

Proposed Amendments to the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron Bylaws

16 May 2008

The following represent the proposed changes to the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron Bylaws of November 2005 to bring them in harmony with the 2008 Squadron Model Bylaws. The ~~red strikeout~~ represents words that should be removed and the red underline represents words that should be added. Text in black is from the current bylaws. These changes have received preliminary approval from the national Committee on Rules.

A copy of the current Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron Bylaws (2005) can be found at:

www.phx-usps.org/OpsDocs/PhoenixSPSBylawsNov2005.pdf

Change:

Section 2.3 Any word in these bylaws ~~connoting denoting~~ gender is shall apply equally to ~~be construed either gender~~ as ~~embracing both male and female~~ the context may require.

Change:

Section 3.1 The active members of this squadron shall consist of persons who ~~meet membership qualifications set forth by USPS policy and who~~ (1) are able and willing to contribute time, energy and skills to the objectives of this squadron; (2) meet the qualifications for active membership approved by the Operating Committee, and (3) are at least 18 years of age and have been admitted to membership as herein provided.

Add:

3.4.1 An active member shall be awarded the status of 25 year member upon paying annual dues for the 25th time and the status of 50 year member upon paying annual dues for the 50th time.

Add:

3.5.1 Upon the termination of the membership of an active member, the family memberships dependent thereon shall also terminate unless a family member qualifies and elects to become an active member within the grace period established from time to time by the Governing Board

Change:

Section 3.8 Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Committee, for not more than one year at a time, upon any ~~person not a member of USPS who has rendered conspicuous service in the interest of this squadron. Honorary members shall~~ persons ~~be subject to the payment of entrance fees and dues. Honorary members shall not have any~~ not a member of USPS and who have made a significant contribution to safe boating or to the work of the squadron. Honorary members shall have none of the privileges extended to other classes of members except ~~that they may~~ to wear the USPS ~~membership~~ lapel pin. Honorary members shall pay no national or local entrance fees or annual dues.

Change:

Section 3.10 An application for active, family, associate or apprentice membership in this squadron must have been endorsed by one or more active members and ~~must have been evaluated by the Membership Committee~~ before being presented to the Executive Committee for final action. Admission to any ~~class of these classes~~ of membership in this squadron shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting of said committee.

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Add:

Section 3.13 All voluntary resignations must be made in writing to the commander or the secretary of the member's squadron with a copy to the national secretary. No resignation of a member indebted to USPS or to a squadron shall be accepted until such indebtedness has been paid. If dues of any member are in arrears later than two weeks after the beginning of the member's dues year, membership, including any family membership in connection therewith, will be terminated automatically and without further notice. Membership may be terminated as provided in Article 15 of USPS bylaws.

Change:

5.1.1 Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all officers and committee members shall be elected or appointed annually and serve for one year or until their successors are appointed or installed. They shall begin their terms of office at the time at which they are elected or appointed, or if applicable, installed.

Change:

5.1.10 In the event the commander, the executive officer, or the administrative officer ~~or assistant administrative officer~~ is determined, by self-declaration or by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, to be incapable of performing the duties of office because of illness or otherwise, the Executive Committee may assign the duties and powers of such office to a past commander agreeable to serve. Such assumption of duties by a past commander shall last only until the earliest of: (1) the next annual meeting of this squadron; (2) the officer rescinds the self-declaration of incapability; (3) the Executive Committee rescinds its declaration of incapability; or (4) the next squadron meeting at least 50 days after the declaration of incapability at which meeting the Executive Committee shall recommend to the membership whether the period of incapability should be extended or the office declared vacant

Add:

5.1.11 All appointed officers of this squadron shall be active members, woman's certificate holders, family, or apprentice members, at least 18 years of age, and in good standing. Every appointed officer and committee member shall hold office at the pleasure of the appointing power but not beyond the term of office of that person or body except to complete an assignment with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Change:

Section 5.4 There shall be an **Executive Committee**, also known as Board of Directors, consisting of the elected bridge officers, the most recent past commander willing and able to serve, and three active members from the general membership of this squadron. Members-at-large and said past commander shall be elected to this committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 11

Delete:

~~**5.9.9**—The **Thunderbird Award Committee** shall be composed of the five most recent active past commanders willing to serve with the most senior as chairman. It shall determine the selection of the award and plaque from nominations by any active member. It may be presented to an individual or group as a service award for outstanding work and service to the Squadron above and beyond the expected responsibilities of the average member or elected officer. Recipients of this award need not be Squadron members. This award may or may not be given every year.~~

Renumber:

~~**5.9.40 9**~~ **5.9.40 9** The **Policies and Procedures Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. It is charged with the continuing development of the *Policies and Procedures Manual* including specific procedures regarding policies where needed. Adoption of or amendments to the Squadron *Policies and Procedures Manual* shall only be by a vote of the general membership at any authorized meeting.

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6.1.2 Appoint, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee, delegates to the conferences of the district and to the ~~annual~~ Governing Board and special meetings of USPS

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Section 6.2 The **Auditing Committee** shall review all records of the treasurer as of the last day of the squadron fiscal year and submit a report of its findings for action by a membership meeting not more than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. An additional review shall be performed and reported within 60 days should a different individual assume the office of treasurer prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Add:

Section 7.2.1 Associate member dues and fees, if any, shall be billed by and paid directly to this squadron.

Change:

Section 7.3 ~~Except when a different USPS policy applies to this squadron, dues for new members shall be prorated on a monthly basis from the first day of the month in which the applicant signs and dates the acceptance of membership form to the end of the dues year. The initial membership year for persons joining the squadron during the last three months of the dues year shall consist of the remainder of that dues year plus the subsequent dues year, and squadron dues for this initial membership year shall be the same as the usual annual dues. Squadron dues for any subsequent year shall be payable annually on or before the beginning of that subsequent year. Dues for new members are payable with their membership application. The member's anniversary date becomes the first day of the month that the membership application form is accepted. Dues for all subsequent years shall be payable annually on or before the anniversary date~~