

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ASSOCIATED MODELERS OF SACRAMENTO, INC.
(AMOS)

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this association shall be “Associated Modelers of Sacramento, Inc.” hereafter referred to as “**AMOS.**”

ARTICLE II – MISSION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The mission of AMOS (also referred to in the document as “the Club”) is to provide our community with an organization that will engage our citizens with modeling activities that will promote youth involvement, charitable opportunities, historical preservation and educational value.

The specific purpose is to promote the activity of “scale model building and flying.” These activities will include the promotion of static model building, radio control model aircraft and helicopter building and flying, control line model building and flying, and radio control model car building and driving.

Section 2. All special and local enterprises of the Club shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the regulations of those organizations governing model contests.

Section 3. To ensure that the high standards of safety and sportsmanship, according to the practices and recommendations of AMA or its authorized Special Interest Group (SIG), are observed by all participating persons.

Section 4. To promote the activities of the organization as a community function in a manner that will cause the Club to be perceived by the community as a valued and valid participant in the community.

Section 5.

- A. This corporation is a nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

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- B. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article II, Section 5a hereof within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).
- C. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- D. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes in Article II, Section 5a hereof and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.
- E. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).
- F. In case of any conflict between the terms of this Constitution and Bylaws and the terms of the Articles of Incorporation on file with the California Secretary of State, the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation shall govern.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A person's race, ethnic origin, religious belief, handicap or gender shall not be considered in granting a person membership in AMOS.

Section 2. Club membership shall not be limited in the total number of possible members.

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Section 3. To qualify for membership in AMOS, an individual other than a non-flying member must provide proof of current full membership with AMA and a completed AMOS membership application, with the appropriate dues and fees, to the Membership Chairman. A non-flying member's membership card shall have the words "non-flyer" in place of AMA Number. A non-flying member will be prohibited from operating any aircraft at the field unless on a buddy-box.¹

Section 4. Active members shall be entitled to participate in the ordinary activities of the Club. The Club has the following membership categories:

A. Full Member

An individual who holds a current full AMA membership (and, if applicable, Federal Communication Commission (FCC) license) and has paid the full dues for AMOS membership provided that a non-flying member need not hold a current AMA membership.²

B. Family Member

Spouse or child/grandchild (under the age of 18) of a Full member, who holds a current full AMA membership and has paid family member dues for AMOS membership, provided that a non-flying member need not hold a current AMA membership.³

C. Junior Member

An individual under age 18, who holds a current full AMA membership, has no parent/grandparent currently in Full member status, and has paid Junior member dues for AMOS membership.

D. Life Member

An individual who has been recommended to and approved by the Executive Board (with confirmation by a majority votes at a general membership

¹ As amended 01/13/18. Before amendment Section 3 read as follows: "To qualify for membership in AMOS, an individual must provide proof of current full membership with AMA and a completed AMOS membership application, with the appropriate dues and fees, to the Membership Chairman."

² As amended 01/13/18. Before amendment Section 4A read "An individual who holds a current full AMA membership (and, if applicable, Federal Communication Commission (FCC) license) and has paid the full dues for AMOS membership."

³ As amended 01/13/18. Before amendment Section 4B read: "Spouse or child/grandchild (under the age of 18) of a Full member, who holds a current full AMA membership and has paid family member dues for AMOS membership"

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meeting) to life membership in AMOS. Such a person is considered a Full member by meeting all qualifications, except for the payment of AMOS dues.

E. Honorary Member

An individual granted an honorary AMOS membership by a majority of members present at a general membership meeting. Nominations for honorary membership consideration may be submitted only by a Full member. When flying, honorary members must show proof of current full AMA membership by placing their AMA card on the frequency board.

