

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The PCAC board of Directors has voted on, and approved sending these proposed By-Law changes to the general membership to be voted on at the January, 25, 2012 Dinner Meeting. The purpose of the changes is:

1. Bring us into compliance with tax-exempt laws to allow us to become a tax-exempt association. As it stands now we pay taxes on all dinners, materials, printing services, etc. By coming into compliance with the tax laws we will be able to apply for full tax-exempt status.
2. Open membership up to non-police commissioners on a limited basis, much as is done by the Chief's of Police Association. This will allow for persons with a vested interest in law enforcement to join our ranks and to offer insight and knowledge. Associate members will pay \$35.00 membership fee, plus initial application fee, but not be allowed to vote or purchase license plates. They will be allowed to sit on committees, participate in our meetings, and be issued pins and window stickers from the PCAC.

Following is synopsis of the wording of the proposed changes:

(For Tax Exempt Status)

### “Purposes and Structure”

This Association is organized for purposes defined in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purposes of the Association include the PCAC Mission Statement, and engaging in charitable, civic, or educational activities that will contribute to the community....Etc

This Association shall be self-governing, self-supporting, non-commercial, non-sectarian, non-profit and nonpartisan, and shall seek neither to direct the administration activities of any local or state Police organization, nor control their policies.

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall benefit any director of the Association, officer of the Association or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Association affecting one or more of its purposes). No Director, Officer or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on the dissolution of the Association.

Upon Dissolution of the Association or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Association shall be distributed exclusively to organizations which shall qualify under Sec. 501(c)(6)

(For the newly proposed Associate Membership)

### Article III, Membership

Sec. 1: Within the PCAC, there shall be the following membership classifications: Active Membership, Emeritus Membership and Associate Membership.

Sec. 2: (Formerly Sec 1 of existing by-laws) Active membership in the PCAC shall be limited to any member or former member of a Police Commission in the State of Connecticut established by state statute.

Sec. 3: (Formerly Sec 2 of existing by-laws) The name of each proposed active member....

Sec. 4: (Formerly Sec 3 of existing by-laws) Active membership shall entitle the active member to a PCAC pin....

Sec. 5: Emeritus Membership is described in Article V (h) herein.

Sec. 6: Associate Membership in the PCAC may be granted to any person who is not eligible for active member, and is concerned and interested in the welfare and advancement of law enforcement. They may apply for Associate Membership. All applicants are subject to a two-thirds vote of the PCAC Board of Directors present at a regular or special meeting.

Sec. 7: Associate membership shall entitle the associate member to a PCAC pin, PCAC car stickers and the By-Laws document. The Associate Member may purchase Board of Directors approved PCAC accessories. Under no circumstances may an Associate Member hold office in the PCAC, vote on PCAC matters, obtain a PCAC license plate, or purchase PCAC automobile metal shield.