

**NORTH COAST R/C MODELERS  
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I – Memberships, dues**

**Section 1. Application**

Applications for membership shall be submitted to the secretary-treasurer together with yearly dues in a manner and format acceptable to the secretary-treasurer. Candidates shall automatically be accepted as a member into the organization if no objections to their membership is raised during the next regular meeting, otherwise a majority vote shall determine acceptance. Candidates denied acceptance will be refunded their payment of dues. New members are entitled to receive a copy of the constitution, by-laws, membership card and club-roster contact information.

**Section 2. Payment of dues**

Members shall pay dues of \$40.00 annually to the secretary-treasurer except new applicants applying for their initial membership after July 1st shall pay \$20.00 in dues for the balance of their initial year and junior members under 18 years old shall pay \$20.00 in dues. The organization may, on occasion, elect to waive dues for various persons to reward exceptional efforts, offer promotions or assist charitable causes.

**Section 3. Membership renewal, expiration and revocation**

Memberships shall be renewed each calendar year as evidenced by payment of annual dues and updating of roster information such as change of address. Members with unpaid dues shall remain members in good standing with full voting rights until April 1st. Thereafter, they shall remain members but lose their good standing and lose voting rights until such time as dues are paid. Memberships shall expire at the end of any full calendar year with unpaid dues. Memberships may be revoked at any time by a three fourths vote of the eligible voting members in attendance.

**ARTICLE II – Voting**

Voting shall be used to decide the elections of officers and to decide matters of reasonable significance or controversy except that the president may forgo voting and take necessary action on urgent matters that arise unexpectedly where timely voting is not practical. A simple majority of votes shall be used to adopt motions and declare elections except as otherwise set forth in the constitution or bylaws. Only members in good standing, with fully paid dues, shall be eligible to vote. Voting to elect office, approve large expenditures and for other significant or controversial matters shall be conducted during a regular scheduled or well-advertised meeting where at least six members in good standing are present. Tie votes shall be broken by decision of the president except that tied elections for the office of president shall be decided by further runoff elections.

**ARTICLE III – Eligibility, Election and Removal of Officers**

**Section 1. Eligibility**

Candidates must have been a member in good standing for at least two years prior to taking office. Officers may serve multiple terms in office if continually re-elected.

### **Section 2. Election**

Officers shall be elected prior to March 1st of each even numbered calendar year. If more than one candidate has declared his desire for an office, election for that office shall be conducted by secret ballot, unless waived by all candidates.

### **Section 3. Removal**

Officers may resign their office by notifying another officer of the effective date he wishes to resign. An office shall be forfeited if the officer fails to maintain his memberships in good standing with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and North Coast RC Modelers while serving. Officers may be removed before expiration of their term by a three fourths vote of the membership present, providing at least one third of eligible voting members are in attendance and a reasonable attempt was made to notify the officer in question prior to the vote. Vacated offices shall be temporarily filled by appointment until a special election is conducted by remaining officers.

## **ARTICLE IV - Duties of Officers**

### **Section 1. President**

The president shall be the directing head. He shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, fill vacancies arising between elections, call special meetings, and call for elections as required in the constitution and bylaws. He shall be responsible for seeing that all officers, elected or appointed, perform their respective duties and take the initiative in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the organization and its membership. He will seek consensus from the membership for significant decisions and will take unilateral, independent action over urgent matters that arise unexpectedly when a timely consultation with the membership is not practical.

### **Section 2. Vice President**

The vice president will monitor the activities and affairs of the organization for opportunities or situations that need additional attention from officers or membership. The vice president shall assume the responsibilities ordinarily falling upon the president while the president is absent or unable to perform in any capacity. The members may select a member in good standing to perform presidential duties when both officers are unable to attend to their duties.

### **Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer**

It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record minutes of meetings, document the membership roles, maintain financial records, receive and disburse club funds, submit records to the AMA for chartering, conduct correspondence and perform duties not otherwise cared for and as would naturally be assigned to that office. He shall keep accurate and organized records of fund balances, statements, receipts, expenditures, disbursements, assets, liabilities, and mailings. The treasurer must get prior approval from the president or from a membership vote before disbursement of funds. After first approved, the treasurer may continue to pay similar recurring expenses for airfield maintenance, mower maintenance, AMA chartering, utilities, rents, subscriptions, and registrations until directed to discontinue. The secretary-treasurer shall present a financial report during each regular meeting and make all records available for review by members in good standing, as requested, except portions of the membership roster may be restricted to protect member requests of privacy.

### **Section 4. Safety Officer**

The safety officer shall promote the general safety of all aspects of the organization and monitor for consistency with safety standards recommended by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, product manufacturers and appropriate public safety agencies. Opportunities for improved safety shall be communicated to members, officers, and the community in the manner he judges most appropriate for furthering the interests of the organization.

## **ARTICLE V – Use of airfield facilities**

### **Section 1. Membership in Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA)**

Members and guests shall not fly on or near the organization's airfield without having a current, valid membership in the AMA. Members and guests shall follow the National Model Aircraft Safety Code as well as other appropriate provisions of AMA, the North Coast RC Modelers, and public legal jurisdictions while using the facilities, except as set forth in section 2, below.

### **Section 2. Limitations on visitors, guests and former members**

Members are encouraged to greet visitors that come to the airfield and instruct them to safely observe from behind safety barriers. Guests without membership in the AMA may be allowed to participate in activities only to the extent that aircraft remain under control of a pilot having an AMA membership. The safety of non-AMA guests allowed entry onto the airfield beyond safety barriers shall be closely supervised by the member inviting or permitting that entry. Guests shall be allowed to fly at the airfield for a maximum duration of three months and thereafter shall be restricted to using the airfield a maximum of four days per calendar year. Former members whose membership has expired shall be allowed to use the airfield a maximum of four days per calendar year. Former members whose membership has been revoked by a vote shall not be allowed use of facilities unless their membership is reinstated by a reversal vote.

**Section 3. Respect for landowners**

Members and guests shall respect the landowner, his representatives, and his property at all times while using the airfield. Wreckage, loose garbage and lost parts shall be retrieved. Driveways and equipment shall not be blocked. Farm operations take priority over all hobby activities. No one shall arrive at the field before 8:00 am.