F. Associate Member

An individual who has been recommended to and approved by the Executive Board (with confirmation by a majority vote at a general membership meeting) to associate membership in AMOS. Such a person will be entitled to all benefits of membership except flying and voting and will not be required to be an AMA member or pay AMOS dues.⁴

Section 5. Membership Revocation

Membership in AMOS may be revoked for one or more of the following reasons:

- A. Failure to comply with FCC or FAA regulations.⁵
- B. Failure to comply with applicable AMA or AMOS rules.
- C. Continual violation of safe practices in the building or operation of model aircraft/helicopter/car.
- D. Continual unsportsmanlike conduct.
- E. Theft or vandalism of any kind to property of Club members or Club property or buildings.
- F. Any actions that are to the detriment of the Club.

⁴ Subsection F added 03/08/2016.

⁵ As amended 03/08/2016. Before amendment, Subsection A read as follows: "A. Failure to comply with FCC regulations."

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Section 6. The following steps in the Revocation Process shall be followed:

- A. The offender shall appear before the Board at the regular monthly meeting or a special meeting at a mutually agreed time to discuss the case. The Board shall then, by secret ballot, vote to recommend revoking or sustaining membership to the Club membership.

- B. At the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting, the Board recommendation shall be discussed and a vote taken by secret ballot. The membership may take appropriate action, up to and including revoking/sustaining membership. A two-thirds (66 2/3%) vote of the members present is required to pass the Board recommendation or other appropriate action.

Section 7. Reinstatement of Membership

A two-thirds (66 2/3%) vote of the membership present, at a general membership meeting, is required for reinstatement of an individual whose membership has been revoked.

ARTICLE IV: GUESTS

Section 1. Guests may only fly at the field when an AMOS member is present. Guests must show proof of current full AMA membership (except for those in our training program or on a buddy box with an AMOS member) by placing their AMA card on the frequency board when flying. Guests are required to follow all AMOS field operations rules. Every guest must be signed in by a member.

Section 2. Anyone, interested modelers, past AMOS members, and members of other clubs may fly as a guest up to three times a year.

Section 3. Family of AMOS members who live away from the Sacramento area may fly at our field when they come to visit.

Section 4. Any Board member may give permission to a non-member to camp at our field. (For example, flyers from the Seaplane Event while waiting for the Castle Fun Fly.)

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Section 5. Individuals who are active military have unlimited guest privileges.⁶

ARTICLE V: DUES AND FEES

Section 1. Club dues for each coming year shall be decided by the Board. This decision shall be subject to ratification by the majority of the members present at the general membership meeting held two meetings prior to the renewal year.

Section 2. The payment of a field improvement fees is required to become a Full member of AMOS.

Section 3. No special assessments shall be levied upon the Club membership at any time, except by vote at a general membership meeting, and then upon the vote of two-thirds (66 2/3%), or a greater percentage, of all members present. Any proposed assessment(s) must be presented to the membership by publication, in the Club newsletter, prior to the call for membership vote.

Section 4. There shall be no refund of dues, fees, or other monies paid except as approved by the members at a regularly scheduled general membership meeting.

Section 5. The fiscal year will be January 1st through December 31st. Membership dues/fees must be paid on or before January 31st and are considered delinquent thereafter, with appropriate penalties applied.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The purpose of the Executive Board (Board) is to oversee the operation of AMOS. The Board shall conduct itself and AMOS in accordance with the California State Corporation Codes sections pertaining to “Non-Profit Public Benefit” organizations, any other relevant state statutes and any and all AMA directives.

⁶ Amended 04/09/2019. Before amendment, Article IV read as follows: “Section 1. Non members may fly as guests of AMOS up to three times. Guest may only fly at the field when an AMOS member is present. Guests must show proof of current full AMA membership by placing their AMA card on the frequency board when flying. Guests are required to follow all AMOS field operations rules. Section 2. Individuals who are active military have unlimited guest privileges.” Amended 05/10/2016. Before amendment, subsections 2 and 3 read as follows: “Section 2. Red Baron’s members have unlimited guest privileges. Section 3. Individuals who are active military have unlimited guest privileges.”

