Bylaws of the Inland Northwest District of the Northwest PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (NPANA)

ARTICLE 1: NAME
This organization shall be known as the Inland Northwest District of the Northwest PeriAnesthesia Nurses Association (NPANA).

ARTICLE 2: MISSION STATEMENT
The district aligns with the NPANA mission statement, “To promote quality care for patients, and their families through professional education, research, and standards of practice for perianesthesia nurses.”

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP
Membership in this organization is a privilege and not a right and contingent upon membership in the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses. Membership aligns with the NPANA Membership bylaws.

All dues will be collected by the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPN) in conjunction with the ASPN Bylaws and the one dues structure. Members not renewing their dues will be dropped from the membership roster.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS
Meetings shall be held at least once annually in order to maintain its district status within NPANA.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The leadership positions shall be nominated and elected from among the active membership; positions may include President, Vice-President, Education Coordinator, Secretary and/or Treasurer.

The term of office shall be terminated when the incumbent is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, removed from office for cause, or ineligible for reason of change of membership status.

Upon retiring from office, all officers of this Association shall deliver all records, or other property of the Association, to their successors within a timely matter.

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES:
The committees are appointed by the President for a specific activity. When the project has been completed, the Chairperson files a report, and the committee is automatically dissolved.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTIONS
Elections shall be held annually. A plurality of votes cast by those entitled to vote and voting shall constitute an election. In case of a tie, the choice shall be determined by lot.
ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS
Amendments and revisions to the bylaws will require two-thirds affirmative vote of the active members present at the regular meetings, provided that the proposed amendment has been presented at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 9: RESTRICTIONS
14.0 Notwithstanding any provision of the articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section (501) (c) (3), of the Internal Revenue Code. This organization is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earning shall incur for the benefit of any individual member.

ARTICLE 10: DISSOLUTION
15.0 Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section (501) (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this organization.

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Spokane, WA.
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