

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
LONGMONT AIRCRAFT MODELERS ASSOCIATION  
CHARTERED BY THE  
ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS – CHARTER #705  
(Last Revised 6/16/2005)

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Longmont Aircraft Modelers Association, hereinafter referred to as the “Club”.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

SECTION 1: The objective of this Club shall be to promote model building and flying in Longmont, Colorado and in this City’s general locality, and to aid, insofar as possible, the national program of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and other AMA activities, looking toward the continual advancement of model aviation in all of its phases in the United States.

SECTION 2: All special or local enterprises of the Club shall conform to the policies of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and to the regulations of that organization governing model aircraft contests.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

All persons living in Longmont, Colorado, or having connections in this City or general vicinity shall be eligible for membership in this Club, provided they meet qualifications prescribed by the Club and by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and hold valid membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

SECTION 1: The rights and interests of all members shall be equal, and no member may have or acquire a greater interest therein than any other member.

SECTION 2: A member in good standing is one who owes no back dues or fees.

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I – OFFICERS**

The officers of the Club shall be as follows:

President	Secretary	Public Relations	Safety Officer
Vice President	Treasurer	Field Director	Newsletter Editor

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of these seven officers plus the Senior Advisor. The Senior Advisor is the previous year President for a term of one year.

**ARTICLE II – DUTIES**

**President** – The President shall preside at all meetings of LAMA, and shall act as spokesman for LAMA in all matters pertaining to LAMA.

**Vice President** – The Vice President shall act for the President when the President is unable to serve. The Vice President shall maintain the LAMA membership roster, maintain the membership database, issue membership cards, and furnish the current mailing list to the newsletter editor.

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- Secretary** – The Secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance of LAMA meetings and provide a copy to the Newsletter Editor for publishing in the LAMA newsletter. The Secretary shall maintain all official LAMA documents.
- Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall collect all monies due and shall keep a record of monies received and monies disbursed by LAMA.
- Safety Officer** – The Safety Officer shall be responsible to ensure that all LAMA safety rules are complied with and institute any necessary safety rules. The Safety Officer shall be responsible to administer the LAMA sound level program and ensure that all members comply with LAMA sound level rules.
- Newsletter Editor**- The Editor shall collect, compile, or generate information of interest to LAMA and publish that information once a month before the LAMA meeting of that month. The newsletter shall contain the minutes of the previous LAMA meeting as supplied by the Secretary. The Editor will publish any information at any time as required by the Board of Directors.
- Field Director** – The Field Director shall be responsible for the flying field. The Field Director shall schedule field maintenance and direct the Club members in performing the work.
- Public Relations**- The Public Relations chairman shall contact and keep the local model shops informed of LAMA activities, make any contacts beneficial to LAMA activities and modeling, and be responsible for announcements of all contest activities by newspaper, radio and television, as possible.
- Senior Advisor** – The Senior Advisor shall aid LAMA in any manner possible in regard to contest organization, prize donors, LAMA meetings, LAMA headquarters and LAMA activities of all kinds, and shall counsel the officers and members at all times.

The Board of Directors shall act on all matters of general policy.

**ARTICLE III – TERM OF OFFICE**

SECTION 1: All officers of the LAMA shall serve for one year from January 1st through December 31st.

SECTION 2: The election of officers shall be held annually at the November meeting. The nominations shall be made at the October and November meetings.

SECTION 3: Only members in good standing may vote or hold office. The President shall appoint an election committee of two or more members for the purpose of receiving and reporting absentee votes. Votes for officer election may be cast by written ballot at the Club meeting, or absentee ballot by communication with the election committee. The election committee shall tabulate and report the election results at the annual meeting for election of officers.

**ARTICLE IV – VACANCIES**

Vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors; such appointee to serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected.

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**ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

SECTION 1: Regular meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month.

Special meetings of the Club shall be at any convenient time, upon call by the President, or upon call signed by any three members of LAMA. The call for a special meeting shall name the time, place, and purpose of such meeting, and shall be communicated to the membership at least three days in advance of the date set. The President shall notify the membership via the November newsletter of the annual meeting for election of officers.

SECTION 2: Board of Directors meetings shall be held at a time and place as designated by the President; who shall preside prior to the regular monthly meeting.

SECTION 3: Order of Business – The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Meeting call to order
- B. Minutes of the last regular and Board of Directors meetings read, approved, and corrected, if necessary
- C. Treasurer’s report
- D. Old Business (LAMA business only)
- E. New business (LAMA business only)
- F. Adjournment of recorded meeting
- G. Program and general discussion (not to be recorded)

SECTION 4: Procedure – Parliamentary procedure shall be ignored with the exception of floor motions, nominations, and voting.

