

New England Electric Railway Historical Society
BY-LAWS

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PREAMBLE

This corporation shall be known as "The New England Electric Railway Historical Society". The aims, objective and purposes of this corporation, hereinafter to be known and described as the "Society" shall be to collect, preserve, and maintain for study, exhibition, and operation; streetcars and other transit vehicles of various periods, and to provide a source of information of a scientific, educational, and historical nature relating to the origin, development, and use of transit equipment and operations. Membership will be open to all persons irrespective of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or religious affiliation, interested in the aims and objectives of the Society.

Article I. Conformity to State Law and Articles of Incorporation

The by-laws of this Society are to be in conformity with the articles of incorporation and the laws of the State of Maine. Any provision inconsistent with said articles, or any such law is hereby individually abrogated.

Article II. Name of Operating Segment

The name of the operating segment of the Society shall be "The Seashore Electric Railway." "The Seashore Trolley Museum." or such similar name as may be designated by the Society for the principal or other operating entities.

Article III. Mission and Vision

New England Electric Railway Historical Society shares powerful connections between the past and present. Our mission is to preserve knowledge, context, and resources for future generations by collecting, restoring, operating, and exhibiting significant public transit vehicles and artifacts.

We continue the legacy of our founders by maintaining and sharing our world-class transit collections and knowledge with a growing membership, our many visitors, our communities, and the public transportation industry.

Our work is guided by our respect for the technological, aesthetic, and historically significant characteristics of our collections, and our engagement with our audiences and community, in the past, present, and future.

We strive for the highest standards of professional practice in every facet of our organization, and to make our museum experience accessible to everyone.

Our capital improvement programs create improved capacity for collection management, storage, exhibition and interpretation, and responsible stewardship of our assets.

We invite and facilitate wide participation in carrying out our mission and perpetuating our legacy through our programs of engagement with supporters, members, and the giving community.

Article IV. Board of Trustees

Section 1. General Powers

The executive powers of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Trustees who will direct the affairs of the Society in accordance with the mission and vision of the Society and all applicable laws and regulations. The Board of Trustees provides oversight with respect to strategic direction and key policies of the Society. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Interpreting and protecting the mission of the Society. Modifying and adopting the vision for the Society.
2. Developing, supporting and implementing the strategic business plan and long-term site plan.
3. Meeting all legal obligations, operating within federal, state, and local laws.
4. Providing financial oversight.
5. Ensuring adequate financial resources for the Society, including supporting the budget through personal resources.
6. Expanding the Society's network of friends, providing opportunities to promote mission, fund development, and reputation.
7. Building a competent Board of Trustees that is diverse, committed to the well-being of the Society and able to fulfill individual member expectations.
8. Ensuring that the by-laws allow for appropriate structure and management of the Board in order to carry out the mission, vision, and work of the Society. Adhering to those by-laws.
9. Enhancing the Society's public standing through advocacy and involvement.
10. Hiring, supporting, and evaluating the Executive Director.

Section 2. Number of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall have no fewer than 12 and no more than 15 members. The President and Executive Director are ex-officio members without a vote.

Section 3. Compensation

No member of the Board of Trustees shall receive compensation for any services rendered to the Society in his or her capacity as a Trustee nor for their service to the Society in other capacities within the Society.

Section 4. Selection of Trustees

The Board of Trustees may appoint new members by a majority vote. The Trustee's term shall begin immediately.

Section 5. Elections

Trustees shall be elected by a majority of those Trustees present at a meeting, a quorum being present, for three (3) year terms, subject to confirmation by vote of the membership at an annual or special meeting called for the purpose.

Section 6. Terms of Office

The term of office of each Trustee shall be three (3) years and as nearly as possible. Trustees shall be members in good standing.

The Board Development Committee shall review and re-nominate Trustees seeking to continue on the Board for additional one (1) year terms after completing two (2) consecutive 3-year terms. Trustees may be appointed for additional terms to the office of Trustee if in its judgement the board determines it is for the best interest of the Society for the Trustee to continue, and if the Trustee is in good standing. A Trustee is considered in good standing if they are

fulfilling the General Powers of a Trustee (Article IV Section 1).

Section 7. Board of Trustee Meetings

Trustees shall meet at times and places as they shall determine. A meeting may also be called by the Chairman of the Board or President and/or on the petition of three (3) Trustees. Notification of any Trustees' meeting shall be made at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting unless such notice is waived by common consent. Trustees' meetings may be cancelled or postponed for grave or serious reasons. A quorum shall consist of one-half of the Trustees.

Section 8. Senior Trustees

There shall be a category known as "Senior Trustee". Notwithstanding any provision of Article IV., Sections 4 and 5, membership in this category will be open to any member whose years of age plus years of service as a Trustee add to seventy (70), provided that the member has served as a Trustee for not less than nine (9) years and has been a member not less than twenty (20) years. Individuals selected by the Trustees and confirmed at a meeting of the Society shall have indefinite tenure and will enjoy all the rights and privileges of other Trustees except voting and quorum. They will be admitted to all meetings, made privy to the deliberations of the Trustees and contribute their knowledge and experience to the upbuilding of the Society.

