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## **SLO FLYERS, INC.**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **NAME**

The name of this organization (hereinafter referred to as the "club") shall be the "SLO FLYERS, INCORPORATED". The club is a nonprofit California corporation.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the club shall be to promote and foster the enjoyment, education, and safe operation of model aeronautics.

#### **ARTICLE III**

##### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership is open to any person having an interest in model aeronautics. Concurrent membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is mandatory.
2. Membership may be terminated, at any time for just cause (including violation of Memorandum of Understanding between California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and SLO FLYERS, INC.) following a hearing by the Executive Committee and a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee members present. Application for re-instatement for membership shall require a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee members present.
3. The Executive Committee may award a life membership to members for extraordinary service. Life members shall be accorded all benefits and privileges of a current member for the remainder of their lives. Life members shall not be assessed annual dues.
4. The Executive Committee may create class membership for special purposes and shall specify the attendant privileges, limitations, term and cost. Membership so created may be terminated by the Executive Committee.
5. Elected officers of the club shall not be assessed annual dues.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **OFFICERS**

Officers of the club shall be (1) President; (2) Vice President; (3) Secretary; and (4) Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **GOVERNING BODY**

An Executive Committee shall be composed of the above officers, the Past President and the Chairpersons of all Standing Committees.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **DUTIES**

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the club, but may delegate that function to the Vice President from time to time as may be convenient for those concerned. The President shall act as chairperson for the club in all matters pertaining thereto, and appoint all committees and serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee. The President or his appointees will make a periodic audit of the Treasurers records.
2. The Vice President shall act for the president when he/she is unable to serve, shall serve as Program Committee chairperson and Safety Officer.
3. The Secretary shall be the club correspondent, keep the minutes of all meetings, including the attendance rolls, and provide meeting information for all club members.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and record all monies, and pay all debts for the club. The Treasurer shall maintain a roster of club members and prepare a budget for the forthcoming year. The Treasurer shall serve as Membership Committee chairperson.
5. The Executive Committee shall act in all matters set forth in the constitution and these bylaws, and shall decide general policy of the club. Any dispute resulting from interpretation of the bylaws will be settled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
6. Any and all communication with California Polytechnic State University regarding matters that affect SLO Flyers Inc., shall be made by the President only and with the approval of the SLO Flyers, Inc. Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **TERMS OF OFFICE**

1. All officers shall serve for a period of one year, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. Nominations of officers shall be made by the Nomination Committee and presented at the October and November meetings. Election of officers shall occur at the December general meeting.
2. Election ballots shall be sent to all members after the November meeting. The ballots shall be mailed back before or returned at the December meeting.

3. Elected officers will assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall first preside at the general meeting in January.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **VACANCIES**

Vacancies of any offices shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. Appointees to vacancies will serve until the expiration of the terms for which their predecessors were elected.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **DUES**

1. Membership dues are payable to the treasurer on or before the thirty-first of December. Late payment will be assessed a penalty. Dues are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Paid Members will receive the gate combination by email.
2. The amount of dues for the coming year shall be established by the Executive Committee based on the presented budget and approved by a majority vote of members present at the December meeting.
3. New members joining in December Through the following June shall pay the full annual dues approved for the coming year. New membership after June will be \$65.00.
4. Dues are delinquent after the thirty-first of December member failing to pay dues for the current year shall be dropped from the membership rolls and shall not be entitled to any of the benefits and privileges associated with membership.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. The President shall appoint chairpersons for the standing committees. The chairpersons shall serve through the President's term of office. The following are the standing committees:  
 Executive Committee, Chairperson, the President  
 Program Committee, Chairperson, the Vice President  
 Membership Committee, Chairperson, the Treasurer  
 Publicity/Community Outreach Programs Committee  
 Safety/Memorandum of Understanding compliance Committee  
 Field Development and Maintenance Committee  
 President's Advisory Committee.
2. Additional special committees may be convened by the President as needed.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **MEETINGS**

1. Executive Committee meetings are for conducting the general business of the club at regular scheduled meetings. Attendance by club members is allowed at these meetings, but voting is limited to the Executive Committee members.
2. The general meetings are for informing the membership of the Executive Committee decisions and to solicit inputs for consideration by the Executive Committee. General meetings shall be mainly for exchange of modeling ideas, showing new projects and social intercourse. All meetings shall be conducted under the Roberts Rules of Order unless such rules are in conflict with the bylaws herein.
3. In the event the designated meeting place of the general meeting must be changed; notice of such change shall be made to the membership at least two days prior to the meeting.
4. Special meetings to conduct club business may be convened as required, and with 7 days notification to the members.
5. A quorum at a general or special meeting shall consist of the members at the meeting.
6. A quorum at an Executive meeting shall comprise a simple majority of the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **CLUB EMBLEM**

1. The official club emblem shall be a blue or white outlined rectangle, with the outline of an airplane with red striped wings in perpendicular flight, with the words "SLO FLYERS", "SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA", "AMA 161", therein.
2. The official club emblem may be displayed or worn in any suitable manner.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **INFORMATION**

1. All members shall read and periodically review the SLO FLYERS Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and other pertinent documents.
2. General information will be provided on the CLUB WEBSITE, sloflyers.com. This includes club documents, emergency or scheduled field closures

Priority Cal Poly usage, notification of club general meeting changes, special club meetings, dues notification, club events, member provided Pictures, RC items for sale by club members and other information relative to club operations.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be introduced in writing at any general meeting of the club and reflected in the minutes of the meeting. Amendments are accepted by a two-thirds vote of all members present at the general meeting following introduction of the amendment.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Executive Committee shall make, or cause to be made, such rules and regulations as are deemed necessary for safe and orderly conduct of club activities including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Field and flight operations
2. Pilot and instructor qualifications
3. Training operations, aircraft and facilities
4. Competition, demonstrations, shows and contests
5. Any other official club activity.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **DISSOLUTION**

1. The Corporation may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the total membership.
2. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., or to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to such other organization with purposes of this corporation, as the Executive Committee shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas (or similar court) of the county in which the principal office of this Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes

and to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)**

#### 1. Purpose

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairperson. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

#### 2. Safety Committee

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on The following:

- (a) A grievance form (see page 7) will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairperson. At least one witness required.
- (b) FIRST VIOLATION
  - a. Viewpoints of both complaints and accused will be considered.
  - b. Complainants name will be disclosed.
  - c. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.
- (c) SECOND VIOLATION
  - a. Complainants name will be disclosed.
  - b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
  - c. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the Club newsletter.
- (d) THIRD VIOLATION
  - a. Committee will notify the accused in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Executive Committee will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next Executive Committee meeting.
  - b. Said expulsion will last for one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee).
- (e) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
- (f) Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to

include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Executive Committee.

**SLO FLYERS, INC. CLUB GRIEVANCE FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Violation:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Witnesses (not required):

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