

BY-LAWS OF

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE PTERODACTYL

Flying Since The World Was Flat

ARTICLE I

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be "**THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE PTERODACTYL**" (Short title: PTERODACTYLS, Abbreviation: AOP).

ARTICLE II

Section 1.

a. (Vision Statement)

b. Mission:

- 1 To actively contribute to the enlargement and perpetuation of the history of Coast Guard Aviation and the recognition thereof, both internally and in areas external to the service.
- 2 To support Coast Guard Aviation and its goals, and to promote interest in such matters in areas external to the service.
- 3 To maintain informational liaison between present and past members of the Coast Guard Aviation establishment..
4. To promote social contact and camaraderie between all Coast Guard aviation personnel and supporters of Coast Guard Aviation through periodic gatherings, fraternal in nature, both national and regional in scope..

ARTICLE III

Section 1.

Regular membership shall include all former and present members of the U.S. Coast Guard who have piloted or flown in U.S. Coast Guard aircraft under official flight orders. Regular membership shall also include designated pilots of other military services and foreign governments who have piloted Coast Guard aircraft while involved in exchange programs between the Coast Guard and their respective service or government.

Section 2.

Associate membership shall be extended to persons who, in the opinion of the Executive Board, are supportive of the interests and goals of Coast Guard Aviation.

Section 3.

The qualification for membership for any others not provided for in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 4.

Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person by the Executive Board for outstanding acts of friendship and service to the organization or to Coast Guard Aviation. No dues shall be assessed honorary members.

Section 5.

Only regular members with paid up dues are entitled to hold office or vote. Only regular members may propose changes to the By-laws or to other matters affecting the conduct of the organization.

Section 6.

Dues of \$10.00 annually will be assessed each member, regular and associate, on 1 July of each year. If a member's dues are in arrears by 31 December of the year, the member's name will be dropped from the mailing list. Reinstatement may be accomplished through payment of the delinquent dues.

Section 7.

Life membership will be conferred upon any regular or associate member paying the required Life Membership fee of \$150.00. No subsequent dues will be assessed after payment of this fee.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1.

The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees. These officers shall comprise the Executive Board. The offices of Executive Secretary and Treasurer may be combined during any two year tenure of the Executive Board.

Section 2.

The Executive Board shall have the power to transact general business of the organization, and shall arrange and control its affairs. The Executive Board shall incur no indebtedness in excess of its existing funds.

Section 3.

The President shall exercise supervision over all affairs of the organization, call all meetings of the Executive Board and be presiding officer at all regular or special meetings and national conventions.

Section 4.

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, act in his capacity. He shall carry out such duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 5.

The Executive Secretary shall maintain a current roster of members and issue membership cards. He shall be responsible for publication of the organization newsletter and other information as appropriate. He shall be responsible for communication with members and chapters with respect to general information and materials for inclusion in the newsletter. He shall conduct the administrative functions of the organization as directed by the Executive Board and keep record of all such matters and relating correspondence. He shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 6.

The Treasurer shall maintain the fiscal records of the organization, collect dues, handle banking and investment transactions, and make financial reports as required. He shall publish the financial condition of the organization annually to the full membership. He shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 7.

The Trustees shall assist the above officers in the general affairs of the organization and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 8.

The President shall require that an annual audit be made of the organization's fiscal accounts and records.

Section 9.

The Executive Board is authorized to make periodic monetary donations of available funds from the treasury to the Coast Guard section of the National Museum of Naval Aviation or to any other suitable purpose approved by the Executive Board in the amount deemed feasible by fiscal operating conditions.

ARTICLE V

Section 1.

The organization may have a Board of Advisors, consisting of up to five members appointed by the President, to serve for the same term as the Executive Board. In addition to appointed Advisors, the Principal Officer of each regional chapter shall automatically become a member of the Board of Advisors.

Section 2.

The function of the Board of Advisors is to advise the Executive Board in matters of policy, and to provide aid and assistance in the pursuance of the organization's detailed affairs. The President may assign an Advisor to serve in the capacity of Scribe to assist in the dissemination of organizational news.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1.

Upon application to the President and subject to the approval of the Executive Board, there shall be authorized the formation of affiliated chapters of the organization. Approved chapters shall be known by the city or general area of the membership. Example: San Francisco Chapter; Southern Florida Chapter.

Section 2.

The loyalty and support of the chapter members must remain primarily with the parent organization. Any dues or assessment required by affiliated chapters shall be in addition to those of the parent organization.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1.

The organization shall hold an annual convention which may be in the form of a regular or special meeting. The place and time of the convention shall be prescribed by the Executive Board in accordance with the requirements specified in the ensuing sections of this Article.

Section 2.

The selection of convention sites will, as far as practical, be rotated annually to different continental geographical locations so as to provide maximum opportunity for members in all localities to attend. This rotation is desired in, but is not bound to, the following geographical order: West, South, East, Central. Locations outside of continental United States in corresponding geographical areas may also be considered.

Section 3.

Members at specific sites in pending geographical areas of selection who wish to host the convention should normally present a proposal at the business meeting of the prior convention for approval at that time. This proposal may be presented by a member of the requesting host unit or may be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for presentation at the meeting. Submission of proposals may be made by non-members representing responsible authority of Coast Guard units.

Section 4.

Proposals for hosting future conventions at specific sites are not limited to the ensuing convention, but may be made for subsequent future conventions in the appropriate areas of rotation.

Section 5.

Selection of future convention locations will be made by majority approval of the attendees at the annual business meeting. In the event that no majority approval can be reached at that meeting, the Executive Board will select the location of the convention for the subsequent year only. Proposals beyond the subsequent convention will be considered at the next annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall propose a slate of nominees for office prior to the annual Convention on odd-numbered years and a new Executive Board will be elected at that Convention. Absentee ballots are acceptable at the Convention. This Board will serve for a period of time that encompasses two National Conventions. Should there not be a convention held when a change of officers is due, an election will be held by mail-in vote. An officer may succeed himself or be elected to another office.

Section 2.

If the office of President should be vacated at any time during the elected tenure of office, the Vice-President will assume the office of President. Vacancies in any of the other offices with less than one year of tenure remaining will be filled at the ensuing election, as stipulated in Section 1 of this Article. If more than one year of tenure remains at the time of vacancy, a special election to fill the office shall be held at the time of assessment of annual dues.

ARTICLE IX

The By-laws may be amended by a majority of members in session at a National Convention; however, a motion to submit an amendment for approval by the total membership may be tendered and voted upon at that time.

ARTICLE X

Upon the eventual dissolution of the organization by reason of having less than ten members remaining, or for any other reason, the assets of the organization, property, records and monies shall be donated to the Coast Guard Section of the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola, Florida or to other museums as deemed appropriate by the remaining members.