
Bylaws
of
The Coast Guard Cuttermen
Association

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ARTICLE I

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be "The Coast Guard Cutterman's Association," a not for profit, tax exempt, 501 C 3 entity.

ARTICLE II

Objectives and Purpose

Section 1.

1. To actively contribute to the continuation and preservation of the history of Coast Guard Cuttermen and the recognition thereof.
2. To support the goals and advancement of Coast Guard Cuttermen and to promote the Cutter Fleet internally and external to the service.
3. To maintain an informational liaison between present and past Coast Guard Cuttermen and the operational fleet.
4. To promote Interaction and camaraderie between all Coast Guard Cuttermen and supporters of the Coast Guard's cutter fleet through periodic gatherings, fraternal in nature, both national and regional in scope.
5. To provide an organizational common link for all past and present Cuttermen for the purpose of strengthening the afloat community for present and future Cuttermen.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1.

Regular membership: All former and present members of the U.S. Coast Guard who have served on U.S. Coast Guard cutters under official orders and have earned a temporary Cuttermen's pin are eligible for regular membership. Regular membership shall also include designated persons of other military services and foreign governments who have sailed on Coast Guard cutters while involved in exchange programs between the Coast Guard and their respective service or government.

Section 2.

Associate membership: shall be extended to persons who, in the opinion of the

Executive Board, are supportive of the interests and goals of Coast Guard Cuttermen and promote the interest of the Coast Guard cutter fleet.

Section 3.

The qualification for membership for any others not provided for in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 4.

Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person designated by the Executive Board that demonstrates the exceptional qualities of a Coast Guard Cutterman and is deemed suitable to carry the title. No dues shall be assessed honorary members.

Section 5.

Only regular members current with membership dues are entitled to vote. Only regular members may propose changes to the By-laws or to other matters affecting the conduct of the organization. The Office of the President and Vice President must be filled by a regular member.

Section 6.

Annual dues, in the amount approved by the Board of Directors, will be assessed each member, regular and associate, on 1 July of each year. If a member's dues are in arrears by 31 December of the year, the member's name will be dropped from the mailing list. Reinstatement may be accomplished once payment of dues is reestablished.

Section 7.

Life membership will be conferred upon any regular or associate member paying the required Life Membership fee in the amount approved by the Board of Directors. No subsequent dues will be assessed after payment of this fee.

ARTICLE IV

The Executive Board of Directors

Section 1.

The elected officers of the organization shall be President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office shall be two years. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined during any two year tenure of the

Executive Board.

1. The President shall exercise supervision over all affairs of the organization, call all meetings of the Executive Board and be presiding officer at all regular or special meetings and national conventions.
2. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, act in his capacity. He shall carry out such duties as may be assigned by the President.
3. The Secretary shall provide for the keeping of minutes of all proceedings of the members and the Board of Directors. He/She shall conduct the administrative functions of the organization as directed by the Executive Board and keep record of all such matters and relating correspondence. The Secretary shall: maintain a current roster of members and issue membership cards; ensure the timely publication of Association information as appropriate; ensure communication with members and chapters with respect to general information and materials for inclusion in the newsletter; and perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.
4. The Treasurer shall; maintain the fiscal records of the organization, collect dues, handle banking and investment transactions, and make financial reports as required; publish the financial condition of the organization annually to the full membership; and perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 2.

The President shall have the authority to appoint additional board members deemed necessary to provide effective and timely implementation of the objectives and purposes of the Association. The appointees will serve at the discretion of the President. Term of office will normally coincide with the terms of the elected officers.

The appointed board members may include, but are but not limited to:

1. The Vice President of the History Committee shall exercise supervision of historical research and archival procedures. He/she shall be pro-active in developing programs and procedures that effectively contribute to the enlargement and perpetuation of the history of Coast Guard Cuttermen and the recognition thereof, both internally and in areas external to the service.
2. The Vice President of the Communications Committee shall be responsible for the formulation and implementation of the organization internal communications, external communications and the distribution of all pertinent information.
3. The Vice President Museums, Restorations and Artifacts shall maintain and develop relationships with such institutions and facilities capable of preserving and exhibiting Cutters and artifacts that will contribute to the preservation of the history of Coast Guard Cutters and Cuttermen. He/she will actively seek out Cutters, artifacts and material of historical significance. He/she will be proactive in the restoration and display

of acquired Cutters and artifacts

4. The Vice President of the Sponsors, Donors and Benefactors Committee shall formulate and sustain individual and corporate contributions and support for worthwhile projects and programs that further the objectives and purposes of the organization.

5. The Vice President of the Annual Convention Committee shall be responsible for and supervise the site selection, agenda, planning activities, and lodging and food selection. He/she will maintain liaison with the sponsoring Afloat units or other agency to ensure adequate staffing and administration is available from the sponsoring agency. Liaison with Coast Guard Headquarters and other appropriate Coast Guard entities will also be initiated and maintained.

6. The Member At Large is a person well versed in current Coast Guard Cuttermen activities that shall carry out such duties as may be assigned by the President.

7. The Association Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the editing and publication of the association's periodic news letter. He/she shall also make extensive use of other publications to promote the Coast Guard and the Cuttermen Association.

8. The Association Historian shall be responsible for obtaining and the recording of historical data applicable to Coast Guard Cutters and Cuttermen. He/she shall maintain an active liaison and working relationship with Coast Guard Headquarters and Area Historians. He/she shall maintain an active working relationship with the Vice President of History. The Association Historian is responsible for maintaining a historical record of the association.

