

AUXILIARY MARKING CLUB CONSTITUTION

Preamble

In pursuit of a like goal, we, Auxiliary Marking Collectors all, 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 a greater enjoyment of our hobby, education of members and other collectors, and friendship across the diverse regions of the world.

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 interested in philately is eligible for membership in AMC.

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 established in recognition of outstanding contribution to auxiliary marking philately. The Executive Board has the authority to consider and bestow this honor upon deserving individuals. Honorary members pay no dues, do not vote, and may not serve in elective office. Honorary members receive the AMC member publication free.

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 purpose 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), or the member fails to pay dues.

- b.) Resigned: A resignation must be made in writing 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 dues, in total or in part, is not allowed.
- 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 dues in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article IV: Officers

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

Section 2. The officers are elected by ballot for two 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.

Section 3. Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible for an office.

Article V: Executive Board

Section 1. 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 current officers of the AMC constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The President presides over the Executive Board.

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 biennially in odd numbered years under the provisions of the Bylaws.

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 purpose of 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 two years. Committee appointments expire at the completion of the President's term of office, but 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 AMC. All official notices of AMC are published in this journal.

Section 2. The President appoints the Editor of Auxiliary Markings for a two year term, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Editor is subject to the provisions of Bylaw C, Paragraph 4.

Section 3. The official journal strives to fulfill the purpose of AMC in the material selected for publication. While drawing attention to questionable postal emission, no directives concerning what or what not to collect are made.

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: Honor Role

Section 1. An Honor Role is established to recognize outstanding achievements and service to the club by AMC members. It will be maintained by the AMC society.

Section 2. Any member in good standing may submit members' names for Honor Roll to be considered by the Executive Board.

Article XI: Amendment

Section 1. Any member in good standing may submit proposed amendments, in writing, 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 adoption or rejection.

Section 2. An amendment submitted to the Executive Board with at least ten percent (10%) of the good standing membership in affirmative petition must be brought before the membership for adoption or rejection.

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

Section 4. Proposed amendments appear with the biennial ballot unless sufficiently urgent, as determined by the Executive Board, to require a special vote.

Article XII: Dissolution

Section 1. In the event of 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 general membership as reported by N. Clark in *Auxiliary Markings*, Vol. II, No.4. Oct. 2005.