

BY-LAWS OF  
ARMS COLLECTORS OF SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

ARTICLE I

1. The president shall be the Chief Executive of the organization. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his office, and he shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the President, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep records and minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and members. He shall sign and keep all records of all certificates of membership. He shall keep accurate records in permanent form of all business transactions and shall perform such other duties as may be described from time to time by the Board of Directors. All papers and reports shall by him be delivered to the Board of Directors upon demand.

As Treasurer, the Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all moneys owing to the organization; he shall deposit such moneys in the manner hereinafter prescribed; he shall annually account for the same to the organization, and at other times as requested by the Board of Directors. Upon his retirement from office he shall turn over to his successor all funds in his possession belonging to the organization.

4. It shall be the duty of the Master-At-Arms to carry out the orders of the presiding officer, to ascertain that only members or guests vouched for by members shall be present at meetings of the organization and to perform such further duties as the President shall assign to him. The Master-At-Arms may at his option select an assistant. The permanent status and salary of any assistant Master-At-Arms, however, shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Master-At-Arms and his assistant shall be permitted to carry loaded firearms.

5. Any officer or member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon the filing of a written charge against said officer or member of the Board of Directors, signed by five members in good standing of the organization and filed with the Board of Directors. Said charge shall be heard at any annual, regular, or special meeting called for such purpose. If two-thirds of the membership present at any of the said meetings, at which there shall be a quorum, shall vote sustaining said charges, the office of said officer or member of the Board of Directors so charged shall be deemed vacant, and the membership shall forthwith proceed to elect an officer or member of the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of the officer or member of the Board of Directors so removed.

A member of this organization may be expelled from membership in the same manner in which an officer or member of the Board of Directors may be expelled from office.

The board of Directors may declare vacant any club office or directorship if that club officer or director has missed three consecutive regular meetings. It shall do likewise if petitioned to do so by 5 members in good standing. If an office is so deemed vacant the membership shall forthwith proceed to elect an officer or director to fill the vacant position. The former officer shall not be disqualified from running for his former office if removed in this manner.

6. All funds of the organization shall be deposited by the Secretary-Treasurer or upon his order, in the name of the association, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

7. All disbursements shall be by check, signed and countersigned by such persons as the Board of Directors may designate.

8. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Master-At-Arms and Three Directors, all of whom shall serve for one year and who shall be elected at the annual January meeting of each year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be paid fifty dollars \$50.00 per month and the Master-At-Arms shall be paid thirty five dollars \$35.00 per month. These salaries are subject to revision every three months by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to set the time and place of the regular monthly meeting, set club policies not covered in these By-Laws, and approve all club expenditures they deem necessary for the orderly transaction of club business. The Board of Directors shall review and approve all applications for membership.

All regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the general membership. Any clubmember wishing to speak on any proposal before the board, or submit a proposal shall be permitted to do so. The Board of Directors shall refer to the general membership any proposal or item of business before it, if the presiding officer is petitioned to do so in writing by 5 members in good standing.

It shall further be the duty of any elected officer or director to assist the Master-At-Arms in maintaining order and to help in the enforcement of club By-Laws as well as State and Federal firearms regulations at any club sanctioned event.

## ARTICLE II

1. The annual meeting of members shall be held during the month of January of each year at a place determined at the preceding regular meeting and specified in the call to the annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to issue notice of such meeting and to be mailed to each member in good standing at his post office address as last known to the Secretary, at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting and should the Secretary fail or neglect to give such notice the President may give such notice at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

2. At all meetings of members which have been properly called, those in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

3. One regular meeting shall be held in each calendar month.

4. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President (or acting President, with the approval of the Board of Directors), whenever deemed expedient to be held at any lawful place, the call to be by notice in writing signed by the calling officer, stating the time, place and objects of the meeting, mailed to each member in good standing at his post office address last known at least five days before the date of the meeting. Members may waive notice of the meeting. The Board of Directors shall have the power to call special meetings at any time upon the written request for that purpose of twenty members of the organization.

5. All meetings of the membership, the Board of Directors, the committees, shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order.

6. At each meeting a general display shall be held which exhibition, exchange, and sale of collector arms, ammunition and accessories shall be conducted by and among the members. At a time deemed proper by the President, the meeting shall be called into formal session for the transaction of necessary business. Dealing with non-members is absolutely prohibited. Members of recognized collector clubs have honorary membership privileges upon presentation of acceptable identification.

7. No arms or ammunition or accessories shall be displayed or offered for sale in violation of the Federal or State firearms statutes.

8. Members may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, display unrelated items not to exceed ten percent of each table space.

9. No member or other person shall, during the continuance of a meeting of this Organization, and upon the premises where such a meeting is held, display or show a loaded or primed firearm or air gun, nor shall any member or other person place any charge, whether blank or ball or empty case, in the barrel, chamber, cylinder, or magazine of any arm upon said premises during such a time. Nor shall any member or other person place any percussion cap, tube, pill or any other priming device in or upon a firearm on such premises during such time.

Because of the immense value of the exhibits, and to uphold the fire and safety regulations neither shall any member or other person bring on the premises during such time, any explosives or powder other than in the form of small arms ammunition. Safety and fire regulations require the elimination of all powder and detonating devices classed as collectors ammunition.

Neither shall any member or any other person bring on the premises during such time any cartridge, bullet, shell, grenade, rocket, flare, or any other explosive that is sensitive to detonation normally in any other way than by discharging in small arms, nor any gas or chemical shell or container of any kind.

Neither shall any member or other person bring on the premises during such time any edged weapon in the form of a bayonet having spring operated joints or of the "snap-open" variety, unless the release mechanism has been made safe by sealing with tape or in some other manner as the Master-At-Arms may approve.

Neither shall any member or other person bring on the premises during such time any edged weapon in "razor-sharp" condition or of a sharp-weapon is sealed in a scabbard or sheath, or has the cutting edge protected by tape or in some other manner as the Master-At-Arms may approve.

Clips must be removed from semi-automatic arms and clips must not be displayed loaded with cartridges.

Subject to Article I, Sec. 4 the Master-At-Arms and his assistants may carry loaded weapons.

### ARTICLE III

1. The annual dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) a year payable in advance, and non-members shall be charged a visitors fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per person per meeting.

2. Upon payment of an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) an applicant for membership must observe a waiting period and be accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors of which there shall be a quorum.

3. Members shall be dropped from the rolls if yearly dues are not paid within two months after the January meeting.

ARTICLE IV

1. In all elections, voting shall be by secret ballot, except where there is no contest.

ARTICLE V

1. Purposed amendments to these By-Laws may be made by any member in good standing by filing a copy of his proposed amendment with the Board of Directors, which will consider said proposal and then refer it to the membership with the Board's recommendation. Every amendment so proposed shall be read at one meeting of the membership and shall thereafter be table, to be voted upon at the next meeting, notice of which shall be

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