

BYLAWS

of

The International Scale Soaring Association

AMA Charter # 3733

Adopted June 23, 1996

PREFACE

It is the intent of these bylaws and this association to provide a vehicle for the advancement & expansion of scale RC soaring, both vintage and modern. ISSA is envisioned as an association with a large, geographically wide spread membership. Therefore, these bylaws have been constructed to provide for the Board to conduct business, to the benefit of the membership, without the difficulties of obtaining membership approval for every piece of business required for the successful running of the association.

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1 The full and complete name of the association shall be:

The International Scale Soaring Association.

Section 2 The official abbreviation of the name shall be: ISSA.

ARTICLE II: EMBLEM

Section 1 The official emblem of ISSA is: A yellow ring bordered in black with a blue field inside, the words, "International Scale Soaring Association" are printed in black in the ring. A left quarter view looking up, of the Zanolia RS-1 in flight, flying right to left is superimposed on the blue field and yellow ring. It is light tan with red trim and a clear canopy.



ARTICLE III: ADDRESS

- Section 1 The primary address of ISSA shall be that of the home address of the current President, or an address of his/her choosing, with Board approval.
- Section 2 The expense of maintaining a permanent address other than the home address of the current president shall be the responsibility of VSRCSA.
- Section 2 Upon succession of a new president, he/she shall promptly notify all interested parties of the change of address at his/her expense.

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE

- Section 1 The primary purpose of ISSA is to provide collective identification for active scale R/C soaring enthusiasts throughout its sphere of influence.
- Section 2 The secondary purpose of ISSA is to:
- A. Foster and support all phases of scale and sporting RC soaring activity.
 - B. Encourage personal and collective advancement in the knowledge of all phases of scale R/C soaring.
 - C. Encourage advancement through all levels of the League of Silent Flight (LSF) achievement program
 - D. Promote general interest & education in soaring flight.

ARTICLE V: POLICY

- Section 1 ISSA shall be a voluntary association of individuals with a common interest in R/C soaring, and shall levy dues, assessments, & fines, conduct general and special meetings, and assign responsibilities to members as set forth in these bylaws.
- Section 2 Each member and officer shall support the philosophies and concepts set forth in these bylaws and actively pursue R/C soaring proficiency.
- Section 3 ISSA shall perform all official functions and provide all official services as set forth in these bylaws.
- Section 4 ISSA shall be a non-profit organization supported by fees and charges provided herein._
- Section 5 For legislative purposes, a quorum shall consist of 5/9 of the Board, and unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, a simple majority of those members voting shall be sufficient to legislate.

ARTICLE VI: CHARTER OFFICERS

Section 1 The first appointed officers of ISSA shall be known as "Charter Officers" they shall have a term of two (2) years. Subsequent officers of ISSA shall be elected by popular vote and have a term of office as described in ARTICLE VII in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD

Section 1 All elected officers must be General members of ISSA in good standing._

Section 2 The Board of ISSA shall consist of the following elected or acting officers; President, Vice-president, Safety Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshal, Newsletter Editor. There will also be two (2) Board Members, who will be ex-Presidents of ISSA.

Section 3 No two offices shall be held concurrently by one person.

Section 4 The term of office for shall be for one (1) year, to run concurrently with the calendar year.

Section 5 After finishing their term as President, the ex president shall automatically serve a two year service as a Board member.

Section 6 **PRESIDENT:** The President shall be the chief executive officer. Under direction of the voting membership, the President shall be the official spokesperson for ISSA. He / She shall have the authority to establish and dissolve committees, appoint and remove committee members and chairmen, appoint non-elected officers. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees._ The President shall have authority to make final and binding decisions relative to disputes and protests.

Section 6 **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in his / her absence, resignation, suspension, or disability. The Vice-president shall also perform other such duties as directed by the President or the Board.

Section 7 **SAFETY OFFICER:** The Safety Officer or his or her designee, shall be responsible for enforcement of all ISSA, AMA or other safety rules regulations or practices as applicable, and for the dissemination of these same rules, regulations or practices to ISSA members. The Safety Officer shall have the responsibility and duty, at their discretion, to warn, fine, or ask a) member to leave the field in the event of commission of a serious rule, regulation or safety infraction committed by that member. That member may appeal to the President or Vice-president, if present. In the event the President or Vice-president are not present, the Safety Officer's decision is binding. The Safety Officer shall also perform such other duties as directed by the President or the Board.

