



SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD

Bylaws

Adopted 12 January 2016

Amended and Restated Bylaws

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild January 2016

Article I Name and Purpose

1.1 Title. This organization shall be known as the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild.

1.2 Purpose. The Guild is an association of craftsmen that share a common interest in ship modeling and the related interests of ship construction, maritime history and lore of the sea.

1.3 Logo. The logo of the Guild shall be a bow oblique view of the steam yacht Medea within a ship's helm emblazoned with the title "San Diego Ship Modelers Guild".

Article II Membership

2.1 Qualification. Membership shall be open to any person without regard to sex, age, color, race, creed or national origin.

2.2 Admission. A member shall be admitted upon payment of the current dues and fees.

2.3 Dues. Annual dues are payable on 1 January. Persons joining after 1 July will be charged half of the current annual dues.

2.4 Adjustments. If the officers of the Guild determine that an adjustment in the dues or fees is necessary, the membership will be informed at least 60 days prior to implementation.

2.5 Initiation Fees. These fees may be imposed on new members to cover one-time expenses, such as the cost of a nametag.

2.6 Life Members. Life membership can be conferred to any member in good standing in recognition of significant, sustained, long term contribution to the Guild.

2.6.1 Any member of the Guild, in good standing, may nominate another member, in good standing, for Life Membership. The nomination shall be submitted in writing to the Guild Master. The nomination shall outline general and/or specific accomplishments of the nominee which, in total, constitute a significant, sustained and long-term contribution to the Guild.



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2.6.2 Life Member nominations shall be reviewed by all voting officers for consideration. "Review" may include a basic review of the application or a verbal briefing by the nominating member, or both. The nomination must get unanimous approval of the officers before being submitted to the general membership for consideration. The nomination shall be submitted to the general membership by publication in the newsletter along with a ballot for submittal to the log keeper via mail, electronically or by phone.

2.6.3 Life membership will be approved by the general membership with a formal vote at the next meeting following publication. The log keeper shall tally all votes at the meeting and those previously submitted. An approval vote of the majority of votes submitted shall constitute approval.

2.6.4 A person who has been designated a life member will no longer be required to pay any annual dues or fees. The designation shall remain in effect for the life of the member.

Article III Officers

3.1 Officers. Guild officers shall consist of Guild Master, First Mate, Purser, Newsletter Editor and Log Keeper.

3.2 Duties. The duties of the officers are, but not necessarily limited to the following:

(a) Guild Master: Presides over the general meeting, coordinates the activities of the Guild and acts as the official spokesperson for the Guild.

(b) First Mate: Performs the duties of the Master in his or her absence.

(c) Purser: Collects, records and distributes funds. The Purser prepares an annual budget for review by the officers. Expenditures of more than \$100.00 for non-budgeted items must be approved by and signed off by at least one other Guild officer.

(d) Newsletter Editor: Compiles newsworthy stories, publishes, and distributes a newsletter approximately one week prior to each general meeting. Maintains correspondence with other clubs with similar interests.

(e) Log Keeper: Keeps minutes at the general meeting and forwards a report to the newsletter editor.

3.3 Terms of Office. Officers shall serve a term of one calendar year. There will be no restrictions on the number of terms served with the exception as indicated below. The Guild Master may serve as many terms as desired, but to keep the leadership of the guild fresh may only serve two consecutive terms.



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3.4 Election of Officers. The Guild master shall conduct an election yearly. In January the Guild Master shall appoint a nominating chairman who shall report nominations at the February meeting. Nominations from the floor shall also be taken. Ballots with the nominees shall be published in the newsletter prior to a vote at the March meeting. All votes received by mail, electronically, by phone and those given at the meeting will be tabulated to determine the winners. Mail, email and phone votes shall be made to the log keeper. In the event of a close election, telephonic votes will be verified. The elected slate of officers shall take office at the March meeting.

3.5 Vacated Office. In the event that the Master is unable to serve, the First Mate shall succeed the office. Un-expired terms of other officers or committee chairs shall be filled by a majority vote of the membership present.

3.6 Committees. The Guild Master shall appoint committee chairman as he sees fit. (Example: Program Chairman, Audio Visual Chairman, Webmaster, etc.) Committee chairs shall enlist the help of members of the general membership as required. Committee chairs shall attend Officers meetings as advisory members but will be non-voting. Committee chairs will have the opportunity to provide reports during the "Reports" section of general meetings.



Article IV Meetings and Organization

4.1 Meetings. The general meetings shall be conducted on an informal basis. The Guild Master may modify the agenda for any meeting, however, it should include, as a minimum, introduction of guests, a financial report and a show and tell/trouble shooting session. The Guild Master shall act as moderator, encouraging participation.

4.2 Meeting Time. Meetings will be held on board the 1898 steam ferry Berkeley commencing at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. If the Berkeley is unavailable, the meeting will be moved or rescheduled by the Guild Master as best serves the Guild.

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Article V Amendments

5.1 Amendment Procedure. The Bylaws may be amended as follows: The Guild Master or his designee shall chair the proposal. Informal proposed changes shall be published in the newsletter and reviewed at the next meeting by the general membership. Any changes to the proposals shall be evaluated and a formal set of Bylaws published in the newsletter along with a ballot. Ballots may be submitted to the log keeper via mail, electronically or by phone. A formal vote shall be held at the next meeting and the Log Keeper shall tally the votes. A 2/3's majority of the general membership shall be required for approval. In the event less than 2/3s of the membership votes, the proposal shall be republished along with a new ballot. As before, the Log Keeper will



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tally the votes at the following meeting. Approval at this second vote shall be by 2/3's of the submitted votes.

5.2 Documentation. A copy of the newly approved Bylaws shall be dated and signed by all officers with this original copy to constitute the only official document and will be retained by the Purser.

5.3 Distribution. A copy of the new set of Bylaws shall be distributed to the general membership by printing in the newsletter.

Approved by the General Membership on:

Certified by Guild Officers:

Guild Master - William M. "Mike" Lonnecker

First Mate - Lee Greene

Purser - Gary Seaton

Newsletter Editor - Charles Seiler

Log Keeper - Robert McPhail

date