**ARTICLE VI – REGULAR BUSINESS**

SECTION 1: All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by LAMA shall be directed by the Board of Directors, except that at any time, the President or Board may call a meeting of the membership to decide on any problem or business activity.

SECTION 2: At any Club meeting, a quorum shall be 51 percent of the membership present at such meeting. At any Board of Directors meeting, a quorum shall be 51 percent of the membership present at such meeting.

**ARTICLE VII – DUES AND FEES**

SECTION 1 – The annual membership dues to this Club shall be:

Open membership	\$50.00
Extra Family Membership	\$25.00
Youth Membership	\$12.00

Extra Family Membership category applies to anyone who currently resides in the same household as a current open member. Youth Membership category applies to those not 19 by July 1st of the dues year.

The above rates are for a full year; after May 1st a new member would pay as follows:

Open Membership	\$4.17 per month
Extra Family Membership	\$2.08 per month
Youth Membership	\$1.00 per month

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Renewals are due before January 1st of the dues calendar year.

Members whose renewal is not paid by January 31st of the dues calendar year shall be considered a non-member in accordance with ARTICLE III of the LAMA Constitution. A delinquent member may have their membership renewed by paying their dues plus late fees.

SECTION 2: A Lifetime Membership into LAMA is available

- A. The Lifetime Membership dues are \$360.00
- B. Senior Members (over sixty years old) are eligible for a Seniors Discount of twenty percent of life membership dues (currently \$288)
- C. Life Members will have “Life Member” printed on his/her LAMA membership card
- D. Life Members may declare themselves Non-Flying members by informing the President or Newsletter Editor. Declaration of a non-flying status is irrevocable.
- E. Life Members will receive a copy of the LAMA Newsletter, “The Tail Spinner”, without regard to AMA membership.
- F. Life Members must show an AMA license valid for the next year to receive their annual membership card and be eligible to fly at the LAMA field

SECTION 3: Any new member joining LAMA will pay an \$85.00 initiation fee. The following are exempt from paying an initiation fee:

Youth Memberships  
Extra Family Memberships  
Honorary Memberships from LAMA

SECTION 4: In the case any member has problems paying any dues, assessments, or initiation fee; said member can appear before the Board of Directors or have any Director present their case to have any fees deferred or to be allowed to make payments on said fee. Once the Board of Directors has agreed to a plan with said individual, failure to comply will result in termination of membership.

SECTION 5: Assessment proposed by the Board must be approved by vote of the membership as a whole, and then may be levied only upon majority vote of 75 percent of the entire active membership.

SECTION 6: All LAMA monies shall be deposited in a checking account with a local bank (The Treasurer shall maintain a petty cash box not to exceed \$100.00). The President, Vice President, and Treasurer are eligible to sign checks.

**ARTICLE VIII – SPECIAL FUNDS**

The Treasurer of LAMA is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution to be applied to the operating expenses of LAMA.

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**ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES**

The standing committees of the Club shall be appointed by the President to serve throughout his tenure of office, and their duties shall be indicated by the names of the committees as follows:

Contest Committee	Prize and Awards Committee	Newsletter Committee
Meeting Program Committee	Membership Committee	

Additional special committees, as required, may be named from time to time by the President.

**ARTICLE X – CLUB EQUIPMENT**

All Club equipment as may belong to LAMA shall be inventoried and remain in the possession of those to whom it is assigned and shall remain the responsibility of that member and LAMA.

**ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS**

Amendments may be made to this Constitution and these By-Laws at any general meeting of the Club membership, provided the members shall have been notified in writing, at least three days in advance, that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all Directors or to any members who may request same. The full text of amendments approved by the Club shall be published in the club newsletter, “The Tail Spinner”, in the month following approval.

**ARTICLE XII – LAMA NOISE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS**

The sound level limit and rules defined in the LAMA Field and Operating Rules will be strictly followed by all LAMA members. Members are encouraged to try to minimize the sound levels produced by their models. Members who violate LAMA sound rules will be censured and sanctioned in accordance with Article XIII of these By-Laws. The LAMA Membership Application shall include a reference to the sound limit and require a potential member to acknowledge by signature that they will abide by the club sound rules.

**ARTICLE XIII – CENSURE AND SANCTION**

The Board of Directors may censure and sanction any member by majority vote. The sanction may be verbal or written and may include suspension of flying privileges.

Termination of membership proposed by majority vote of the Board of Directors must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a club meeting or a special meeting.