

BYLAWS OF THE 1-26 ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I - Name and Object.

- A. The name of the Association shall be The 1-26 Association.
- B. The Association is formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in, and promoting the sport of soaring in the Schweizer 1-26 sailplane; to establish standards for competition in the 1-26; to establish categories for record flights made in the 1-26; to disseminate information relating to the 1-26 and flights made in the 1-26, and to give recognition to its membership for accomplishments related to soaring in the 1-26.
- C. The Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers which are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of the Association as stated in Article I, Paragraph B.

ARTICLE II - Membership.

- A. All persons shall be eligible for membership in this Association, provided they have applied to the Secretary/Treasurer and have paid dues in advance for the current year.
- B. There shall be six classes of membership:
 - 1. Member - Entitled to full voice in the affairs of the Association; entitled to one vote in all elections.
 - 2. Life Member - Same rights as Members.
 - 3. Family Member - Same rights as Members, but must reside at the same as a Member.
 - 4. Family Life Member - Same rights as Members, but must reside at the same address as a Life Member.
 - 5. Sustaining Member - Members who desire to make a contribution beyond the regular dues to further the interests of the Association. Same rights as Members. The name of each Sustaining Member shall be noted in *The 1-26 Log*.
 - 6. Honorary Member - Conferred by the Executive Board on any person who, contribution to the advancement of the interests of the Association, may be deemed worthy. Honorary Memberships may be for any period of one year or longer. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, and Editors of the Newsletter are Honorary Members during their tenure and after leaving office for the same length as they held office, with the same rights as Members. Honorary Life Members retain their status for life.
- C. All classes of members except Family Members and Family Life Members are entitled to one copy of each issue of the *1-26 Association Newsletter* and *The 1-26 Log*.
- D. The membership year shall begin in the month dues are paid and expire at the end of the same month the following year. If dues are received within three months following the recorded expiration date, the expiration date of the membership in question may be changed to reflect the month dues are received or renewed based on the original expiration date, at the discretion of the Secretary/Treasurer.
- E. Members shall not be entitled to issues of publications dated prior to payment of dues.

ARTICLE III - Dues.

- A. Dues of members shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be payable in advance.
- B. The dues of Family Members shall be paid along with the dues of a Member.
- C. The dues of Family Life Members may be paid along with or after the dues of a Life Member.
- D. Sustaining Members shall be persons or firms who shall pay an amount of at least that determined by the Executive Board.
- E. Dues of a Life Member or a Family Life Member shall be payable in a single, onetime payment. Dues paid for Life Memberships and Family Life Memberships are to be kept in the Life Membership Trust Fund.

ARTICLE IV - Divisions.

- A. For administration, the United States and Canada are separated into geographical Divisions.
- B. There shall be three Divisions:
 1. Central Division - Consists of the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the Canadian Provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
 2. Eastern Division - All states and provinces east of the Central Division.
 3. Western Division - All states and provinces west of the Central Division.
 4. Members whose residence is outside the United States and Canada shall be assigned to an appropriate Division by the Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE V - Officers.

- A. The officers of the Association shall be: President, Western Division Vice President, Eastern Division Vice President, Central Division Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. Nomination and election of officers
 1. Members desiring to nominate a candidate for the offices of President or Secretary/Treasurer may do so at the meeting of the Association at the 1-26 Championships or by mail to the Secretary/Treasurer before October 1st.
 2. Any member desiring to nominate a candidate for Vice President may do so at the meeting during the 1-26 Championships or by mail to the Secretary/Treasurer before October 1st, provided the nominee and the member making the nomination are both residents of the Division for which the nomination is made.
 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall determine before October 15th if nominees will consent to their names being placed on the ballot.
 4. A ballot for voting by mail shall be published with the November issue of the Newsletter. Each voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote for President, Secretary/Treasurer, and for Vice President of the Division in which the member resides.
 5. Ballots shall be mailed as instructions on them direct and must be postmarked on or before December 10th. Electronic voting may also be provided.
 6. Any member desiring to vote for a candidate other than those on the ballot shall have the right to write in such name, provided that the consent of the candidate has been gained.
 7. A plurality of valid votes cast shall elect.

- C. The terms of all elected officers shall be for one year, ending on December 31st, or until their successors have been duly elected.
- D. Immediately upon retiring from office, each officer shall turn over in good order to his successor all funds, books, records, correspondence and other property of the Association.
- E. Should a vacancy occur in any elective office, such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of Officers.

- A. The duties of the President shall be: Preside at the meetings of the Association and those of the Executive Board, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, perform such other duties as the advancement of the Association may require.
- B. The duties of the Division Vice Presidents shall be: preside at meetings in the absence of the President, coordinate the advancement of the Association within the Division they represent, encourage the growth of the Association and promote membership, perform such other duties as the President shall direct.
- C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:
 - 1. Be empowered to receive money from those owing such funds and to bank same in the name of the Association and to disburse funds in payment of accounts against the Association as are authorized by the President and/or a majority of the Executive Board.
 - 2. Render a report of the current financial condition and other affairs of the Association.
 - 3. Maintain a membership list of all current members and the previous year's members separately which shall include name and mailing address and shall furnish the Newsletter Editor and Record Keeper with a current mailing list.
 - 4. Conduct all correspondence of the Association relating to membership and such other correspondence as the President and/or Executive Board directs.

