

Maine Antique Power Association, Inc.

By-Laws

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ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "Maine Antique Power Association, Inc."

Section 2: The principle business office of this organization shall be in the home of the duly-elected Treasurer.(1-2020)

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1: This organization shall have as its primary purpose, the preservation of such information, documents and artifacts as relate to the history of human endeavor in the invention, development, and use of mechanical and labor-saving devices.

Section 2: While the primary emphasis shall be initially on one-cylinder stationary gasoline and kerosene engines of the pre-World War II era, the interests of the association shall also include, but not be limited to: marine engines, automobiles, trucks, steam engines, and animal-powered devices.

Section 3: In furtherance of the aforesaid purpose, this organization may solicit, borrow, purchase, or otherwise receive funds and other property, real, personal and mixed, and interests therein, by gift, transfer, loan, devise or bequest, and invest, reinvest, hold, manage, administer, expend, return, sell, convey or otherwise apply such funds and other property, subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may be expressed in any instrument evidencing such gifts, transfer, loan, devise or bequest.

Section 4: No part of the income or principal of this organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any member, officer of this organization, or any other private individual. In the event of dissolution of this organization, all assets remaining after payment of all legal obligation shall be distributed by the officers or, upon application to the officers by a court of competent jurisdiction exclusively to an organization or organizations which would then qualify as exempt under the provisions of Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, but preferably to an organization or organizations qualified as aforesaid and possessing the capabilities required to further the implementation of the purposes of this organization, or to an organization or organizations qualified as aforesaid serving educational, literary, historical, or charitable purposes in Maine, primarily for the benefit of the residents thereof and the surrounding areas.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Section 1: **INDIVIDUAL** Membership in this organization may be obtained on payment of dues by any person who has attained the age of 12 and who expresses an interest in advancing the purposes stated in Article II. (3-03)(1-2020)

Section 2: **FAMILY** Membership in this organization may be obtained on payment of dues by a head of household, his or her spouse and dependents between the ages of 12-18, who express an interest in advancing the purposes stated in Article II. Voting privileges will be restricted to two (2) votes per family. MAPA will not offer a "life" family membership in this category. (3-03) (1-2020)

Section 3: Life "Individual" membership in this organization may be obtained on a single payment of 20 years dues in advance at the rate in effect at the time of the application by anyone who has attained the age of 14 who professes an interest in advancing the purposes stated in Article II. (3-03)

Section 4: Life by Age (LA). Any member, reaching the age of seventy five (75) years with a ten (10) year active membership, may receive a life by age membership upon written request. If the member has reached the age of 75 and has not had the required 10 year active membership period, they may pay a fee (based on the annual membership dues in effect at the time) for those years that they have not been a member. (3-2010)

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Section 1: Dues shall be \$20.00 per annum for Individual membership and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning January 1. (3-03) (1-2015)(1-2020)

Section 2: Dues shall be \$30.00 per annum for Family membership and shall be effective for one calendar year beginning January 1. (3-03) (1-2015)(1-2020)

ARTICLE V - LEADERSHIP

Section 1: The leadership of this organization shall consist of a President, 1st Vice President, VP Region I, VP Region II, Secretary and Treasurer. (3-2014)

Section 2: There shall be a board of directors consisting of nine elected members in addition to the regular elected officers. There shall be three elected each year for a term of three years. (5-78)

Section 3: The position of Director Emeritus has been created to honor those officers and directors who in the opinion of the membership have made a significant contribution to Maine Antique Power Association, Inc. (1-94)

ARTICLE VI - QUORUM

Section 1: A quorum shall be defined as 25 members.

Section 2: In the absence of a member quorum, the Board of Directors may conduct any and all essential business as long as eight of the fifteen are present. In the absence of a quorum, the Board of Directors may conduct any and all essential business as long as eight of the fifteen are present or have been contacted by phone or Email. (5-78)(1-2020)

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Section 1: Regular elections shall be held in November for the purpose of electing Officers for the next calendar year. Nominations for elective offices shall be submitted at the November meeting. The elected Officers' term will be effective January 1st of the next calendar year. (3-07)

Section 2: Special nominations and elections may be held at any regular or special meeting when required to fill an unexpected vacancy in any office. (6-79)

Section 3: Elections shall not be valid unless a quorum is present.

Section 4: When a quorum is not present, the election shall be re-scheduled to the next meeting and the incumbent officers shall continue in office until a valid election is held.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Section 1: Whenever possible regular meetings shall be held on the second Saturday or Sunday of the odd numbered months of the year. The July and September meetings will be held if necessary. (1-94)(1-2020)

Section 2: Special meetings may be called to provide for any unforeseen or unusual situation if any two officers agree on the need.

Section 3: The Secretary or designee shall notify the members by Email or telephone of meetings at least one week in advance of the scheduled meeting date.(1-2020)

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform such other duties as are usual to the office. He shall appoint such committees and delegations as may be necessary to carry on the activities of the organization and shall in each case be an ex-officio member thereof.

Section 2: The 1st Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. He shall endeavor to keep himself advised of the status of the Association activities to the extent that he could assume the office of President with a minimum of difficulty in the event of illness or disability of the President. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3: The Regional VP position responsibilities include, attending events in their respective areas, collecting dues, signing up new members, promoting MAPA's mission and scholarship programs. Selling merchandise and raffle tickets. Region I includes Aroostook, Penobscot, Hancock, Washington, Somerset, Piscataquis, Knox and Waldo counties. Region II includes Oxford, Franklin Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Cumberland and York counties. (3-2014)

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep a complete and accurate record of all proceedings of the organization. He shall have possession of its reports and records, conduct the office correspondence, and report at meetings all such matters which may of interest to the membership.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall issue notices of dues payable and be responsible for the collection thereof, keep complete financial records of the organization, disburse authorized funds, and shall report the financial condition of the organization at each meeting.

Section 6: The officers and directors shall hold meetings as necessary. (5-78) (1-92)

ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES AND DELEGATIONS

Section 1: Committees or delegations may be appointed by the President or as a result of action voted by the Association. Each committee and delegation of more than one member shall elect a chairman who will report to the President when needed and to the Association at meetings.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Whenever a procedural question arises during the conduct of a meeting, the principles and procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present in good standing after said amendment has been tabled for one meeting. (6-79)

ARTICLE XIII - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1: Any officer whose conduct in office is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Association may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership in good standing present at any regular or special meeting, provided a quorum of the membership is present.

ARTICLE XIV - REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any member who is six months or more in arrears in payment of dues will be dropped from membership. (3-96)

Section 2: Any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Association may be dropped from the membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership in good standing at any meeting provided a quorum of the membership is present.

Section 3: Any member may be removed from membership at his own request at any time.