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# INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I - NAME

This Association shall be known as **INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION**, and herein called **IMPBA**

### ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

- A. The objectives of IMPBA shall be:
- B. The fostering of Model Power Boat Building.
- C. The coordination of member clubs, to the end that there shall be uniform rules and classes of boats.
- D. To encourage and assist in formation of clubs and similar associations.
- E. The recognition of Records established within the rules of the IMPBA.
- F. The IMPBA shall be a non-profit organization.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership shall consist of clubs and individuals interested in the advancement of Model Power Boat Racing.
- B. All countries with a sufficient number of active members, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be divided into districts. The boundary lines shall be established, and may be altered by the Executive Board.
- C. Each member shall automatically become a member of the district in which he/she resides.
- D. There are fourteen (14) districts in the United States and Canada in accordance with the official IMPBA map. District 21 is established for all countries other than US and Canada.

### ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION CHART

Executive Board

#### Voting Board Members

President	District Directors	National Fast Electric Director	National LSG Director	National Nito Director	Past Presidents <i>(Voting rights limited by Article V, Sec. 1 ( C ) (1) of this Constitution )</i>
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#### Non-Voting Board Members

Vice President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer & Past Presidents whose voting rights have expired.

Non-Board Advisors

National Scale Hydro Director	National Technical Director	National Safety Director	National Records Director	National Scale Electric Director	Other Presidential Assistants
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## **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **SECTION 1**

The Executive Board shall be made up of the President, District Directors, National Fast Electric Director, National Large Scale Gasoline Director, National Nitro Director, and Past Presidents effective with the President in office as of January 1, 1974.

- A. The office of President shall be limited to two (2) terms for any one person.
- B. Each member of the Executive Board shall have equal voting rights provided requirements of Constitution, Article V, Section 3, and Paragraph D are complying.
- C. Appointments of Past Presidents to the Executive Board shall be for life with voting rights limited to the one or two following terms of office.
  - 1. Past President who served as President for one term votes for 3 years, a Past President who served for two terms votes for 6 years.

### **SECTION 2**

The following officers shall be elected by and from the membership.

- A. President
- B. One Director from each district
- C. The National Fast Electric Director shall be elected by the members participating in fast electric events. Such Director shall have a voting position on the Board for a 3-year term.
- D. The National Large Scale Gas Director and National Nitro Director shall be elected by the IMPBA membership. Such Director shall have a voting position on the Board for a 3-year term.

### **SECTION 3**

- A. The President shall hold office for (3) years. He shall have been a member of the IMPBA for at least three years and be at least 25 years old. District Directors are not limited to age and time requirement qualifications as the President.
- B. Each district shall be limited to voting for and electing only its own District Director and the President. The Director's term of office shall be for three (3) years.
- C. Directors shall be elected for three years: Districts 1, 4, 6, 8, 13, National Fast Electric Director, and the National Large Scale Gas Director in one year, Districts 2, 5, 9, 10 & National Nitro Director in a second year, and Districts 3, 7, 11, 12 & 14 in a third year. *See Appendix A.*
- D. The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 voting-eligible IMPBA memberships (Primary and Family memberships). Junior members have no voting rights and do not count toward Vote Power district tally. Members within an ineligible district may elect a Director, however, he will have no board voting rights until his district has the required number (15) of voting-eligible members. He will handle the passing on of proposed changes and the funneling of information of the district members the same as a full-voting member. Voting rights of each District Director shall be based on the number of voting-eligible members in their district at year-end. District Directors with 15 to 100 members will have one vote; Directors with 101 to 200 members will have 2 votes. Directors with 201 to 300 members will have 3 votes. Their total votes will continue to increase by one with the addition of each 100 memberships in their district.
- E. *In the event of a tie vote, each District Director will vote with each district counting as one vote.* If the vote is still tied the current IMPBA President will decide the issue with a single tie-breaking vote.
- F. Each registered club shall appoint or elect a representative to correspond with their District or National Director as required.

#### **SECTION 4**

Any member in good standing, except Junior members, shall be eligible for the elected office of District Director. However, to avoid a possible conflict of interest, the member cannot hold an executive position in another national or international model boating organization.