ARTICLE VII - Executive Board.

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the five elective officers of the Association.
- B. The Executive Board shall: have charge of the working interests of the Association under the guidance of the President, examine all accounts of the Association, confer on call of the President, perform all such duties as may be necessary for the welfare and advancement of the Association.
- C. The Executive Board shall solicit bids for the annual 1-26 Championships and make selection of the site, dates, and sponsoring organization for this competition.

ARTICLE VIII - Committees.

- A. Competition Rules Committee.
 - 1. This committee shall consist of a chairman and two other members appointed by the President. It shall function until a new committee is appointed the following year.
 - 2. The duties of the committee shall be to formulate, and subsequently maintain and revise, rules for all competitions sponsored or recognized by the Association.
 - 3. The chairman of this committee shall report directly to the President. Rules changes relating to the 1-26 Championships are subject to review and action by the Executive Board.

- B. Publications Committee.
 - 1. This committee shall consist of the Editor of the Newsletter, who shall be appointed for an indefinite term by the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, and shall be chaired by the President.
 - 2. This committee shall have supervision of the publication of the Newsletter and the Log.
- C. The Records Committee.
 - 1. This committee shall consist of the Association Record Keeper, who shall be appointed by the President for an indefinite term, and shall be chaired by the President.
 - 2. This committee shall have supervision of the administration of records and recognitions sponsored by or administered by the Association.
- D. Trust Fund Committee.
 - 1. The Trust Fund Committee shall be a semi-permanent committee appointed by the Executive Board and shall consist of not less than two (2) members or more than three (3) members. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Association shall not be a member of this committee.
 - 2. The Trust Fund Committee shall have a Chief Trustee, who shall be responsible for physically collecting, depositing, and withdrawing funds in accordance with the purpose of each trust fund established.
 - 3. Each Trust Fund Committee member shall be required to review and approve each transaction made in the Association Trust Accounts.
 - 4. Records showing all financial transactions in Association Trust Accounts shall be open to review by the Executive Board and any interested Association Member at all times. This record may consist of copies of financial institution statements.
- E. The President shall appoint such other committees as the need arises.

ARTICLE IX - Meetings.

- A. An annual meeting shall be held during the summer of each year at the site of and during the 1-26 Championships.
- B. A winter meeting will be held whenever possible in conjunction with the convention of the Soaring Society of America, Inc.
- C. Fifty voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at either of these meetings.

ARTICLE X - Competitions.

- A. The Association may authorize one competition each year called the 1-26 Championships to be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Executive Board.
- B. The Association may, in addition, authorize one or more Division Championships in each of the three Divisions each year. Time and place of a Division Championship shall be determined by, or at the direction of, the Division Vice-president involved.
- C. The Association may publicize, endorse, or recognize other competitions of a regional or local nature.
- D. The Association may sponsor, recognize, or endorse other competitions between pilots of 1-26's which do not require the pilots to gather at one location. Decisions regarding such competition shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board.
- E. The Association shall require contestants entered in the 1-26 Championships, Division Championships, and other competition which it sponsors or endorses to be members of the 1-26 Association.

ARTICLE XI - Publications.

- A. The Association shall publish a newsletter to be issued no fewer than four times each year. This publication shall be called "*The 1-26 Association Newsletter*."
- B. The Association shall publish, at the direction of the Executive Board, "*The 1-26 Log*" which shall include a tabulation of names and addresses of its members, listings and data concerning record flights, awards and contest results, articles of continuing or special interest and other appropriate material.
- C. The Editor of the *Newsletter*:
 1. Shall have the power to reject, in whole or in part, any reading material or advertising material submitted for publication which may be deemed unsuitable.
 2. May exchange newsletters on a reciprocal basis with other soaring-related organizations.
 3. May serve as editor of *The 1-26 Log*, or the Publications Committee may appoint another person to serve in that capacity. It is considered desirable for the same person to serve in both capacities.

ARTICLE XII – Association Trusts.

- A. Life Membership Trust.
 1. Source of Funds: Life Membership Dues and individual donations.
 2. Purpose: Generate income to be used within the General Fund for the conduct of Association business and to support the costs of servicing Life Memberships.

ARTICLE XIII - Amendments.

These Bylaws shall not be amended, altered, or repealed, unless such amendment is submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least in time to be published in a prior issue of the Newsletter and be on the November ballot. A two-thirds majority of valid votes cast shall be required for passage of such amendment.

ARTICLE XIV - Implementation.

These Bylaws shall become effective at such time as they are passed by a two-thirds vote of members present at the Annual Meeting as required by the previous Bylaws, adopted 1964.