

**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 purpose of aiding 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 moneys 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.

ARTICLE 5, DUES: Dues shall be according to the following schedule:

- DIVISION A: 14 years old and younger, \$10.00 per year
- DIVISION B: 15, 16 and 17 years old, \$15.00 per year
- DIVISION C: 18 years old and older, \$20.00 per year -or- \$15.00 per year without newsletter
- Family plan: oldest member joins at the full rate then all additional members join for \$2.50.
- (The Family Plan provides only one copy of the newsletter per family.)

Dues are collected for a 12 month period from the month of application. These section dues are separate and distinct from any national dues paid to the NAR.

All dues moneys shall be kept in a general fund by the Secretary-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 days preceding such a meeting.

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

The President is charged with overseeing the activities of the Section, in regards to meetings, events and whatever other duties assigned to him 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 absence. In addition, if the President for any reason cannot complete his term, the Vice-President shall fill the unexpired balance of that term.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect all dues moneys and make disbursements from the general fund at the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition, he shall make a Treasurer's report at every section meeting, outlining all income, expenditures and the balance of the general fund. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer shall take minutes of each meeting, and make them available to the membership.

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 four standing committees of the Section plus such additional committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or desirable. The chairperson of each committee shall be appointed by the President. The standing committees are as follows:

- A. Operations Committee shall be in charge of the Section's model rocket range, shall monitor the experimental technical activities of the section members and shall act as safety inspectors. The chairman of this committee shall be a senior member of the NAR in good standing and shall act as range safety officer and control officer under the NAR official standards and regulations.
 - B. The Contests and Records Committee shall be in charge of all arrangements for contests and shall monitor all National record attempts by section members. The committee shall contain at least one senior member of the NAR.
 - C. The High Power Rocketry Committee, hereafter referred to as "HPR", shall consist of a volunteer chairperson, who shall be a senior member of the NAR in good standing and any other section member who is 18 years of age or older. The HPR committee shall be in charge of making all necessary arrangements for section HPR launches, including, but not limited to, launch site determination and FAA waiver acquisition. The HPR committee shall also monitor the NAR HPR certification program within the Section, keeping a written record of the various HPR levels attained by section members. The chairperson of the HPR committee, or his/her designate, shall act as the range safety officer at section HPR launches.
- The Section President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

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 days in advance of such a meeting. No amendment of these bylaws shall be in force until submitted to NAR headquarters.

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