

SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA AREA ASSOCIATION OF ROCKETRY

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1, NAME: The name of this organization shall be the **SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA AREA ASSOCIATION OF ROCKETRY**, a Section of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROCKETRY.

ARTICLE 2, PURPOSE: It shall be the purpose of this Section to:

- A. Aid and abet the aims and purpose of the NAR in south central Pennsylvania and Northeastern Maryland;
- B. Operate a model rocket range and conduct model rocket launch activities in accordance with NAR standards and regulations;
- C. To hold meetings for the aiding of and encouraging all those interested in model rocketry;
- D. To engage in other scientific, educational or related activities as the NAR, Section or the Section Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or desirable in conjunction with the foregoing.

ARTICLE 3, MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this organization shall consist of all interested persons, regardless of age, sex, race, or creed who express a desire to join, pledge to follow the NAR Model Rocket and High Power Safety Code and who pay promptly all dues, monies as assessed by the Section. All members or prospective members are encouraged to join the NAR.

ARTICLE 4, MEETINGS: Meetings of the Section shall be held at times and places designated by the Section Board of Directors. Club launch activities, workshops, etc. shall not be considered a meeting; however, meetings may be held before or after these activities. Members are encouraged to attend all meetings. Minutes shall be recorded of all proceedings of each meeting.

ARTICLE 5, DUES: Dues are based on a calendar year and assessed on January 1 and shall be according to the following schedule:

- Single membership: \$20.00 per year
- Additional membership in family: \$2.50 per individual

These section dues are separate and distinct from any national dues paid to the NAR.

All dues and monies shall be kept in a general fund by the Treasurer and shall be paid out by him only by order of the Section Board of Directors. Special assessments may be levied by a majority vote of members present and voting at any meeting of the Section provided notice of such intent is given in writing to each member at least five (5) days preceding such a meeting.

ARTICLE 6, OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES: The officers of this Section shall consist of a President and Vice-President who shall be members of the Section and the NAR, and a Treasurer who is a member of the Section.

The **President** is charged with overseeing the activities of the Section, in regards to meetings, events and whatever other duties are assigned to him /her by the membership, through the Board of Directors.

The **Vice-President** shall assist the officers and Board of Directors on the operation of the Section and shall be the President's appointee to oversee the operation of Section meetings or events in his/her absence. In addition, if the President for any reason cannot complete his/her term, the Vice-President shall fill the unexpired balance of that term.

The **Treasurer** shall collect all dues, monies, and make disbursements from the general fund at the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition, he/she shall make a Treasurer's report at every Section meeting, outlining all income, expenditures, and the balance of the general fund.

ARTICLE 7, BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors of this Section shall consist of the three officers, one member-at-large, and a senior member of the NAR who shall be designated by the NAR as Section Advisor.

ARTICLE 8, ELECTIONS: The nomination of officers and Board of Directors members shall be received at the monthly meeting held in November of each calendar year. The election of officers and board members shall take place by means of secret ballot at the meeting in December. The results will be announced and the duties of the new officers and members of the Board shall begin immediately. All officers and members of the Board shall serve a term of one year. Vacancies in offices and on the Board shall be filled by nomination and election of a Section member to fill the unexpired term of office and shall take place at the Section meeting at which the vacancy is announced, with the exception of the President.

ARTICLE 9, COMMITTEES: There shall be committees of the Section as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable by the President. The chairperson of each committee shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE 10, AMENDMENTS: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Section members present and voting at any meeting of the Section, providing written notice of the pending amendment has been sent to the membership of the Section at least five (5) days in advance of such a meeting. No amendment of these bylaws shall be in force until submitted to NAR headquarters.

LAST REVISED: 15 October 2018