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Section 2. Any action that the Board determines to be necessary for the operation of AMOS must be approved by a majority vote of the members in person or by proxy during a general membership meeting.

Section 3. The Board shall consist of ten (10) voting members. These Board members shall be elected in accordance with the AMOS by-laws, and having the following general duties. When at the field, any Board member may assume the duties of another board member who is not present at the field.

A. President. Preside over general membership and Board meetings, make appointments and committee assignments as authorized by the membership and act as the spokesperson for AMOS in all matters. He/she shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

The President shall assist the Secretary and Contest Coordinator/Public Relations, with promoting all AMOS events and programs, keeping AMOS in the public eye and ensuring timely publication of the monthly newsletter.

The President, upon his/her term of office ending, shall assume a position on the new Board as an advisory voting member for a period of one year.

B. Vice President: Shall assist the President in execution of the President's duties and assume the duties of the President in their absence or at their direction. The primary responsibility of the Vice President will be that of Parliamentarian for all meetings. The Vice President will be responsible to ensure that "Roberts Rules of Order" are maintained during all general membership and Board meetings. He/she will also be responsible for keeping the Board informed on California Corporation codes that pertain to the running of AMOS.

C. Secretary: Shall record and maintain a record of minutes of all general membership and Board meetings and provide these minutes to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the newsletter each month. The Secretary will maintain all Club documentation including, but not limited, to the Constitution and By-laws, Flying Site rules and AMA required documents.

D. Treasurer: Shall collect all funds and keep the record of funds received and disbursed. The Treasurer shall maintain the Club's financial books including checking and savings accounts. The Treasurer shall make a report at each general membership and Board meeting, and be prepared to present a current financial statement upon written request of a Full member of appropriate authority.

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- E. Safety Officer: Shall oversee member education and enforcement of AMA safety code and AMOS safety rules. The Safety Officer, or his/her designee, shall be present at all Club contests to ensure proper safety guidelines are maintained. The Safety Officer shall record all safety related issues and conduct an annual safety review to report to the membership at the January general membership meeting.

The Safety Officer shall oversee the administration of the Club's Pilot Proficiency Program. He/she shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of a Pilot Training Program that will ensure that adequate flight skill levels are obtained by members for their desired activity. This includes racing, combat, pattern, and other activities. The safety of the pilots and spectators as well as the facility shall be the primary focus of the Safety Officer.

The Safety Officer shall make a monthly report on the safe operation of the model site and Pilot Proficiency/Training program.

- F. Membership Chairman: Shall collect all dues and fees required for membership in AMOS. The Membership Chairman shall verify AMA status, issue membership cards, compile a list of members and update the list as new members are accepted.

The Membership Chairman shall submit all collected dues and fees to the Treasurer. The Membership Chairman shall submit to AMA, on a timely basis, a list of new and deleted members.

- G. Contest Coordinator/Public Relations: Shall act as coordinator for all AMOS contests. The Contest Coordinator/Public Relations person shall make a report each month at the general membership meeting on all contest activity. The Contest Coordinator/Public Relations person shall conduct planning meetings for the events of AMOS prior to the date of a scheduled Club event.

The "Event Committee" shall have control of the planning of the event. He/she shall be responsible for the selection of the Contest Director (CD) and that a minimum standard for conduct is maintained and that financial reporting for the Club events is maintained. All Club fund expenditures for events must be approved by the "Event Committee" for that event, and the Committee Director, before the Treasurer can disperse funds.

- H. Field Marshal: Shall assure all AMOS facilities are maintained properly and report facility status to the Board as appropriate. The Field Marshall will

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oversee the day to day operations of each of the individual areas of the facility, such as the car tracks, control Line circles, etc.