#### **SECTION 5**

- A. An Executive Secretary shall be appointed or dismissed by the President with approval of the Executive Board.
- B. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Board from within, or a past elected Director or officer. If no one can be found within the Executive Board, or a past Director or officer, then the Board may appoint a qualified person from the general membership.
- C. The immediate Past President will move to the Vice President position, and will only serve in Vice President capacity until a new President is elected.
- D. Any Director appointed by the President must be approved by the majority of the Board.

#### **SECTION 6**

##### **A. Impeachment of Officers**

Any assistant or other person appointed by any Director, IMPBA, or officer serves at the pleasure of the person appointing him/her, and may be relieved of his/her duties by the person so appointing. Any elected officer of the association, and those assistants or persons appointed by or approved by the Board of Directors only, may be impeached and removed from his/her office or position for good cause by two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors after written notice has been given to such officer or person and a hearing conducted; at which hearing such officer or person and his/her representative may present oral and/or written evidence and make a statement. The President shall determine the time and place for this hearing. If a petition signed by 10% of the membership (for impeachment and removal of the President) or 10% of a district's membership (for impeachment and removal of said District Director or any Assistant Director) a vote must be taken in regards to this officer or person subject to the petition. The IMPBA board shall take action within 30 days.

##### **B. Recall of a District Director**

Any duly elected Director may be recalled for good cause only by a majority vote of those members voting in the district he or she represents, and only after a majority of the entire Board of Directors has approved presenting a recall proposal to the members of the Director's district, or upon receipt of a recall petition signed by 10% or 10 members, whichever is greater, of the members of the Director's district. Before any recall proposal is voted on by the Board of Directors, written notice shall be given to the Director and a hearing conducted; at which hearing the Director and his/her representative may present oral and/or written evidence and make a statement. The President shall determine the time and place for this hearing. The Board shall take action within 30 days.

## ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS

### SECTION 1

Nominations of any elected officer shall be accompanied by a petition signed by five (5) members in good standing and a declaration of acceptance by the nominee. Write in votes will not be allowed unless there are no official nominees received by the IMPBA Office. If write-in votes are to be used they will be counted and totaled in the same manner as for an official nominee provided the write-in candidate meets the eligibility requirements for the President. **See Article V, Section 3-A of the Constitution. The secretary shall receive nominations for all elected officers no later than July 31 each year.**

### SECTION 2

The Executive Secretary will submit the ballots to webmaster by August each year and ballot must be in the *Roostertail* at least 30 days prior to close of voting. The ballots shall be returned to the President or Executive Secretary. Votes will be accepted via web site, email, and US Mail. All US Mail ballots must be in the Executive office no later than October 31. Only senior members and spouse who are registered with a family membership may vote.

### SECTION 3

Elected officer's term of office shall start January 1 following the election.

## ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

- A. The Association shall hold one formal meeting, annually at the International Regatta. A Treasurer's report and a brief synopsis of the year's accomplishments will be presented.
- B. The President may call Executive Board meetings at any time he deems necessary, or any District Director may request a meeting of the Executive Board. If necessary, such business may be conducted by phone, mail, or electronic communications, all members of the Board receiving copies of all correspondence.
- C. Voting Directors may be polled by phone or electronic communications.

## ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

### SECTION 1

The IMPBA Official Rule Book shall be amended in the following manner:

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted to a District Director, National Director, President or any Voting Executive Board member in writing and signed and dated by the author and 5 IMPBA current members. It must be received 30 days prior to a Board Meeting for consideration.
- B. All rule proposals regarding the **Constitution, By Laws, Procedures, General Rules of Competition, Contest & Racing Rules, Technical Standards, and those pertaining to Classes** (except those that affect safety or financial solvency of the organization, or clarifications not changing the intent of a rule), will be reviewed during any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board. The board will evaluate and approve or disapprove or amend all proposals. **(Guideline: Does it benefit the IMPBA, and does it benefit the membership? It must benefit both)**

1. **Rule Proposal under General Rules of Competition, Contest & Racing Rules, Technical Standards, and Classes**

