

Anderson Island Irregulars

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I. Name

1. The name of this association shall be the Anderson Island Irregulars, Inc. (“AII”, “Association”).

II. Purposes

1. The purposes of the Association shall be to assist and support the cause of sail education, and in particular the sail education programs of the Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc.

III. Membership

1. There shall be two types of membership: Supporting Member, and Open Water Member. The Supporting-level membership provides a means for those members to offer financial support to the Mystic Seaport sail education programs. The Open Water Member provides the means for those members, in addition to supporting the Mystic Seaport sail education programs, to also participate in the AII Open Water Program.

2. Supporting Members are those who support the purposes of the Association; have made an annual financial contribution in the prior twelve months to the Association that meets the guidelines for Supporting Member-level donations set by the consensus of all members at the Annual Meeting; and either attend the Annual Meeting or notify the members via their officers in writing of their wish to be a member.

3. Open Water Members are those who support the purposes of the Association; have made an annual financial contribution and semi-annual volunteer service contributions in the prior twelve months to the Association that meet the guidelines for Open Water Member-level donations set by the consensus of all Open Water members at the Annual Meeting; and either attend the Annual Meeting or notify the members via their officers in writing of their wish to be a member.

4. The term of membership shall be the interval between dates of Annual Meetings.

IV. Officers

1. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of Dyer Maintenance, Chair of Development, and Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Membership.

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2. All officers shall be elected by those present at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be the interval between dates of the Annual Meetings.
3. No officer shall serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms, with the exception of Treasurer, whose term may be renewed up to four times.
4. If a vacancy in an office occurs between Annual Meetings, the remaining Officers shall elect a Member to that office for the balance of the term of office.
5. The standing committees of the Association shall include, but not be limited to, a Committee on Nominations and Membership, and an Executive Committee, composed of Officers as listed in Section IV, item 1. Other standing committees may be established by vote of the Members at the Annual Meeting. Special committees may be appointed at any time by the Executive Committee. Standing and special committees will meet as their own membership determines.
6. In the event that an officer of the Association fails to fulfill the responsibilities of the office, the Executive Committee may, by a vote of all other Executive Committee members, declare an acting officer for the balance of his/her term of office with any other active member.

V. Meetings

1. The principle meeting of the Association shall be the Annual Meeting, which shall take place in Mystic during the month of May, on a date set by the Executive Committee and duly announced to the members. Other meetings may also be held as the Executive Committee deems necessary, or upon written petition to the Executive Committee by fifteen or more Members.
2. Meetings shall be announced at least four weeks in advance by mailed notice to all Members. This notice shall include an agenda of items to be discussed and/or voted on at the meeting, including the names of candidates for office to be presented by the Committee on Nominations and Membership. Notice of meeting and agendas shall be developed and presented by the Executive Committee.
3. In all meetings, agenda items and lists of candidates presented by the Executive Committee may be amended or supplemented by vote of those present.
4. The President of the Association, or in his/her absence, the Vice President, shall conduct the Annual Meeting and other general meetings of Members.
5. Meetings of the Association will be governed by parliamentary practice as defined by "Roberts Rules of Order".

VI. Voting Power

1. Regarding matters of AII's support of the Mystic Seaport sail education program, each Member of the Association shall have one vote. Votes may not be assigned or delegated by proxy.
2. Regarding matters of AII's Open Water program, only Open Water Members will vote on Open Water matters. The Executive Committee will determine whether something is an Open

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Water matter. Each Open Water Member of the Association shall have one vote. Votes may not be assigned or delegated by proxy.

VII. Quorum

1. A quorum for the Annual Meeting and other general meetings of the members shall be defined as at least fifteen Active Individual Members present and voting, including a quorum of the Executive Committee. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be defined as three officers present and voting.

VIII. Finances

1. The operations of the Association shall be supported by annual donations from all members and by such gifts or other revenues as may be received. The intended uses of monies received by the Association shall be determined by the Members at the Annual Meeting or at other meetings of the general membership. The Treasurer at each Annual Meeting shall present records of financial operations and a report on the financial status of the Association to members.

2. The fiscal year shall be from May 1 to April 30.

3. The Executive Committee may vote to release funds for the everyday operating expenses of the Association, including but not limited to stamps, copy paper, PO Box fee, and refreshments for meetings of the membership.

IX. Amendments to By-Laws

1. The Association may be dissolved by vote of the Members or if the list of membership falls below fifteen (15) paid members for two (2) successive Annual Meetings.

2. In the event of dissolution of the Association, the Executive Committee shall transfer the assets of the Association to the Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc., for use in accordance with the stated purposes of the Association.

Adopted January 24, 1993

Revised, Annual Meeting, November 20, 1994

Revised, Annual Meeting,

May 19, 1996

Revised, Annual Meeting,

June 22, 2002

Revised, Meeting to vote whether to revise the Association's scope to include an Open Water Program,

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