- I. Newsletter Editor: Shall publish a Club newsletter that will be both informative to the membership as well as a liaison to the public. He/she shall obtain from the membership, information that the members would like to have researched and added to the monthly newsletter. The newsletter shall be an open forum for any member to voice his or her opinion, in editorial form.
- J. Immediate Past President: Provide continuity between administrations. In the event that the current President is re-elected, the Immediate Past President will continue for the next year.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the President may nominate a voting member to fill the vacancy. The nomination must comply with the requirements set forth in the AMOS Constitution. The nomination must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Following announcement in the Club newsletter of the Board-approved nomination, the nominee must be approved by a majority vote of members at the next general membership meeting. The appointment will not affect the term of office remaining of the original term.

Section 5. The Board shall retain the following powers. These powers shall in no way be construed to release the Board of their responsibility to follow the California State Corporation Codes, Roberts Rule of Order or the Constitution and By-laws of this corporation.

- A. Transact any and all AMOS financial business on behalf of the membership, only when directed by a majority vote of the members present at a general membership meeting. The Board is authorized to spend up to \$300 without approval at a general membership meeting.
- B. Provide arbitration when requested in writing by a member.
- C. Bring disciplinary action against a member for consideration by the membership as outlined in Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution. These actions may include but are not limited to, barring anyone from the use of AMOS facilities and suspension or revocation of AMOS membership.

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ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1. All officers shall be elected individually by secret ballot, at the regularly scheduled November general membership meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. Each officer of the Club shall serve for one year.

Section 2. Installation of the new officers shall occur at the December general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IX: NOMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. At the September general membership meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee. This committee shall nominate candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, Membership Chairman, Contest Coordinator/Public Relations, Field Marshall, and Newsletter Editor. The nominations shall be presented to the membership at the October general membership meeting.

Section 2. After the nominating committee proposes its candidates at the general membership meeting, nominations from the floor will be entertained, prior to the vote, at the November general membership meeting.

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

Section 1. General membership meetings shall be held monthly, on a day to be determined by the Board. The day of the meeting shall be subject to membership approval. A quorum will be constituted by the members present, either in person or by proxy.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the Board members. A quorum will be constituted by 20% of the total membership.

Section 3. The Board shall meet monthly to conduct the regular Club business at a time of their choosing. A quorum will be constituted by 5 or more Board members present.

Section 4. Club flying functions shall be held with the dates and places subject to approval by the membership.

ARTICLE XI: SPECIAL FUNDS

Section 1. The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds, to be applied to the Club treasury, from any individual or institution.

Section 2. Any and all funds received shall be applied to the treasury by the Treasurer.⁷

⁷ As amended 01/13/2015. Before amendment, Article XI read as follows:

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Section 1. The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds, to be applied to the Club treasury, from any individual or institution.

Section 2. Any and all funds received shall be applied to the treasury by the Treasurer.

Section 3. Funds shall be disbursed with the proper documents containing signatures of two Board members."

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ARTICLE XII: COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Section 1. A committee and committee chairman may be appointed as necessary by the President, or Board member acting on his behalf, for each Club function.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by approval of two-third (66 2/3%), or a greater percentage, of all voting members present at a general membership meeting. Any proposed amendment(s) must be presented to the membership at a general membership meeting, prior to the meeting it will be voted on and by publication in the Club Newsletter/Secretary's minutes prior to the call for membership vote.

**BYLAWS
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ARTICLE 1– PURPOSE

The Purpose of the bylaws is to document the normal operating procedures for the Associated Modelers of Sacramento (AMOS).

ARTICLE II– FUNDS, DUES AND FEES

Section 1. All AMOS funds shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution approved by the Board.

