, attached;-
 - i. Chairperson Annex 'A' attached
 - ii. Secretary Annex 'B' attached
 - iii. Asst. Secretary Annex 'C' attached
 - iv. Treasurer Annex 'D' attached
 - v. Asst Treasurer Annex 'E' attached
 - vi. PRO/Welfare Officer Annex 'F' attached
 - vii. Procurement Officers Annex 'G' attached
 - viii. Communication Officers /Group Annex 'H' attached
- b. Presiding Officer: The Chairperson will be the chief executive officer of the MPAI and, when present, will preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the MPAI AGM's and SGM's. In the absence of the Chairperson the Executive Committee will nominate a member of the Committee to act as Chair the Presiding Officer may cast a deciding vote in the event of a vote being tied.
- c. A quorum of 3 Executive Committee members is required in order to transact business.
- d. The committee may hold meetings at any establishment it deems fit for purpose.
- e. Executive Committee positions will be re-confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the MPAI. Nominations for the Committee must be submitted in writing, or by electronic means, at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominees must be properly nominated and seconded prior to submission. Nominations will be received by a Nomination Committee consisting of a Chairperson and 2 nominated members of the Executive Committee. They will ensure that all applications are in order before being posted at the Annual General Meeting.
- f. Resignations: Members of the Executive Committee may resign at any time by informing the Secretary in writing.
- g. Advisory Committees: The Executive Committee may, from time to time, appoint members as a sub-committee for the purpose of undertaking varying tasks. These members may be reassigned as required.

6. General Meetings.

- a. Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of the MPAI shall be held annually at a time and venue selected by the Executive Committee. At least 21 days' notice will be furnished to all members by post or electronic means prior to the holding of such meetings. The meetings will be held no later than the 1st March each year.
- b. Special General Meeting: A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be called by a decision of the Executive Committee, or, by at least 10 members of the MPAI having submitted in writing to the Executive Committee the item for discussion. The written submission must be signed by all members seeking the meeting. No other matters may be discussed at such meetings. The Chairperson must call such



meetings within 21 days of receiving the submissions having established that the submission is in order

- c. Executive Committee Meeting: Executive Committee meetings will be held at least quarterly with a record kept of such meetings. All matters before the Committee will be decided by a majority vote with the Chair of the meeting holding the casting vote. Following a vote the Chair will confirm if a resolution has been carried or lost with the result being recorded in the Minutes Book.

7. Affiliation with other Associations/Organisations.

The MPAI may associate with other associations/organisations providing that it is in the interest of the MPAI and it is within the ethos of the best practice of the MPAI.

8. Identification Cards

Members of the MPAI will be issued with identification cards which will identify the holder as a member of the MPAI. The card will not be used for identification for any other purpose. It will remain the property of the MPAI and must be returned on cessation of membership.

9. Dress and Deportment.

Members of the MPAI are expected to exercise the highest standards of dress and deportment when attired in the uniform of the MPAI. Only service-issued medals and ribbons may be worn. No other adornments will be worn when medals are worn. On occasions when medals are worn, ribbons will not be worn.

10. Travel and attendance at MPAI meetings and functions.

The MPAI does not accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property incurred by members and their guests, if any, while attending meetings or functions or other events involving MPAI participation, or travel to and from such events.

11. Removal of members from the MPAI.

A member of the MPAI may be removed if he/she has been found to have acted in such a manner that has brought him/her into disrepute or brought discredit or dishonour on the MPAI. Such incidents will be fully investigated by the Executive Committee and their findings will be final. Any person removed from the MPAI in this manner will forfeit all rights as a member from the date of decision by the Executive Committee.

Any member wishing to withdraw from the MPAI may do so by giving written notice to the Secretary and shall be allowed to withdraw upon payment of all arrears, subscriptions and unpaid accounts.

12. Dissolution of the MPAI.

Should a situation arise where the dissolution of the MPAI has to be effected, then any/all assets remaining, after all financial obligations have been met will be forwarded to the Provost Marshal to be dispersed for the benefit of the Military Police



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13. Amendments to the Constitution.

Amendments to the Constitution can be proposed by a member in good standing. Such a proposal must be seconded by at least two other members in good standing. The proposal will be forwarded in writing to the Executive Committee who will arrange publication of same for a period of time so as to ensure that all members of the MPAI can familiarise themselves with it. A vote on the proposal will then be taken at the next AGM.

14. Interpretation

The Executive Committee shall, subject to the authority of a General Meeting, be the authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and shall have full power to decide, by simple majority decision, on any matter not provided for in the Constitution. Any such determination will be binding unless reversed by a motion put to a General Meeting of the MPAI.

All members of the MPAI shall agree to abide by the Constitution of the MPAI.



RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

Rule	Paragraphs	Reason for Amendment
Rule 4	4-e & 4-f	Changed to include amendments from AGM 24-February-2018.

