

THE SOCIETY OF AIRWAY PIONEERS

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

ARTICLE I THE ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the organization shall be the Society of Airway Pioneers (SOAP).
2. The Society of Airway Pioneers was organized in *1958* by a group of retired Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) employees. The Society was registered with the Secretary of State of California in February 1958.
3. The organization is a National Society dedicated to preserve the history of the Federal Airway System of the United States and to give recognition to the many individuals who helped establish, develop and operate the Federal Airway System and its successor, the National Airspace System.
4. The Society of Airway Pioneers is entirely patriotic and nonsectarian. It has no commercial interest and no political alliances. It is not operated for profit and all income is expended in furthering its aims and purposes.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organization shall be:

1. Dedicated to commemorate the spirit of the pioneers of the early days of the Federal Airways System and the National Airspace System and to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of those men and women who directly participated in work to produce new ideas, develop, install and operate the past Federal Airway System and the current National Airspace System.
2. To perpetuate the memories of the pioneers who were responsible for developing and operating all the entities of the Federal Airway System and the National Airspace System within the United States of America and its possessions.
3. To provide an organization through which members may keep contact with former associates and friends by maintaining a current member directory.
4. To record historical aviation information of interest about the early years of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Federal Aviation Agency and Federal Aviation Administration and recognize past, current and ongoing efforts to improve the aviation system.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. There are two types of membership available:
 - a) **Active Membership**
Membership shall be open to those individuals whose endeavors, current or past, involve participation in the Federal Airway System, the National Airspace System, or the National Weather Service. This includes employment in the Development, Installation, Maintenance, Operation, Engineering, Flight Inspection, General Aviation and Air Carrier Airworthiness, Certification, Licensing, Training and Administration.
 - b) **Associate Membership**
Open to any current or previous flight crew members, dispatchers, DOD Air Traffic Personnel and other aviation oriented personnel approved by the Executive Director.
 - 1) Widows or widowers of a member may continue as a non-voting Associate Member.
2. Membership is not open to corporations, political alliances, or special interest groups.

ARTICLE IV THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The organization shall have a Board of Directors consisting of seven members that are appointed as Directors at Large by the Executive Director to serve a term of two years.
2. Actions by the Board of Directors will be approved by a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors.
3. Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Directors shall:

- a) Select a Board Chairman from the elected members of the Board of Directors.
 - b) Provide guidance and counseling to the Executive Director pertaining to the establishment of Society of Airway Pioneers policy.
 - c) Provide guidance and counseling to the Executive Director upon his request or deemed appropriate by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.
 - d) Be responsible for the employment and/or termination of the Executive Director.
 - e) In the event of the death, resignation, or inability for whatever reason, of a member of the Board of Directors to carry out his/her duties, the Executive Director shall select a person to fill the vacated position for the period remaining in the term of office.
 - f) Serve as the Nominating Committee to provide a slate of candidates for the Executive Director's selection of the Board of Directors at Large. The existing Board, at its discretion, may select from the entire membership additional person/s to serve on the nominating committee.
4. The Board Chairman will coordinate all matters between the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. There shall be an Executive Director, a Treasurer, a Secretary/Editor and an Archivist.
2. The Executive Director shall:
 - a) Manage the day-to-day activities of the Society and keep all pertinent records of the organization.
 - b) Select persons to serve as Treasurer, Secretary/Editor, Web Master and Archivist.
 - c) Establish dues, with the approval of the Board of Directors, in the amount necessary to maintain the viability of the Society and to publish quarterly newsletters and the Annual Directory
 - d) Oversee the timely issuance and content of the Society newsletter and Annual.
 - e) Establish an Internet web site that shall be maintained and updated periodically. The website shall be accessible to all members and other interested individuals. It shall contain information relative to social gatherings, membership, last flights and other information of general interest to the membership
 - f) Keep the Board of Directors aware of problems, counseling needs and assistance requirements.
3. The Treasurer shall:
 - a) Keep accurate Society financial records.
 - b) Be responsible for all financial records.
 - c) Keep an accurate record of the Society accounts payable, accounts receivable and expenditures.
 - d) Maintain a balance sheet and file of receipts correlated with the balance sheet.
 - e) Issue an annual financial report to be posted in the Annual Directory and on the Web Site.
4. The Secretary/Editor shall:
 - a) Prepare the quarterly newsletter and Annual Directory to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director before issuance to the membership.
5. The Archivist shall:
 - a) Serve as the Society Historian
 - b) Gather and preserve information and historical material to further the purpose of the Society of Airway Pioneers.

ARTICLE VI DUES.

1. Annual dues shall be paid on or before July 1st of each year, for the year of the Annual Directory.
2. Life time membership opportunity in lieu of yearly dues payment shall be made available to the members.

ARTICLE VII PUBLICATIONS

1. The Annual Directory publication shall be prepared and distributed in the third quarter of each year to all members and associate members who are current in their dues.
2. A Newsletter will be posted on the web site and may be sent to members via e-mail at the discretion of the Executive Director.

This revision to the Constitution and Bylaws is dated June 28, 2011 and is effective on that date.

Board of Directors

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