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The use of the masculine gender in these By-Laws equally refers to the feminine gender.

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ARTICLE I PREAMBLE

The By-Laws of The Arizona Model Railroading Society, Inc. (also known as AMRS or Society in this document) are authorized by Article II, Section 4 of the AMRS Constitution and take effect upon adoption by the Board of Directors (BOD).

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

The criteria for Membership are provided for in the AMRS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V.

- A. All Members are expected to act in a cooperative, courteous, and mature manner at all times.
- B. All Members are expected to participate in Society activities in order to enhance their enjoyment of the Society and promote the Societies goals and welfare. Members with physical or other limitations are encouraged to participate to a reasonable degree appropriate with their capabilities.
- C. Members who leave the Society for whatever the reason are required to return any Society property in their possession including any Society keys.

Section 1 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- A. Prospective Members applying in one of the classes REGULAR, SENIOR, FAMILY, SENIOR FAMILY, PERPETUAL, PART-YEAR, are required to complete a probationary period of 90 days from the date their application is received. The PATRON Membership class is not subject to the probationary period or its conditions. To be considered for membership, the following conditions should be meet:
 - i. Attend a minimum of two (2) Membership meetings.
 - ii. Participation in at least ten (10) activities which may be a combination of work sessions and Society events.
 - iii. Show an interest in the club by actively participating in Society work sessions and Society events running during the probationary period.
- B. At the first Membership meeting following the end of the probationary period, a vote by the Membership will be taken on whether the applicant becomes a permanent Member.
 - i. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum as defined in the AMRS Constitution ARTICLE XII, Section B voting in favor of the applicant is required for permanent Membership.
 - ii. Once elected as a permanent Member, he attains full rights and privileges as define in ARTICLE II Section 5 of these By-Laws.

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- iii. In the case where the Applicant is not voted in as a Member, the Applicants dues beyond 90 days, if any, will be refunded. The initiation fee is not refundable.

Section 2 PAYMENT PLANS

AMRS provides a Yearly and a Quarterly payment plan. The dues and fees are shown in the section 4. Members paying their dues on the yearly plan are payable at the start of the AMRS fiscal year as defined in the Article XIV Section 1 of the AMRS Constitution. Members paying their dues on the quarterly plan are payable on the first day of each calendar year quarter (January, April, July, October).

- A. It is not the intent of AMRS to restrict Membership on a financial basis. Therefore, if payment of the structured dues would create a financial hardship, the Board of Directors is empowered to waive all or part of the Member's dues, upon receipt of a written request to do so. This request shall be confidential, known ONLY to Members of the Board of Directors, Officers and the Membership Committee.
- B. New Member's dues are prorated from the month of their application to the next payment period. Those paying yearly are prorated to the next AMRS fiscal year. Those Members paying quarterly are prorated to the next quarter.
- C. Changes to the payment periods and/or dues rates and fees are approved by the Board of Directors and the Membership. Once formally approved, they take effect immediately. New Members will be prorated based on the new dues and fees structure. Existing Members will be assessed the new dues structure at their next payment period boundary.

Section 3 DUES DELINQUENCY

- A. Annual dues are delinquent in sixty (60) days, and Quarterly dues are delinquent in fifteen (15) days past their renewal date. Delinquent Members will have their Membership suspended.
- B. The Membership committee shall attempt to contact the delinquent Member not more than two weeks past the delinquency period notifying the Member that their Membership has been suspended and that their dues are now due and payable. The method of contact can be either phone, e-mail and as a last resort standard mail. If there is no reply from the delinquent Member within 30 days, the Member's membership is revoked and the Member must reapply to rejoin the Society.
- C. Member's renewing their Membership after they have been suspended will be required to pay any applicable fees unless a reasonable cause is presented to and approved by the Board of Directors.

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- D. Member's reapplying for Membership after their Membership has been revoked must pay any applicable fees.

Section 4 DUES AND FEES STRUCTURE

The following table shows the dues, fees, and any donations if applicable for each Member classification. Fees and any applicable donations are a one time payment and are not refundable.

| <u>Membership Class</u> | <u>Initiation Fee</u> | <u>Dues (Year / Quarter)</u> | <u>Donation</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| REGULAR | \$35.00 | \$150.00 / \$45.00 | \$0.00 |
| SENIOR | \$35.00 | \$75.00 / \$24.00 | \$0.00 |
| HONORARY | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| PERPETUAL | \$35.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| PART-YEAR | \$35.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 |
| PATRON | \$35.00 | \$150.00 | \$0.00 |
| FAMILY | \$35.00 / \$15.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 |
| SENIOR FAMILY | \$35.00 / \$15.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 |

- i. Family Memberships include a principle Member 18 years of age or older (65 years or older for Senior Family Memberships) and up to two other Members under the age of 18 in the same household.
- ii. Family Memberships include up to three (3) Members.
- iii. Principal Member initiation fee is \$35. Each additional Family Member's initiation fee is \$15 each. Additional Family Members beyond the initial 3 members may be added for \$75.00 a year and a \$15.00 initiation fee.

