

AUXILIARY MARKING CLUB CONSTITUTION

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Preamble

In pursuit of a shared interest in Auxiliary Markings, we join together to support one another in the study of all philatelic material related to markings found and associated with mail. Through this Association, our increased knowledge leads to greater appreciation and growth of our hobby, education of members and others, and international friendship.

Article I: Name

The name of this club is The Auxiliary Markings Club, hereafter referred to as AMC for the purpose of brevity.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of AMC is to promote the association of auxiliary marking collectors in philatelic activities that are conducive to the members' common growth in knowledge and enjoyment of all aspects of auxiliary marking philately.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Any person of good character is eligible for AMC membership.

Section 2. All members enjoy the same privileges and responsibilities associated with membership in AMC.

Section 3. The membership of AMC is divided into the following Classes:

- a.) Regular Membership: Members paying annual dues in accordance with the Bylaws.
- b.) Youth Membership: Members less than 18 years of age and paying dues in accordance with the Bylaws.
- c.) Honorary Membership: Honorary membership is bestowed on non-members in recognition of their outstanding contribution to auxiliary marking philately. The Executive Board has the authority to consider and bestow this honor upon deserving individuals. Honorary members receive the AMC member publication free.
- d.) Life Members: Life membership including free membership is awarded by the Executive Board to AMC Members who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the club over an extended period of time.

Section 4. Membership status of AMC is divided into the following categories:

- a.) Good Standing: Members are considered in good standing when conducting themselves within the spirit and scope of the purposes of AMC and in financial equilibrium with AMC. Members are considered to be in good standing until the Board determines otherwise, as described in Bylaw B (3).
- b.) Resigned: A resignation must be made in writing (electronic or on paper) to the Secretary. Resignation forfeits all rights, privileges and benefits attached to membership, but it does not cancel financial obligation to AMC incurred during period of regular or reinstated membership. Refund of current year dues, in total or in part, is not permitted.
- c.) Reinstated: A former member in good standing whose membership was terminated by resignation or non-payment of dues, may reinstate membership by payment of current year dues in accordance with the Bylaws.
- d.) Dropped: A member who fails to pay their dues for a year is dropped from the membership rolls, as described in Bylaw B(3)a.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The officers of AMC are President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer (or separate Secretary and Treasurer), and three Directors. The officers perform the duties as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2. In the event the President leaves office because of resignation, incapacity, or removal by the Executive Board, the current Vice-President automatically becomes President and a new Vice-President is appointed in accord with Bylaw C (5).

Section 3. The officers are elected by ballot for three years, or until their successors are elected. With the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, no officer is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. An officer who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term in the office for the purposes of this provision.

Section 4. Any Regular or Life Member in good standing is eligible for an office.

Article V: Executive Board

Section 1. The AMC Executive Board is composed of the elected officers, the immediate past President (defined as a President who has served at least

one year and who has not resigned during the second year in office), the Editor of *Auxiliary Markings*, and the AMC webmaster.

Section 2. The President presides over the Executive Board which operates on the basis of its own rules unless specified otherwise in the Constitution or Bylaws. If there is an internal disagreement, the procedures of Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.

Section 3. The Executive Board has full authority to do all things necessary for and incident to the proper execution of the provisions of this Constitution and its Bylaws.

Section 4. The Executive Board is at all times to be responsive to ideas, criticisms and suggestions made by the Membership, in the best interest and general welfare of AMC.

Article VI: Elections

Elections are held triennially under the provisions of the Bylaws. Newly elected officers take office on Jan. 1 of the year following the election.

Article VII: Committees

Section 1. The President, in consultation with the Executive Board, appoints such standing and temporary committees as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the AMC and to assist in implementing the policies and directives of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Committee appointments are made for a period to be determined by the President, but not for more than his or her term of office. Chairs and/or committee members may be dismissed at the direction of the President, subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Article VIII: Publication

Section 1. The official journal of the AMC is *Auxiliary Markings*, which shall be published throughout the year on a regular basis, and shall be distributed to all members of the AMC. All official notices of the AMC are published in this journal.

Section 2. The President appoints the Editor of *Auxiliary Markings* for a three-year term which may be renewed for additional three-year terms without limit, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Editor is subject to the provisions of Bylaw C(5).

Section 3. The official journal strives to fulfill the purposes of the AMC in the material selected for publication.

Article IX: Local Branches

Section 1. Local branches may be established by the Executive Board in response to a written request by the proposed Branch to that effect signed by at least five AMC members in good standing.

Section 2. Local branches may elect their own officers and appoint their own committees; may assess their own dues; may collect and manage their own funds and make rules for their governance, provided that all of their acts and rules are consistent with this Constitution and its Bylaws.

Article X: Awards

Section 1. The Executive Board may establish awards.

Article XI: Amendment

Section 1. Any individual member in good standing may submit proposed amendments in writing (electronic or on paper) to the Executive Board for consideration. An affirmative majority vote of the Executive Board on the proposed amendment requires it to be submitted to the membership for a vote in the first available *Auxiliary Markings*.

Section 2. An amendment submitted in writing (electronic or on paper) to the Executive Board supported by at least ten percent (10%) of the membership must be submitted to the membership for a vote in the first available *Auxiliary Markings*.

Section 3. Amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the members voting for adoption. Amendments to the Bylaws require a simple majority of the members voting for adoption.

Article XII: Dissolution

Section 1. In the event dissolution of AMC is approved by the membership, any surplus money or property remaining after paying or providing for all liabilities of the Club, shall be distributed to the American Philatelic Research Library, designated for Acquisitions, or to their successors and assigns, to be determined by the Executive Board.

Approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board: TBD

Approved by a majority vote of the general membership: TBD