# ACCREDNET

## REVISED BYLAWS

### 2026

**Original Bylaws Approved March 8, 2022**

*Under the leadership of Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S., NJSACOP, then Chair of AccredNet*

**Revised and Adopted: October 13, 2026**

## Bylaws History and Revision Statement

These Bylaws constitute a revision of the original AccredNet Bylaws approved on March 8, 2022, under the leadership of Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S., then Chair of AccredNet.

The 2026 revisions have been adopted to update and clarify the governance, organizational structure, membership requirements, officer responsibilities, voting procedures, financial provisions, ethical standards, and other operational provisions of AccredNet while maintaining the organization's original purpose and commitment to supporting state law enforcement accreditation programs.

Upon approval by the AccredNet membership, these revised Bylaws shall supersede the Bylaws approved on March 8, 2022, together with any subsequent amendments inconsistent with these Revised Bylaws, and shall serve as the governing Bylaws of AccredNet.

## Revision History

| Version | Date | Action | Leadership / Approval |
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| Original Bylaws | March 8, 2022 | Original bylaws approved | Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S., then Chair of AccredNet |
| Revised Bylaws | October 13, 2026 | Comprehensive revision and adoption | AccredNet Membership; President and Vice President certification |

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# Article I – Purpose, Mission, and Vision

## Purpose

The purpose of AccredNet is to share information among states that have, or anticipate having, a law enforcement accreditation program within their respective state and to offer assistance to other states that may desire to establish a state accreditation program to recognize law enforcement or related agencies for achieving a level of professionalism as determined by that individual state. Each state is solely responsible for the operation and changes, if any, to that state's program.

## Mission

AccredNet is a federation of state law enforcement accreditation entities that provides guidance, advocacy, and support to advance law enforcement accreditation at the state level and promote excellence in policing through standards that reflect state and national professional best practices.

## Vision

To provide access to state accreditation to all law enforcement agencies through professional standards representing best practices in contemporary policing.

# Article II – Organization and Membership

AccredNet is composed of state organizations responsible for conducting the accreditation process within their respective states that desire to participate in AccredNet. AccredNet is also open to states that anticipate establishing an accreditation program.

For purposes of these bylaws, a "Member" is defined as a state government accrediting body or state law enforcement association accrediting body. A state government or state law enforcement accrediting body may not delegate its AccredNet membership, voting rights, or representation to a for-profit business entity. An individual who is paid as an LLC by a state association solely to manage the association's accreditation program, and does not use their LLC for any other purpose, is not considered a for-profit business for purposes of this provision.

To be a member in good standing, annual dues must be paid in full no later than January 31 of the applicable calendar year. A member who fails to pay their dues and wishes to be reinstated must pay the previous year's membership fee and the current year's membership fee in order to be reinstated.

# Article III – Officers and Duties

Officers of AccredNet include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. Officers shall serve two-year terms beginning at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

## President

The President shall:

- Facilitate AccredNet meetings.
- Develop meeting agendas with input from appropriate sources.
- Support and advise AccredNet board and committee members.
- Partner with appropriate donors for financial and logistical support.

- Provide leadership and direction for AccredNet.
- Encourage transparent communication among all AccredNet members.
- Guide and mediate AccredNet actions with respect to organizational goals and objectives.
- Ensure timelines are met and encourage active participation of all AccredNet members.
- Monitor financial planning and financial reports.
- Represent AccredNet in a professional manner to appropriate entities.
- Encourage members to consider long-range plans for AccredNet and how trends in law enforcement may impact the mission.
- Appoint two AccredNet members annually to conduct an audit of treasury activities.
- Administer AccredNet meetings, votes, and agenda items in a professional manner.

### Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- In the absence of the President, coordinate and facilitate AccredNet meetings and ensure agendas and minutes are distributed.
- Report activities to the President.
- Work closely with the President and AccredNet members.
- Perform work assigned by the President.
- Provide leadership and direction for AccredNet.
- Help ensure transparent communication among AccredNet members.
- Represent AccredNet in a professional manner to appropriate entities.
- Perform other duties as necessary in the absence of the President.

### Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all AccredNet meetings, record votes, and forward the minutes to all members in a timely manner. The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term at the annual meeting of AccredNet from the member states and is eligible for reelection.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep a record of all income and expenditures relating to AccredNet business, including the Annual Conference. The Treasurer shall issue an annual financial report to the membership and provide financial reports as requested by the President or Vice President. The Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term at the annual meeting of AccredNet from the member states and is eligible for reelection.

### Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall assist committees and perform duties as requested by the current President.

### Incomplete Terms

If the President is unable to complete their two-year term in office, the Vice President will complete the President's term and will then begin their own two-year term as President. If the Vice President is unable to complete their term, the President shall appoint an interim Vice President from among AccredNet members in good standing to complete that term. If the Immediate Past President is unable to complete their term, the position will remain vacant until the next President completes their term. If the Secretary or

Treasurer is unable to complete their term, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to complete the existing term.

## Article IV – Subcommittees

Subcommittees may be appointed by the President for purposes of conducting AccredNet business as approved by members.

AccredNet maintains two standing subcommittees:

- Outreach Committee
- Conference Committee

The President will hold elections for the chairperson of each of these standing subcommittees every two years. Chairpersons may serve an unlimited number of two-year terms.

Each year the President shall appoint two AccredNet members to audit the AccredNet account(s) of the Treasurer. Audit findings will be submitted to the President and made available to the membership in a timely manner.

## Article V – Meetings and Conduct of Business

AccredNet may conduct virtual meetings on a monthly basis. Members may vote on issues electronically during or following the virtual meeting.

AccredNet will meet at least once each year in a location determined by the membership. Members may vote electronically if approved by the President.

If votes on AccredNet business are conducted between annual meetings, the issue, the voting method, and the results shall be reported as an addendum to the minutes of the last scheduled annual meeting.

### Voting

A quorum shall consist of the members present at an annual meeting or virtual meeting. A simple majority of members present determines the outcome of the vote.

When issues are submitted for electronic vote, a time limit shall be established by the President, and a majority of those voting within the time limit shall decide the issue.

Each member state of AccredNet is allowed one vote on each item brought before the membership. A “member state” is defined as a law enforcement accrediting body that has operated a state accreditation program for more than one year and is in good standing with AccredNet.

## Article VI – Annual AccredNet Dues

AccredNet members must pay annual membership dues of $500 on or before January 31 of each year. The dues shall be submitted to the AccredNet Treasurer and used only for the furtherance of AccredNet business.

Examples of approved expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Web presence
- Annual conference expenses
- Promotional items

Any single expenditure of AccredNet dues in excess of $500 must be approved by the AccredNet membership.

## Article VII – Ethics and Professional Conduct

Voting members of AccredNet shall not own, represent, or act on behalf of businesses or organizations that have any vested interest in AccredNet.

Voting members may not be employed in any manner by vendors who provide financial or other support to AccredNet.

Voting members may own consulting businesses; however, those businesses may not benefit, directly or indirectly, from the existence of AccredNet.

State accreditation programs operated by a private business, consulting firm, or LLC are not permitted to be voting members of AccredNet.

The intent of this article is to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure that voting members represent solely the interests of the state accreditation program they represent.

## Article VIII – Revisions and Dissolution

### Revisions of Bylaws

Bylaws of AccredNet are approved by members present at the annual meeting or by electronic vote prior to the annual meeting. Any future revision or change requires a two-thirds majority vote of members present at an annual meeting. Notice must be given to members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting regarding any proposed change.

### Dissolution of Organization

The AccredNet organization may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of members in attendance at an annual meeting, provided thirty (30) days' notice is sent electronically to all members notifying them of the proposed vote. If dissolution occurs, all unexpended or unobligated funds shall be donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

## Adoption and Certification

These Revised Bylaws of AccredNet were duly approved and adopted by the membership of AccredNet on this 13th day of October, 2026, in accordance with the amendment and voting requirements of the organization.

These Revised Bylaws supersede the original AccredNet Bylaws approved on March 8, 2022, under the leadership of Harry J. Delgado, Ed.S., then Chair of AccredNet, together with any subsequent amendments inconsistent with these Revised Bylaws.

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