Section 7 **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall keep all ISSA minutes of meetings, records, & membership rolls. The Secretary shall also notify the membership of meetings and business before the Board. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as directed by the President or the Board.

Section 8 **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall establish and maintain a bank account for all ISSA funds, and keep all ISSA financial records. He / She shall receive all incoming funds,

disburse all outgoing funds and account for all financial transactions. The Treasurer shall give an account of the associations funds and transactions at each regular meeting The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as directed by the President or the Board.

- Section 9 **FIELD MARSHAL:** The Field Marshal shall be the liaison between ISSA and the owner(s) of the flying field. Shall supervise the layout of the field with regards to parking, flight line, spectator area, crowd control, signs, etc. The field Marshal shall be responsible for maintenance of club safety equipment such as first aid kit, fire extinguisher, frequency control pin board and signs. He/ She shall also know the location of the nearest hospital and police department and their phone numbers. The Field Marshal shall also perform such other duties as directed by the President or the Board_
- Section 10 **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Shall publish the official newsletter of ISSA on at least a quarterly basis. The newsletter shall contain news of coming events and articles of interest to ISSA members, business before the Board and other material as requested and/or submitted by the officers or board members of ISSA. The editor may also include such information that he/she deems appropriate.
- Section 11 **BOARD MEMBER (3):** Shall vote on legislation and ISSA business shall also perform such other duties as directed by the President or the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 The membership shall be for the calendar year.
- Section 2 All members who shall have paid their 1997 dues by midnight, December 31, 1996, shall be considered charter members of ISSA.
- Section 3 The specific criteria for membership in ISSA shall be: Signed declaration of intent to associate with ISSA.(application).
- A. Current membership in The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).
- Section 4 All ISSA members agree to abide with these bylaws, the official rules and regulations of AMA, ISSA, and any other safety rules & practices as deemed necessary by the ISSA Safety Officer.
- Section 5 The classes and privileges of membership are:
- A. **General:** For active participants, and non-US residents. This is the only membership class which can hold ISSA office, or has voting privileges. He / She must meet Article VIII; Section 3 requirements.
- B. **Junior / Student:** For active participants under 17 years of age, or carrying a full time class load at the time of acceptance to ISSA. He / She must meet Article VIII; Section 3 requirements.
- C. **Associate:** Non flying participants with only limited access to ISSA functions & activities. An associate member need not meet Article VIII; Section 3 requirements.
- D. **Honorary:** Any individual deemed an interested party to ISSA Bestowed by the President with Board approval. Need not meet Article VIII; Section 3 requirements.

Section 6 Dues shall be payable upon acceptance of application for membership according to the following schedule:

A. MEMBERSHIP CLASS ANNUAL DUES

General \$15.00

Junior / Student \$12.00

Associate \$10.00

Honorary No Dues Required

A. Membership renewal shall be due on or before midnight January 31 of the current year.

B. Dues for new applicants for membership shall be prorated to the nearest whole dollar amount, from the time of acceptance based on the number of months left in the year.

C. Honorary memberships shall be reviewed for continuation / termination by the current Board of ISSA by the end of January of each calendar year.

ARTICLE IX: SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, FINES

Section 1 Any member of ISSA whose activities or actions are deemed detrimental to the best interests of ISSA or R/C soaring is subject to suspension, expulsion, fine or removal from office.

Section 2 Charges believed to warrant disciplinary action will be submitted to the President. The President shall relay such charges, in writing, to the accused.

The accused may either:

1.) Answer the charges in writing to defend themselves to the Board.

2.) Make no response within 15 days, and thereby automatically resign.

1. Formally submit their resignation.

Section 3 The President, must submit the statement of charges and the written defense to Board with specific recommendations for disciplinary action.

With the concurrence of the Board, the President may:

1. Dismiss, all charges.

2. Impose such disciplinary actions as approved by the Board. Authority for such recommendations shall require a 5/9 affirmative vote from the Board.

Section 4 Charges made against the President shall be directed to, and processed by, the Vice-president.

Section 5 Any member accused of acts warranting disciplinary action, shall not sit in on, or vote on, any subsequent action or discussion of that matter before the Board or membership.

- Section 6 Any member or officer currently subject to suspension, expulsion, or fine proceedings, shall be suspended from all ISSA activities, privileges or office until the proceedings are concluded or the fine is paid, and the member is restored to good standing status.
- Section 7 Fines imposed by ISSA shall not exceed \$15.00 per incident.
- Section 8 Fines imposed on ISSA or any ISSA member(s) by an outside entity as the result of members(s) actions shall be the sole responsibility of those member(s).

