

BY-LAWS of the NATIONAL SONAR ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I: NAME & MISSION

Section A: Name — the name of the organization is The National Sonar Association and may be referred to as the NSA.

Section B: Mission — as an association of soundmen, sonarmen, sonar technicians, and others interested in sonar; the mission of the National Sonar Association shall be as follows.

To maintain communications and inter-personal relations between members in order to promote a strong sense of pride and camaraderie.

To publicize the evolution and history of sonar, and the significant contributions of sonar and sonar personnel to the Navy's sustained state of peacetime readiness and battle effectiveness.

To sponsor a means of recognizing superior performance by the men and women of the sonar rate, when such performance is brought to the attention of the Association.

To offer our services and resources, as feasible, to naval commands and community organizations that wish to enter into cooperative ventures that are for the good of the Naval service and the general public.

To periodically meet together in a social setting to further new and old friendships, share experiences, and strengthen our bonds.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section A: Eligibility - Membership shall be open to sonarmen, sonar techs and others who had, at one time or another, their own involvement in sonar, whether Navy, Coast Guard or as a civilian.

Section B: Membership dues — the annual dues fee shall be established by the attending membership at the annual NSA reunion meeting and approved by a quorum of those members in attendance.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section A: Officers - The executive officers shall consist of an elected president, an elected vice-president, an appointed secretary, and an appointed treasurer. An additional five appointed officers known as directors, shall consist of a reunion coordinator, a web master, a technical director and two additional directors chosen at large from the membership.

Section B: Eligibility - Officers must have a paid-up membership and have been a member of the NSA for at least two years. Officers must attend the annual reunion meeting or appoint one of the directors as a proxy.

Section C: Election - The president and vice-president shall be duly elected by a quorum of the NSA membership attending the annual NSA reunion meeting.

Section D: Term - All officers shall serve for a period of one year with their term of office beginning at the conclusion of the annual NSA reunion meeting. There are no established limits to the number of terms served.

Section E: Vacancy - If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the vice president shall assume the office for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in any other office shall be filled by an appointment that has been confirmed by a majority of the officers.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A: President - It shall be the duty of the president to:

- Preside at meetings
- Vote only in case of a tie.
- Represent the organization.
- Appoint committees and chairpersons subject to the approval of the officers.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section B: Vice-President - It shall be the duty of the vice-president to:

- Preside in the absence of the president and to assist as requested by the president.

(Duties of Officers –Continued)

Section C: Secretary - It shall be the duty of the secretary to:

- Record the minutes of all meetings.
- Keep a file of the organization's records.
- Maintain a current roster of membership.
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the organization.

Section D: Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the treasurer to:

- Receive all funds and process: deposits, requests and payment, and officer signature forms.
- Keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures and make reports as directed.

Section E: Director - It shall be the duty of each director to:

- Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs of the NSA.
- Attend the general meetings.
- Be prepared to assist the executive officers and if requested stand-in proxy at the annual NSA reunion meeting or other meetings.
- Provide direction in the area of parliamentary procedure, meeting facilitation, group-building, goal setting and program planning.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section A: General Meeting - The general meeting will be held during the annual NSA reunion.

Section B: Special Meetings - Special meetings may be called by the president with the approval of the officers.

Section C: Quorum - A quorum shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the attending membership at the general meeting of the annual NSA reunion and other meetings.

Section D: Parliamentary authority - Robert's Rules of Orders, shall govern the NSA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section A: Committees – The president shall have the authority to appoint committees, with the approval of the executive officers, from time to time as need demands.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section A: Selection - These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the officers.

Section B: Notice - All officers shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least thirty days (30) prior to the date the voting will be closed.

Section C: Life memberships and trial memberships have been discontinued. However, current life members are grandfathered for life.