Section 2. Funds shall be established and maintained as follows:

- A. An Operations Fund (checking account) shall be designated for routine maintenance, newsletters, notices, miscellaneous construction and other items required for the day-to-day operations of AMOS.
- B. A savings account shall be designated for those funds that have been received or set aside for a specific purpose.
- C. Funds shall be dispersed with the proper documentation. Except as noted in the next statement, AMOS checks will either contain the signatures of two Board members or the documentation will contain a copy of a second Board member's email approving the check. Routine monthly payments that are approved in the AMOS budget, such as the property lease and porta-potty, do not require a second signature or email.
- D. An annual audit of the Club's financial records and inventory of property with a value of \$500 or more shall be conducted during January each year. A written report of the financial condition of the Club will be presented to the membership at the February General Meeting.⁸

⁸ As amended 01/08/2019. Before amendment, Paragraph D read as follows:

"D. An annual audit of the Club's financial records and inventory of property with a value of \$500 or more shall be conducted in the final month of the seated Board's term, and must be completed before the installation of the new officers. A written report of the financial condition of the Club will be presented to the membership at the installation of officers."

Before 01/13/2015, Section 2 read as follows:

" Section 2. Funds shall be established and maintained as follows:

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Section 3. Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be according to the type of membership.

- A. Full Member: First person in family over 18 years of age – \$130.00.⁹
- B. Family member: \$50.00.
- C. Junior Member: \$50.00
- D. Lifetime Member: No annual dues.
- E. Honorary Member: No annual dues.

- F. Dues are due no later than December 31 for the following year. Dues received after January 31 of the current dues year shall include a \$10 late fee.
- G. New members joining AMOS after Feb.1, of the current dues year, will have their dues prorated at \$10 per month (Dues - \$10 times # of months) to reflect the shorter membership period.

- H. Dues shall be deposited into the Operations Fund and disbursed according to the requirements of the annual budget.

Section 4. Field Improvement Fees

The field improvement fee is \$150.00. The field improvement fee shall be paid one (1) time by each Full member. An exception is that the field improvement fee is waived for (1) children/grandchildren who are Family members and have reached their 18th birthday and become Full members, and (2) for all Junior members and for a Junior member who becomes a full member on the first renewal date following the member's 18th birthday.

"A. An Operations Fund (checking account) shall be designated for routine maintenance, newsletters, notices, miscellaneous construction and other items required for the day-to-day operations of AMOS.

B. A savings account shall be designated to accumulate overages from the checking account as they occur. The field improvement fees will be deposited in this fund with an accounting of the fees kept in the Treasurer's accounting. (continued next page)

C. An annual audit of the Club's financial records and property shall be conducted in the final month of the seated Board's term, and must be completed before the installation of the new officers. A written report of the financial condition of the Club will be presented to the membership at the installation of officers."

⁹ Approved at the General Meeting 11/13/2021. Effective beginning 1/1/2022. For 2019-2021 dues were \$120 for the first person in a family over age 18. For year before 2019, dues were \$110 for the first person in a family over age 18 and \$45 for Family and Junior members.

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Any member who allows their membership to lapse, may rejoin the Club without paying an additional field improvement fee. Proof of prior membership lies with the individual. The rejoining member will be required to pay a \$10 late fee.¹⁰

Section 5. Annual Budget

The Board shall prepare an annual budget with a fiscal year to be consistent with the annual calendar from January to December. The proposed budget shall be presented to the membership in attendance at the November general membership meeting. The budget shall be presented to the entire membership by inclusion in the November newsletter. The budget shall again be presented to the membership during the January general membership meeting and shall be voted on by the membership.

Section 6. Special Assessments

No special assessments shall be levied upon AMOS members at any time except by a 66 2/3% or greater vote at a general membership or special meeting. Notification of a proposed assessment shall be submitted to the membership in the previous month's newsletter before the call for the vote.

Section 7. Refund of Fees and/or Dues

No fees or dues shall be refunded except for extenuating circumstances and with approval of the members present at a general membership meeting.

Section 8. Election of Board Members

Candidates for President must have been a member for a minimum of one year at the time their term will begin. All other candidates must be current AMOS members.

¹⁰ As amended 12/12/2017. Before amendment, Section 4 read as follows:

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The field improvement fee is \$150.00. The field improvement fee shall be paid one (1) time by each Full member. An exception is that the field improvement fee is waived for children/grandchildren who are Family members and have reached their 18th birthday and become Full members.

