

# BY-LAWS of the Grand Strand Scale Modelers

## ARTICLE I - NAME & PURPOSE

The name of the organization shall Grand Strand Scale Modelers. Grand Strand Scale Modelers was founded in 2018. For the remainder of this document, Grand Strand Scale Modelers will be referred to as the “Club”

### **Purpose of the Club**

- To stimulate interest in Scale Modeling
- To share information about Scale Modeling
- To improve members’ scale modeling skills through discussion, critiques, exhibitions, field trips, and other means.

## ARTICLE II - OFFICERS & GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The Board is the Governing Authority of the club and shall be composed of elected officers and appointees with voting rights.

The Board shall oversee all aspects of any exhibit which is sponsored by the club. This shall include, but not be limited to, interface with the exhibition venue, advertising, logistics, and record keeping. The Board shall collaborate with the club Treasurer to coordinate any financial aspects of the exhibit.

**Section 1:** Elected Officers must be active members of IPMS-USA.

The **President** shall preside at all meetings, maintain parliamentary order, call special meetings, appoint all committees, and delegate members to represent the Club at other functions. The President shall have the option of serving on any committee.

The **Vice-President** (*Incorporating Newsletter Editor & Secretary*) shall assume the office of the President in case of a vacancy for any cause and shall assume the duties of the President in case of the absence or the disability of the President. The Vice President shall oversee all aspects of meeting critiques and presentations including designating critique subjects and soliciting presentations.

The **Secretary** shall assume the duties of the President in the case of the temporary absence of both President and Vice President. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the minutes and attendance of each meeting and present it to the Newsletter Editor within two weeks after each meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to have a copy of the By-Laws with all amendments thereto available at every meeting. The Secretary shall be responsible for all secretarial duties connected with the affairs of the Club and shall serve as custodian of all records. (*This position can be held by a separate individual or any of the above positions in a dual role.*)

**Section 2: Appointees (with Voting rights)** Only active members shall serve in these positions. Appointments for these positions shall be made by the Elected Officers.

The **Treasurer** The Treasurer, with the President of the Club as account signatories, shall have charge of all the financial affairs of the Club. The Treasurer shall submit to the membership, at the meeting in January, the annual report on the financial condition of the Club. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies; however, the expenditure of three hundred dollars (\$300) or more shall be only with the approval of the Board after a proposal for an expenditure is made. The Treasurer will maintain the club membership roster and have a membership listing available at each club meeting so that members may check the status of their membership. The club membership roster (members name, e-mail address and phone number) shall be distributed as necessary to active members.

The **Webmaster** shall maintain the Club website. It is agreed that this will be an unpaid voluntary position. Costs associated with website hosting and domain fees will be paid directly by the Treasurer using a preferred payment method from the club bank account.

**Section 3: Appointees (without Voting rights)** Only active members shall serve in these positions.

The **Newsletter Editor** shall prepare the club newsletter monthly, E-mail it to the Membership, and forward it to the Webmaster for online publication. *This position can be held by a separate individual or any of the above positions in a dual role.*

**Section 4: Removal from Office**

A member of the Board may be removed from office or appointment for conduct detrimental to the good of the organization or non-performance of duties by (a) request to resign or (b) a two-thirds majority, of all the Board Members.

**Section 5: Length of Term**

Each elected term shall be for two years beginning January 1st and ending December 31st of the second year. (i.e., Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2019)

**Section 6: Temporary Absence of an Officer**

In the temporary absence of any Officer, the Board shall appoint an interim replacement until the next election.

**ARTICLE III - ELECTIONS**

**Section 1: General Elections**

A general election of officers shall be held in November of even-numbered years for the following two years. Only active members are eligible to hold elected office.

In **October** of the election year, nominations for any of the available board positions will be taken from the membership.

In **November** of the election year, voting will be by hand count with the nominees absent from the room. Results will be announced at the **December** meeting.

**Section 2: Special Elections:**

In the event of a permanent vacancy in an elected office, the Board may, at its discretion, hold a special election.

**ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1: Eligibility**

Any person who is interested in scale modeling shall be eligible for membership in this Club.

**Section 2: Membership Year**

The membership year shall be for a period of 1 year (12 months) and is renewable on the anniversary of the last renewal/join date.

**Section 3: Types of Membership**

The members of this Club shall be classified as Active or Honorary Members.

Active members shall be those persons who pay their annual dues. If a member's dues lapse for a period of 3 months following the renewal date, they will be considered Inactive members and be removed from the club roster.

Honorary members shall be elected by a unanimous vote of the club Board from those individuals who have contributed greatly to the improvement of the Club, or the advancement of scale modeling

#### **Section 4: Termination of Membership**

A member may be expelled from the Club by the Board for conduct detrimental to the good of the organization by a two-thirds majority vote. This action is to be taken only after the individual has been notified that his membership is in question.

#### **Section 5: Resignation of Membership**

Notice of resignation of membership shall be given to the Treasurer of the Club.

### **ARTICLE V - FINANCING**

#### **Section 1: Annual Dues**

The Board shall establish the annual dues.

#### **Section 2: Other Funding**

Funding is also accrued via proceeds from activities related to the purpose of the club.

### **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1: Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the third Saturday of each month. Any regular date may be changed or canceled at the discretion of the club Board. Any change will be posted on the club website.

#### **Section 2: Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President for any purpose deemed necessary for the needs of the club.

#### **Section 3: Board Meetings**

Board meetings shall be held twice each year, or more frequently as necessary, at the discretion of the Board. Board meetings are open to the active membership.

### **ARTICLE VII - ACTIVITIES**

The club may participate in or sponsor activities that are of interest to the membership.

### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

A proposed amendment to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary, who shall enter it into the minutes. The proposed Amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board.

### **ARTICLE IX - INSURANCE**

If necessary, the Board may obtain insurance commensurate with the risks involved.

### **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION**

This organization may be dissolved by request of two-thirds or more of the active membership in the form of a signed petition. Upon dissolution, all funds over liabilities and expenses shall be donated to an organization decided upon by two-thirds of the active members.

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