

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
LONGMONT AIRCRAFT MODELERS ASSOCIATION  
CHARTERED BY THE  
ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS – CHARTER #705  
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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

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

### **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, regardless of residence, shall be eligible for membership in this Club, provided they meet qualifications prescribed by the Club and by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The Club does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Members (other than non-flying members) must hold valid membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics for each entire calendar year during which they are a LAMA member.

SECTION 1: The rights and interests of all (non-Associate, non-Visiting) 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.

SECTION 3: An Associate Member is one who is a regular member in good standing in another AMA sanctioned club that offers an Associate membership program similar to that of LAMA and for which LAMA members are eligible. Associate Members are not eligible to vote or hold office in LAMA but have flying privileges. Associate members are exempt from initiation fees and special assessments. Dues are set at half that of regular member dues.

SECTION 4: A Visiting Member is an AMA member from out of the nearby geographic area who has petitioned and been granted Visiting Member status by the Board. A Visiting Member has flying privileges, but no voting privileges. Visiting Member dues are set by the Board on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the length of time the Visiting Member intends to use LAMA facilities.

### **ARTICLE IV – INDEMNIFICATION**

LAMA shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, director, or employee of the club against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the club; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

This Article constitutes a contract between the club and the indemnified officers, directors, and employees. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified officer, director, or employee under this Article shall apply to such officer, director, or employee with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – OFFICERS**

The officers of the Club shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, Field Director, and Webmaster.

In the event that there is no candidate for one or more offices, a board member may fill up to two positions. However, as per AMA requirements, a minimum of three officers over the age of 19 are required, one of whom must be the Safety Officer.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of these seven officers plus the Senior Adviser. The Senior Adviser 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.

**Secretary** – The Secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance of LAMA meetings and provide a copy to the Webmaster 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.

**Webmaster** – The Webmaster shall maintain the LAMA website, either directly and/or through arrangement with third parties. The Webmaster will publish/post 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.

**Senior Adviser** – The Senior Adviser shall aid LAMA in any manner possible in regard to 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.

#### **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 before November 1<sup>st</sup> of the annual meeting for election of officers.

SECTION 2: Board of Directors meetings may be held at a time and place as designated by the President.

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 \$60.00

Extra Family Membership \$35.00

Youth Membership \$12.00

Club officer \$0

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 \$5 per month

Extra Family Membership \$2.9 per month

Youth Membership \$1.00 per month

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 his/her dues.

A past member, who did not renew membership for one or more years, (and who is an AMA member for the calendar year), may renew at any time by payment of current year dues and shall not be liable for an initiation fee. Liability for special assessments made while the past member was not current shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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. AMA membership is not required of "non-flying members".

E. Life Members must show an AMA license valid for the entire next calendar 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 of a member having problems paying any dues, assessments, or initiation fee; said member can appear before the Board of Directors or have any Director present his 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: Special assessments 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. Such votes may be conducted at a meeting publicized at least 1 month in advance and/or via email, or other suitable electronic means.

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.

SECTION 7: \$10 from each membership will be placed in a fund dedicated to funding the replacement of the geotex runway.

#### **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.

#### **ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES**

The standing committees of the Club may 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 and/or electronically, 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 on the club website 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 may include, at the discretion of the Board, 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.

### **ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION**

LAMA shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws. On dissolution of LAMA, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic organizations to be elected by the Board of Directors and as regulated by Colorado State laws.