

**CONSTITUTION
ALASKA RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INC.**

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the *Alaska Radio Control Society, Inc.*, hereafter referred to as "ARCS."

Section 2 - Purpose

ARCS is a private organization dedicated to encouraging model aviation, including but not limited to the design, construction, and operation of radio-controlled model aircraft.

ARTICLE II: General Provisions

Section 1 - Authority

ARCS operates as a private organization on premises provided by a host venue, with permission from local authorities. It is sustained through member participation and is not associated with any member's employment. ARCS functions are subject to compliance with local directives and venue policies.

Section 2 - Objectives

To maintain consistency of purpose, ARCS will establish annual goals and objectives, reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. These objectives will be presented to members at the January meeting for approval.

Section 3 - Liabilities

- **Obligation:** ARCS is incorporated under the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act, with liabilities limited to the corporation, not individual members. Obligations undertaken must benefit ARCS exclusively. Any member incurring obligations without prior approval will be personally liable.
- **Insolvency:** In the event of insolvency, liabilities will be managed in accordance with Alaska corporate law.

Section 4 - Employment

ARCS does not discriminate in employment or membership on the basis of race, color, marital status, age, creed, national origin, political affiliation, labor organization membership, sex, or physical handicap.

Section 5 - Compliance

ARCS will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws governing similar civilian activities.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1 - Qualifications

Membership is open to all individuals interested in radio-controlled model aircraft, provided they meet the requirements outlined in the bylaws.

Section 2 - Types of Membership

Membership Types:

- **Regular Membership:** Active membership, granting voting rights, participation in ARCS activities, and full access to ARCS facilities. Regular members must maintain current AMA membership.
- **Junior Membership:** Active membership, granting voting rights, participation in ARCS activities, and full access to ARCS facilities. Junior members must maintain current AMA membership and be supervised by parent or sponsor.
- **Associate Membership:** Available to spouses, parents, or children of regular members who do not actively participate in ARCS flying activities. Associate members are non-voting.
- **Limited Membership:** Short-term membership for those visiting for up to 30 days. Limited members are non-voting.
- **Honorary Membership:** Non-voting membership awarded at the discretion of the club for recognition purposes. Honorary members do not actively participate in ARCS activities.
- **Grandfathered Lifetime Membership:** Lifetime memberships are no longer offered. However, existing lifetime members retain all privileges originally granted, including full voting rights and participation in ARCS activities.

Section 3 - Fees and Dues

Membership dues will be outlined in the bylaws, and collected funds will support ARCS activities.

Section 4 - Application for Membership

Membership is open to individuals meeting the requirements in Article III, Section 1.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section 1 - Description

ARCS is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of four elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- **President:** Enforces the Constitution, presides over meetings, represents ARCS, and may act as Treasurer in their absence.
- **Vice-President:** Assumes Presidential duties when absent.
- **Treasurer:** Manages funds, keeps records, reports on finances, and co-signs checks. An audit will be conducted upon a new Treasurer's term.

- **Secretary:** Records minutes, distributes documents, and ensures access to ARCS governing documents.
- **Safety Officer** The Safety Officer shall be appointed by the board of directors and shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with AMA safety standards during all club activities. The Safety Officer shall work closely with members to promote a culture of safety and address any concerns related to operational hazards. This position shall serve as a resource for safety training and incident prevention.

Section 2 - Elections

- Elections occur in November, with terms beginning December. Absentee ballots are accepted, and the President may appoint interim officers if needed.

Section 3 - Removal of Officers

- Officers may be removed by a two-thirds membership vote for misconduct or may submit a written resignation.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

Section 1 - Types of Meetings

- **General Membership Meetings:** Held monthly.
- **Special Meetings:** Called by the President as necessary.

Section 2 - Quorum

Seven members, including at least one officer, constitute a quorum.

Section 3 - Scheduling

Meeting schedules will be communicated via appropriate channels.

Section 4 - Procedures

Meetings follow *Robert's Rules of Order*. Agendas include introductions, reports, old/new business, and adjournment.

ARTICLE VI: Voting

Section 1 - Voting Rights

Voting privileges are granted to regular and grandfathered lifetime members. The President votes only to break a tie. A simple majority is required to pass most motions, while amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority.

ARTICLE VII: Committees

Section 1 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors ensures compliance with the Constitution, reviews the charter, and oversees elections. The four officers of the ARCS, with the President acting as Chairperson, will compose the body of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Special Committees

Special committees may be appointed for specific events or projects.

ARTICLE VIII: Fundraising Activities

Fundraising projects require a membership vote and coordination with relevant authorities.

ARTICLE IX: Accounting

Section 1 - Financial Management

ARCS is responsible for all financial matters.

Section 2 - Financial Reporting

The Treasurer provides monthly financial updates.

Section 3 - Audits

An audit is required with the transition of Treasurer roles.

Section 4 - Financial Independence

ARCS must remain financially self-sustaining.

Section 5 - Expenditures

All checks require the Treasurer's or designated officer's signature.

ARTICLE X: Revisions and Amendments

Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority approval at a membership meeting and become effective upon the President's signature.

ARTICLE XI: Dissolution

Upon dissolution, funds will cover outstanding obligations, with remaining assets being donated to another organization with a similar mission.

ARTICLE XII: Insurance Coverage

All members must carry liability insurance through active Academy of Model Aeronautics membership.

ARTICLE XIII: Annual Review

An annual review of the Constitution and bylaws will ensure ARCS compliance with all documentation requirements.