For Junior members, the field improvement fee is waived until the renewal period after their 18th birthday, at which time they are eligible to become a Full member by paying the Full member annual dues and the field improvement fee of \$150.

Any member who allows their membership to lapse, may rejoin the Club without paying an additional field improvement fee. Proof of prior membership lies with the individual. The rejoining member will be required to pay a \$10 late fee."

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Section 9. Board Members – Waiver of Dues after Completion of Service

The ten (10) Board members shall not be required to pay dues for each year following a completed year of service. The dues not being paid by Board members shall not constitute compensation in any way. Forgiven dues for Board members are considered a gift to the member and will be reported as such.

ARTICLE III – VOTING

Section 1. Voting rights for matters voted on in general membership or special membership meetings are extended to all members 18 years of age and older.

Valid vote selections for approval type matters shall only be “YES”, “NO” or “ABSTAIN.” An abstention vote cannot be considered a “YES” or “NO” vote in any matter.

Matters presented to the members are considered approved for action by the “majority” of the vote, unless specified otherwise in the AMOS Constitution and Bylaws. A matter under consideration by the members that received a majority vote of “ABSTAIN” shall be considered as a “Non Action.” If an action is required on a matter that has received an abstention majority vote, the proposed issue must be debated by the membership present and a new vote taken. Issues that cannot be resolved in this manner shall be tabled by the Board until the following month’s general membership meeting.

AMOS members may assign their vote by proxy to any other AMOS member for consideration as follows:

- A. AMOS voting rights may be assigned by proxy only by the member individual represented by the vote.
- B. Only a fellow current member may hold a proxy for voting consideration.
- C. A valid proxy will be executed in the election of Board members as well as in voting on any other matter which may be presented at a general membership meeting, or any special membership meeting which the designating member does not attend.
- D. The member may attend the meeting and personally exercise his or her vote at any time, regardless if they have assigned a proxy or not.

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- E. A substitute proxy of a more recent date designating a different member may be made at any time by the original member only.
- F. A proxy form shall be available on the AMOSRC WEB site to ensure all members have an opportunity to exercise their vote.
- G. Only proxy forms printed from the AMOSRC WEB site will be considered valid.
- H. For a proxy vote to be counted, the completed and signed proxy form must be registered with the Club Secretary prior to the call for the vote.
- I. A proxy issued by a member will be in effect for only the date indicated on the proxy form. The proxy form shall have the following text only:¹¹

I hereby appoint _____ (AMOS member) as my lawful proxy to vote at the _____ (date of meeting). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;"> _____ _____ _____ </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> Print Name Signature Date </div>		
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ARTICLE IV – FIELD OPERATIONS

Section 1. Flying Site Rules

1. Prior to flying, a pilot will attach his AMOS membership card to his person in a visible place. 72 MHz and 50 MHz pilots will put their AMA card on the appropriate pin in the frequency board. 2.4 GHz pilots will not need to place a card in the frequency board.

Members will sign in their guest on the log in the frequency board. The guest will wear a guest card in a visible place on their person. They will place their AMA card in the frequency board in the appropriate pin or 2.4 slot.¹²

¹¹ Revised 12/12/17. Before revision proxy form did not have a space to print name.

¹² Revised 5/7/2019 to be consistent with revision of Constitution, Article IV. Before revision, paragraph read: "Guests will sign in on the guest log in the frequency board and wear a guest card in a visible place on their person. They will place their AMA card in the frequency board in the appropriate pin or 2.4 slot. Before 5/10/2016 revision, paragraph read: "Guests and Red Baron members will sign in on the guest log in the frequency board and wear a guest card in a visible place on their person. They will place their AMA card in the frequency board in the appropriate pin or 2.4 slot."

