

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Pikes Peak Soaring Society

AMA Charter Club Number 1657

(Revised: 02/2016)

### Article 1 - Name

The official name of this organization shall be "Pikes Peak Soaring Society", aka: "PPSS", and is a not for profit corporation chartered in the State of Colorado. The Club shall have a mailing address of the currently elected Treasurer.

### Article 2 - Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this organization to support and promote the sport of Radio Control Model Sailplane flying by design, construction, and piloting to encourage further participation in the hobby, to foster competition among sportsmen and between groups of sportsmen, to provide logistical and other support for the Radio Control Soaring movement and to reward outstanding performances by individuals as well as groups within the Colorado Front Range area and visiting modelers from out of state. Additionally, this organization shall encourage education, collaborative research, and sponsor competitive events to promote the design and flying techniques of the sport. Pikes Peak Soaring Society shall be a chartered model airplane club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and shall be governed in all of its operations by the Constitution and Bylaws of that Society.

### Article 3 - Membership

#### Section 3.1 – Membership- Classes

Membership entitles the member to be a voting member, the use of the Club flying fields, the newsletter and a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws. Only current members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) shall be eligible for membership in this organization. There shall be three classes of membership:

1. Full Membership – Membership for a single individual.
2. Family Membership – Full membership for an immediate family and dependents.
3. Military – Grants a no-cost Family Membership to all active duty military personnel and their dependents.

#### Section 3.2 – Dues

The dues structure will include a Regular Membership at full cost, a reduced rate Senior Membership for those over 60, and a Youth/Student Membership for non-family members under 18 years of age. The annual fee for each level will be determined by the Executive Committee and approved at a regularly scheduled meeting.

All members shall submit a completed signed membership form and updated contact information with their yearly dues.

### Article 4 - MEETINGS

**Section 4.1:** A quorum for conducting business at a regular meeting shall consist of at least 20% of the paid membership, including the President and/or Vice President. A quorum for an Executive

Committee meeting shall consist of four of the current officers as listed in Article 5.1 including the current President and/or Vice President and a Past President or member-at-large.

**Section 4.2:** The Executive Committee will meet in October to discuss issues of importance to the club, the selection of officers and coordinators, and establish the yearly contest schedule. Items approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee will be brought to the regular membership as agenda items at the annual Club business meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting following the Executive Committee meeting shall be designated as the annual Club business meeting. The voting members of the Club Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Safety Officer, all Past Presidents and a member-at-large.

#### **Article 5 - Officers and Elections**

**Sect. 5.1:** The officers of the Club shall include a President, Vice President, Safety Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer. With the exception of the Safety Officer, all officers will be elected by a simple majority of members present at the annual Business Meeting. The Safety Officer is not an elected position, but upon completion of the President's term of office, the outgoing president shall be the Club Safety Officer and may be called upon to participate in officer meetings. The Club also shall maintain, as required, additional Club coordinators to assist the Club leadership in their endeavors. Any member proposed at the annual Executive Committee or put forth by an open nomination shall be eligible for an officer position elected by a majority vote of members attending the monthly meeting following the Executive Committee meeting. The term of office for Club officers and Club coordinators shall be two years with all officers eligible for reelection and coordinators eligible for reappointment. There is a consecutive term limit of the president and vice president of four years.

**Sect. 5.2: Succession of Officers** - In the event that the President is unable to complete his term of office, the Vice President shall assume those duties. Should the Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer positions become vacant, a replacement will be elected to fulfill that unexpired term by a majority vote of members present at a regularly scheduled Club meeting provided that a quorum is present.

#### **Sect. 5.3 - Duties of the President**

The President shall preside at the Executive Committee and monthly meetings of the Club, and shall promote in every reasonable way the interests of the Club. The President shall represent the Club with local governmental agencies and shall appoint committees as required to promote the interests and successful completion of related duties of the Club. Such committees shall serve through the duration of the specific need as defined by the Club and may be re-appointed at the discretion of the President.

#### **Section 5.4 - Duties of the Vice President**

The Vice President shall assist the President of the Club. The Vice President shall serve as President in absence of the President at any meeting. The Vice President shall also serve as Program Chairman and be responsible for scheduling and facilitating the presentations at monthly club meetings.

#### **Section 5.5 – Duties of the Secretary**

The Secretary shall record the minutes at all meetings and publish those minutes in the club newsletter, subject to additions and corrections as approved at the next regular Club meeting. The Secretary will also be responsible for maintaining the official copies of the current Constitution and Bylaws. This leadership position shall be exempt from the two consecutive term limits provision if the incumbent desires to retain the position.

### **Section 5.6 – Duties of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall maintain a current membership roster and mailing list and will maintain all Club financial records and funds, including collecting dues from all members, maintaining the Club bank account, and ensuring that all Club financing obligations are promptly met. The Treasurer shall provide a written or verbal report of the Club finances at each Club meeting. The Treasurer shall keep the current Charter and shall represent the club to the AMA. This leadership position shall be exempt from the two consecutive term limits provision if the incumbent desires to retain the position.

### **Article 6 - Finances**

Necessary expenses of the Club shall be paid from the treasury. Income sources for the Club shall include but not be limited to dues, contest fees, and donations. The President is authorized to make expenditures not to exceed \$200 per expenditure for club related business without prior approval of the Executive Committee or the general membership. No other officer or member of the Club shall have authority to incur expenses in the name of the Club. All major expenditures must be reviewed and approved during the annual Executive Committee Meeting or at a regular monthly meeting.

### **Article 7- Newsletter**

The newsletter shall be published a minimum of four times per year, preferably at such time as to call attention to Club business and events. The Club newsletter shall be made available in electronic form to all paid members and any others who request it. The Club newsletter shall be informative as to upcoming activities, past activities, and the sharing of technical knowledge in support of the sport of Radio Control Soaring and electric flight.

### **Article 8 – Contest Directors**

It is desirable that a sufficient number of Club members be qualified with the AMA as Contest Directors (CD's) should the need arise for an AMA qualified CD.

### **Article 9 – Contests**

The club shall sponsor multiple contest events each year as approved by the Executive Committee. AMA insurance may be obtained by sanctioning events for which insurance coverage is required or deemed advisable by the Club Member responsible for organizing the event.

### **Article 10 – Revocation of Membership and Officer Status**

In the event of any member not acting in the best interest of the Club, Academy of Model Aeronautics, radio control soaring, or its membership, the member may be subject to removal from membership or officer status. Any member of the Club may present to any member of the Executive Committee a written protest describing the event(s) indicting a person for possible expulsion from the Club or removal from office. The Executive Committee must contact the indicted member and obtain from that person a written statement of their view of the situation. After reviewing both sides of the issue, the Executive Committee may dismiss the charges, counsel the indicted person or put the issue up to a vote of the Club. A two-thirds majority vote of the paid membership is required to enact revocation of membership or removal from office. Any person whose membership has been revoked shall be barred from entry to the flying field, even if such a person remains a member in good standing of any other AMA Chartered Club.

### **Article 11 - Amendments**

Proposals to amend these Bylaws may be submitted by any paid member to the Executive Committee for action at the next Executive Committee meeting. If the proposal is not endorsed by the Executive

Committee, the member may bring the proposal to the full membership at the annual Club Business meeting. The Club Executive Committee may take emergency action to enact temporary amendments as required to deal with special situations. These temporary actions will expire at the next annual Executive Committee meeting.