ARTICLE X: IMPEACHMENT & RESIGNATION

- Section 1 An officer may be removed from office at any time by a 75% vote for impeachment by the eligible voting membership.
- Section 2 Impeachment proceedings may be initiated by any officer, board member or general member in good standing.
- Section 3 To initiate impeachment proceedings, a member shall present a petition for impeachment to the board. The petition shall name the officer to be impeached, the reason for impeachment and the member initiating impeachment proceedings. The petition shall be signed by at least 33% of the eligible voting membership. Each signature shall include the member's printed name and ISSA number. Upon verification of the signatures by the secretary, the President shall call for a vote to impeach and have ballots sent to all eligible members.
- Section 4 Only ballots returned within 30 days of mailing shall be counted.
- Section 5 Any member or officer may resign by submitting written notice to the President and Board. The resignation will be effective as of that date.
- Section 6 The President, with Board approval, will appoint a general member to fill any officer vacancy until a new officer is seated.

ARTICLE XI: ELECTIONS

- Section 1 At the September Board meeting, the President shall appoint a 3 member committee of non Board members to present a slate of willing, and qualified members for nomination for the offices of President, Vice-president, Safety Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshal & Newsletter Editor for the forthcoming year. Any general member seeking office shall contact this committee specifying the office they are seeking and be their name shall be placed in nomination.
- Section 2 At the October Board meeting, the nominating committee shall report and place into nomination their slate of candidates as so directed by the President. The President shall then direct the Secretary to issue a mailing of ballots to all General members in good standing. Ballots shall contain the nominations for each office, and a space for a write in vote for each office. This mailing must be made before the end of October.

Section 3 All ballots returned to ISSA before midnight, December 15 of the current year shall be counted by the Board and the winner of each office shall be determined by whoever receives the most votes. In the case of a tie, a runoff election shall be held. The Secretary shall notify the Board, each new officer elect and the General membership of the results of the election.

ARTICLE XII: MEETINGS

- Section 1 Board meetings shall be held once a month at place, date & time and by a means agreeable to the Board members.
- Section 2 General meetings shall be conducted at a place, date, and time specified by the President.
- Section 3 The President shall announce such meetings at least one month in advance.
- Section 4 The President may call special meetings at his / her discretion, stipulating the time, place and date. He /She must make all reasonable efforts to notify the membership of such meetings in advance.
- Section 5 Any board member who misses 3 consecutive meetings without good cause acceptable to the board, shall be dismissed from the board.
- Section 6 Absentee or Proxy votes will be accepted as long as the ballot or proxy contains at least the following specific information: (one proxy for each voting issue)
- A. The printed name of the eligible voting member.
 - B. The name of the Board member the proxy is granted to.
 - C. The date the proxy is effective.
 - D. The specific voting issue the proxy or absentee ballot covers.
 - E. The vote of the absentee ballot. (for, against, abstain)
 - F. The proxy or ballot must be signed by the member in (A) above.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

- Section 1 ISSA may be dissolved by an affirmative vote of 75% of the entire eligible voting membership.
- Section 2 Any remaining funds after dissolution shall be disbursed to a non profit organization or charity designated by the Board

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 These Bylaws may be altered, amended, deleted or replaced by the affirmative vote of 7/9 of the Board at any general or special meeting.
- Section 2 No prior notice for amendments need be given.

ARTICLE XV: LIST OF OFFICERS

As of December 1997, the Officers and Board of ISSA consists of the following positions and persons;

President: Gary Fogel Field Marshall: Ron Gustin

Vice-president: Rick Briggs Newsletter Editor: Randy Warner

Safety Officer: Stan Sadorf Board Member: Jack Quayle

Secretary: David Hall

Treasurer: Dennis Brandt President Emeritus Rex Powell

ACCEPTED: January 18, 1997

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex A. Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

President, ISSA

ARTICLE XVI: LIST OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. Page 6, Article VIII, Section 5, Paragraph A. January 18,1997. Words "and non-US residents" added to first line to clarify which membership _category foreign applicants should apply for. (Extra fee used to offset mailing costs) Modified 2/22/97**
- 2. Page 5, Article VIII, Section 3, Paragraph C. "Acceptance by vote, of the current Board for Membership in ISSA." Deleted 4/19/97**
- 3. Page 11, Article XV, List of Officers Changed to reflect the current board Modified 12/31/97**