- a) **Option #1** - All rule proposals *supported by a majority* of the Executive Board, will automatically undergo a trial period for one year (except as noted in section 1, C). After one year, the proposal will be distributed to IMPBA membership with a ballot that will require a head count for and against the proposal. Ballots shall be returned to the respective District Director or the IMPBA secretary within the time stipulated. The final vote of the Executive Board will be posted online and become effective as of the beginning of the next racing season. Results will also be published in the next *Roostertail* newsletter.
- b) **Option #2** - Board members vote by *majority* to turn down a submitted proposal. This option terminates the proposal.
- c) **Option #3** - *All rule proposals not supported and not terminated under option #2* by the Board, will be distributed to IMPBA membership in December for vote by a ballot that will require a head count for or against the proposal. The membership vote will determine the implementation of said proposal and, if passed, will be effective as of the beginning of the next racing season. Results will also be published in the next *Roostertail* newsletter.

**All Racing Rule** proposals reviewed by the Board will be published in the *Roostertail* for at least one full quarter before being voted on by the membership in December **with the exception of one-year trials.**

- d) **Option #4**- Board members *vote by majority* to indefinitely table a submitted proposal. This option allows a proposal to be revisited at a later time determined at Boards discretion. A majority vote of the board required to re-visit proposal.

2. **Rule Proposal under Constitution, By-Laws, and Procedures**

All rule proposals under Constitution, By-Laws, and Procedures will be distributed to IMPBA membership in December with a ballot that will require a head count for or against. The Board may choose to recommend the change or not. The membership vote will determine the implementation of said proposal and, if passed, will be effective as of the beginning of the next racing season. Results will also be published in the next *Roostertail* newsletter.

- C. All rule proposals for Districts, Hall of Fame, World Records, Information and Forms, History of IMPBA, FCC, Safety and Finance issues will be decided by Board vote.
- D. All rule proposals amended by the Board will be returned to the Author.
- E. Voting will be done by web site, email, and US Postal service. All ballots must be in the office by the deadline. **THERE WILL BE NO GRACE PERIOD FOR POST MARK.**
- F. Any rules proposal regarding racing equipment production that has been approved by the Executive Board and is based on the decision of the technical advisor shall remain in effect, and not eligible for change for (2) full years from the date of manufacturer's implementation.
- G. Manufacturer's implementation shall be defined as follows - The manufacturer of a hull, hardware component, engine or pipe will present to the technical chair a prototype, or drawing or technical paper, along with an implementation/launch plan based on his manufacturing capability.

## **ARTICLE IX - THE ROOSTERTAIL**

- A. The official IMPBA newsletter shall be known as the *Roostertail*. Publishing schedule may be amended by the Board of Directors as necessary to conduct business, but it shall be published no less than 3 times yearly.
- B. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for editorial policy.
- C. IMPBA business reported in the *Roostertail* shall be considered official record along with posted meeting minutes. Members may also be notified of official business on the IMPBA website (such as World Records, club registrations and race sanctions received after publication deadline, rule book updates, meeting minutes, forms, etc.)
- D. The results of the Executive Board action shall be listed by district in the *Roostertail*.



**Appendix A:**

**IMPBA Board of Directors Terms –**

*Refer to CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS, Sections 1 through 3.*

<b>President – 3 year term. Limit of two (2) terms.</b>	
<u>Term End – Election year for new term</u> December 31, 2021 December 31, 2024 December 31, 2027	<u>Term Begin</u> January 1, 2022 January 1, 2025 January 1, 2028
<b>Vice/Past President – Outgoing president moves to VP position. (See Constitution for voting limits)</b>	
<b>District 1, 4, 6, 8, 13 /National Large Scale Gas /National Fast Electric – 3 year term. No term limits.</b>	
<u>Term End – Election year for new term</u> December 31, 2020 December 31, 2023 December 31, 2026	<u>Term Begin</u> January 1, 2021 January 1, 2024 January 1, 2027
<b>Districts 2, 5, 9, 10 / National Nitro – 3 year term. No term limits.</b>	
<u>Term End – Election year for new term</u> December 31, 2021 December 31, 2024 December 31, 2027	<u>Term Begin</u> January 1, 2022 January 1, 2025 January 1, 2028
<b>Districts 3, 7, 11, 12, 14 – 3 year term. No term limits.</b>	
<u>Term End – Election year for new term</u> December 31, 2022 December 31, 2025 December 31, 2028	<u>Term Begin</u> January 1, 2023 January 1, 2026 January 1, 2029

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