9. The Gold Ancient Mariner of the US Coast Guard, a Coast Guard Cutterman, will serve as an Official liaison to the Cuttermen's association. (He/she is non- voting member.)

10. The Silver Ancient Mariner of the US Coast Guard, an Enlisted Coast Guard Cutterman, will serve as an Official liaison to the Cuttermen's association. (He/she is non- voting member.)

Section 3.

The Executive Board shall have the power to transact general business of the organization, and shall arrange and control its affairs. The Executive Board shall incur no indebtedness in excess of its existing funds.

Section 4.

The President shall require that an annual audit be made of the organization's fiscal accounts and records.

Section 5.

The Executive Board is authorized to make periodic monetary donations of available funds from the treasury to any suitable purpose approved by the Executive Board in the amount deemed feasible by fiscal operating conditions.

ARTICLE V

Section 1.

The organization may have a Senior Policy Advisory Committee, appointed by the President, to serve for the same term as the Executive Board. The function of the Senior Advisory Committee is to advise the Executive Board in matters of policy and to provide aid and assistance in the pursuance of the Association's objectives and purposes.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1.

Upon application to the President and subject to the approval of the Executive Board, there shall be authorized the formation of affiliated chapters of the organization. Approved chapters shall be local in nature and operated under guidelines promulgated by the Executive Board.

Section 2.

The loyalty and support of the chapter members must remain primarily with the parent organization. Any dues or assessment required by affiliated chapters shall be in addition to those of the parent organization.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1.

The organization shall hold an annual convention which may be in the form of a regular or special meeting. The place and time of the convention shall be prescribed by the Executive Board in accordance with the requirements specified in the ensuing sections of this Article.

Section 2.

The selection of convention sites will, as far as practical, be rotated annually to different continental geographical locations so as to provide maximum opportunity for members in all localities to attend. This rotation is desired in, but is not bound to, the following geographical order: West, South, East, and Central. Locations outside of continental United States in corresponding geographical areas may also be considered.

Section 3.

Members at specific sites in pending geographical areas of selection who wish to host the convention should normally present a proposal at the business meeting of the prior convention for approval at that time. This proposal may be presented by a member of the requesting host unit or may be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for presentation at the meeting. Submission of proposals may be made by non-members representing responsible authority of Coast Guard units.

Section 4.

Proposals for hosting future conventions at specific sites are not limited to the ensuing convention, but may be made for subsequent future conventions in the appropriate areas of rotation.

Section 5.

Selection of future convention locations will be made by majority approval of the attendees at the annual business meeting. In the event that no majority approval can be reached at that meeting, the Executive Board will select the location of the convention for the subsequent year only. Proposals beyond the subsequent convention will be considered at the next annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall propose a slate of nominees for office of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer prior to the annual Convention on odd-numbered years and a new Executive Board will be elected at that convention. Absentee ballots are acceptable at the Convention. This Board will serve for a period of time that encompasses two National Conventions. Should there not be a convention held when a change of officers is due, an election will be held by mail-in vote. An officer may succeed himself or be elected to another office.

Section 2.

If the office of President should be vacated at any time during the elected tenure of office, the Vice-President will assume the office of President. Vacancies in any of the other offices with less than one year of tenure remaining will be filled at the ensuing election, as stipulated in Section 1 of this Article. If more than one year of tenure remains at the time of vacancy, a special election to fill the office shall be held at the time of assessment of annual dues.

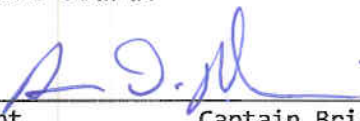
ARTICLE IX

A motion to submit an amendment for approval by the total membership may be tendered by addressing it to the Executive Board. A resolution within the Executive Board of Directors will need to be approved by a two thirds majority of the Board members present. Upon approval by the Board the proposed amendment will be transmitted to the membership in written form for vote and will require three fourths majority to pass. The ballot shall be returned by a date certain approved by the Executive Board. The amendment will require the approval of a majority of those regular members responding. The By-laws may be amended by a majority of regular members in session at a National Convention.

ARTICLE X

Upon the eventual dissolution of the organization by reason of having less than ten members remaining, or for any other reason, the assets of the organization, property, records and monies shall be donated as deemed appropriate by the remaining members.

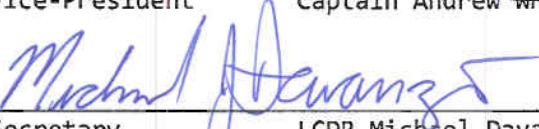
Executive Board:




President Captain Brian Perkins 14 Apr 2010
Date



Vice-President Captain Andrew White 13 APR 2010
Date



Secretary LCDR Michael Davanzo 14 APR 2010
Date



Treasurer John Baker, CWO, USCG, Retired 14 APR 2010
Date

Cutterman Association Plankowners:



CDR Kevin Wirth 14 APR 2010
Date



CDR Greg Tlapa 14 APR 2010
Date

Holly Harrison 14 APR 2010
LCDR Holly Harrison Date

Rusty Dash 14 APR 2010
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Greg Daughtry 14 APR 2010
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Mike Ferbee 14 APR 2010
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Christopher B Tuckey 15 APR 2010
LT Chris Tuckey Date

Reyna Hernandez 14 APR 2010
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Greg DELLA ROCCO 14 APR 2010
MCPO Greg. "ROC" DELLA ROCCO Date

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