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2. A pilot must have physical control of their airplane in the pit area.
3. No takeoffs from the pit area are allowed.
4. The pilot shall stand in a designated area while flying.
5. Prior to takeoff, a pilot shall stop his/her airplane at the entrance of the runway and announce the intention to enter the runway.
6. Landing aircraft take precedence over aircraft taking off. **Dead-stick approaches have absolute priority over all other aircraft operations,**
7. Take offs and landing direction will be established by the active flyers with the prevailing wind direction a determining factor.
8. Announce your intentions LOUD AND CLEAR, when taking off, landing left or right, on the runway, dead-stick, etc.
9. COMMUNICATION is one of the most important things we can do to help keep things working smoothly at the field.
10. The primary flight areas are East of the main runway.
11. The runway is for take off and landings, not for hovering over the runway or doing passes. **EXCEPTIONS:** Doing a "Touch and Go" when safe and clearly announced ahead of the touch and go.
12. Hovering should be done at the South end of the field. (Southwest of the runway and Southeast of the metal shade structure). There is an opening in the fence at the South end of the field to allow access for pilots who are doing 3D flying.
13. Helicopters can be flown at the Control-Line area or at the Cross-Wind Runway at the North end of the field.
14. No flying is allowed behind the safety fence, pilot stations, over the pits and spectator areas and not over the parking area.
15. People who are not piloting an aircraft should refrain from disturbing or distracting those who are. Leave the pilot alone to let them concentrate on their flying without distractions.

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16. No engine break-in is allowed in the pit area.
17. Mufflers equal to or supplied by the manufacturer are required on engines.
18. No starting of combustion engines under the shade structures.
19. All pets shall be kept on a leash at all times and kept away from the pit area.
20. Smoking is not allowed in the pit area or under the shade structures.
21. Alcohol is not allowed while operating models or in the pit area or at flight stations.
22. The field may be closed for flight operations by the Field Marshall or their designee, during routine and/or special maintenance. No operations are permitted during this time. Engine run-up and other no-flight activities are permitted.
23. Normal flight operations may be suspended during special events at the discretion of the Contest Director (CD).
24. AMOS members will be responsible for opening the site and ensuring that the site is secure upon leaving. Non-members are not allowed to use the site without invitation and presence of an AMOS member.
25. AMOS adopts the AMA Safety Code as the sole safety requirement for air operations.¹³
26. A Contest Director (CD) may suspend or modify these requirements at his/her discretion with the exception of documented safety issues.
27. All pilots must follow FAA rules.¹⁴

Section 2. The Safety Officer shall ensure compliance with all flying site rules. Any discussion of violations shall be arbitrated by the Safety Officer, or, in his/her absence, by any Board member who is present.

Section 3. In the event of a turn on:

1. Where both parties are members of AMOS, the member that turns on the switch of a transmitter causing another member's legally flown model to

¹³ Amended 7/12/2016. Before amendment, Section read "25. AMOS adopts the AMA Safety Code as the sole safety requirement for air operations and the Remote Operated Automobile Racer Association (ROAR), safety code as the sole safety requirement for car operations."

¹⁴ Adopted at general meeting 04/12/2016.

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crash, is responsible to the crashed model's owner for restitution for whatever amount the crashed model's owner reasonably feels is due him for his losses.

2. When a guest turns on the switch of a transmitter causing a member's legally flown model to crash, the member that invited the guest to fly is responsible for the guests' actions making him ultimately responsible to the crashed model's owner.
3. When a AMOS member turns on the switch of a transmitter causing a guest's legally flown model to crash, the member is responsible to the guest for restitution.
4. When a turn on involves guests that have no paid AMOS membership , then the responsibility must be worked out between the guests involved, as the authority of AMOS can only extend to its members in the attempt to provide restitution in the event of a loss.

Penalty for a violation of this rule is loss of membership in accordance with the Constitution. Penalty for a guest's violation of this rule is loss of guest flying privileges and loss of the opportunity to become an AMOS member.

Section 4. All members are responsible for informing their guests of these rules.