ASSOCIATE BUSINESS \$250.00

- i. Includes up to three (3) Members 18 year of age or older

Section 5 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. All Regular, Senior, Life, Perpetual, Part-Year and Family Members in good standing are entitled to the following:
- i. One AMRS Membership Patch and Badge
 - ii. One AMRS Membership Card
 - iii. A copy of the AMRS current Constitution
 - iv. A copy of the AMRS current By-Laws
 - v. The current issue of the AMRS News Letter
 - vi. A key or code to the club house and a key or code to the main gate.
 - vii. Full voting rights at club meetings

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- B. Honorary Members are entitled to the following:
 - i. The current issue of the AMRS News Letter
 - ii. A key or code to the club house and the key or code to the main gate
- C. Patron Members are entitled to the following:
 - i. One AMRS Membership Patch and Badge
 - ii. One AMRS Membership Card
 - iii. A copy of the AMRS current Constitution
 - iv. A copy of the AMRS current By-Laws
 - v. The current issue of the AMRS News Letter
 - vi. Full voting rights at club meetings
- D. Associate Business Membership is entitled to the following:
 - i. Each Member will receive an AMRS Patch and Badge
 - ii. Each Member will receive a Membership Card
 - iii. Each Member will receive the current issue of the AMRS News Letter
 - iv. Each Member will have the key or code to the club house and the key or code to the main gate.
- E. The Business may have two advertising signs displayed at the club, at all times while they are Members in good standing. Signs may be up to 12" X 24" in size, and approved by the Board.
- F. The Business will have at least one advertisement in each of the monthly news letters during the year.
- G. The business will have first choice of the tables or display space at any AMRS sponsored event (including the Sahuaro Center Swap Meet) and will be given one free table at these events either paid for or donated by AMRS to the Business.
- H. The Associate Business Member does not have any voting rights on any club issues or at any club meetings.

ARTICLE III ALLOCATION OF DUES AND FEES

- A. The initiation Fees are to be deposited to the AMRS Operating Account.
- B. The Dues are to be deposited two-thirds (2/3) to the AMRS General Operating Account, and one-third (1/3) to the Divisional account on record for the Member.
- C. The Perpetual Membership donation is to be deposited two-thirds (2/3) to the AMRS General Account, and one-third (1/3) to the Divisional account on record for the Member.

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- D. The Associate Business Membership donation is to be deposited to the AMRS General Operating Account.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

A committee may be formed by the Board of Directors or the President to do a specific task. Once that task is completed the committee is disbanded. Other committees are permanent implying their task is always on-going. A committee shall have a minimum of two members one of which shall be the chairperson. Committees are responsible for providing status, oral or written, to the President and/or to the Board of directors.

The current permanent committees are listed in the following Sections.

Section 1 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is responsible for the following:

- i. Manage the Society roster and ensure the Member's information is current.
- ii. Provide Membership reports at Society Board meetings and General Membership meetings.
- iii. Collect Member's Dues providing them with a receipt.
- iv. Turn over all dues monies with receipts to the Society Treasurer.
- v. Notify Members that their dues are overdue and now payable.
- vi. Notify Members that their Membership has been suspended or revoked.
- vii. Keep the Society application form current and in good supply.

ARTICLE V AMRS NEWSLETTER

The AMRS publishes a newsletter, HighBall, on a quarterly basis. The intent of the newsletter is to provide the Members with information regarding status of the scale divisions, special interest articles, upcoming events and meetings.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 Proposed changes to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, in writing, not more than ninety (90) days, or less than sixty (60) days prior to the Membership Meeting at which they will be proposed for ratification.

After said amendment is approved by the Board, it shall be published to the Membership as specified in the AMRS Constitution Article XII Section 1 prior to the designated Membership Meeting.

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Section 2 It shall require a three fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the eligible Membership as defined in the ARMS Constitution Article XII Section 1 (B) to adopt the proposed By-Law change.

ARTICLE VII ADOPTION OF THESE BY-LAWS

Copies of these By-Laws were distributed to the Members present at the October 11, 2008 Membership Meeting and via email prior to the October 11, 2008 Membership Meeting, and they were informed of the intent to discuss and ratify these By-Laws at the November 8, 2008 Membership Meeting. The Membership was also informed of this intent in the autumn issue of the newsletter. The Membership voted for the adoption of these amendments by 96% of the Members present at the November 8, 2008 Membership Meeting.

By vote of the Board of Directors at the Board meeting held at the AMRS Club House at 6:30 p.m. on November 24, 2008, all prior By-Laws of the Society were abrogated and replaced by this By-Law to be in effect immediately.

ATTEST:

_____ DATE _____
Bob Ginger, Chairman of the Board AMRS

_____ DATE _____
Steven David, Secretary of AMRS