Section 9. Voting

All members of the Board of Trustees, except Senior Trustees and ex-officio members, shall be entitled to one vote. A quorum must be present for any transaction that requires a vote. The Chairman may vote only when it is to break a tie.

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Trustees, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Trustees, may be taken without a meeting if a consent through electronic communication is made available to all Trustees. Unless otherwise stated in the call for votes, a simple majority is required for passage. A Trustee's consent may be transmitted in writing provided that such consent bears the signature (original or electronic) of the individual Trustee. A clearly noted "yes," "no" or "abstain" also must be transmitted for the vote to be included. Results of a vote taken outside of a regularly scheduled meeting of Trustees shall be recorded in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 10. Resignation

Any Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman and Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect immediately upon receipt, unless some other time is specified in the notice.

Section 11. Removal

Any member of the Board of Trustees may be removed from office by a written majority vote of the Board at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Such removal may be enacted for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Society, for lack of sympathy with its objectives, for refusal to render reasonable assistance in carrying out its purposes, for failure of confidence in that Trustee, or for absenteeism as addressed in Article IV, Section 12.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for initiating the removal process for any Trustee. Any member of the Board of Trustees proposed to be removed by a vote of the other Trustees shall be entitled to at least 14 days' notice in writing of the meeting at which such removal is to be considered for vote and shall be entitled to be heard at such meeting.

Section 12. Removal for Absenteeism

1. If a Trustee has two (2) unexcused absences from regular meetings during a fiscal year, his or her name will be presented for removal at the next regular Trustee meeting.
2. An unexcused absence is defined as an absence that has not been confirmed with the Chairman or Secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled Trustee meeting. The minutes of each Trustee meeting shall reflect the number of unexcused absences per Trustee.

3. Written notice of the consideration for removal will be sent to the Trustee in question at least 14 days in advance of the meeting at which such removal is to be considered. The Trustee will be invited to appear at the meeting and present argument for retention on the Board.

Section 13. Indemnification

The Society shall, to the full extent permitted by Maine law, indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, and whether formal or informal, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Trustee of the Society.

The right of indemnification shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of the Trustee. In no event shall indemnification be extended hereunder to any individual designated by the Society in a written contract as an independent contractor for services provided thereunder.

Section 14. Subsidiary Entities

At their discretion, the Trustees may create subsidiary entities within the framework of the Society to implement the objectives of the Society. They shall delegate authority to assigned persons to conduct the operations of the entity in the area for which it was established. Auxiliary or volunteer organizations may be established by individuals to cooperate with the Society in pursuit of its aims and objectives. Such groups may not claim relationship with the Society unless and until one Trustee is included in the management of such a group as approved by the Board of Trustees.

Section 15. Hiring Personnel

The Trustees may hire employees and may create and fill, discontinue and vacate any positions as they may deem suitable and desirable. To each person chosen for any position the Trustees shall specify, describe, and assign duties and titles and may delegate authority.

Section 16. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the Board of Trustees who has a financial, personal, or official interest in, or conflict or appearance of a conflict with any matter pending before the Board of Trustees, of such nature that it prevents or may prevent that member from acting on the matter in an impartial manner, will offer to the Board to voluntarily abstain from voting on said item. Meeting minutes will note any such abstentions.

Section 17. Transition during Revision of Bylaws (to be removed April 2023)

This section is a temporary provision to effect the orderly change from the current share-voting structure of Trustee elections to a self-perpetuating board. Following the Annual Meeting in April 2020, Trustee elections among members will no longer take place. The Trustees will appoint at least four (4) new Trustees in April 2021. These appointees will replace the four Trustees whose terms are ending in 2021, and additional Trustees may be appointed if the board so chooses, following Article 4, Section 2. Appointed Trustees may be members of the Museum, or members of the community. Eight elected Trustees will remain, if the elected Trustees' with terms ending in 2021 do not vacate their position prior to fulfilling their term. Each subsequent year, four or more new Trustees will be appointed by the Board of Trustees. In 2023, all Trustee positions will be filled by appointments from the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section 1. Positions

The officers of the Society shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Immediate Past-Chairman, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary who shall be elected by the Board of Trustees. The office of Chairman and Vice Chairman must be held by a Trustee.

Section 2. Election

Any Trustee may submit their name to the Chairman or President as a nominee for election to the office of Chairman, or Vice Chairman. Any Trustee or member may submit their name to the Chairman or President as a nominee for election to the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary.

Election, by written ballot if a position is contested, will be held at the first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Term of Office

Officers shall serve one (1) year terms, renewable at the end of each term. The Chairman will succeed to the office of Immediate Past-Chairman at the end of the Chairman's term. Officers shall serve until the board meeting following the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4. Duties of Officers

1. Chairman
 - a. Presides over all meetings of the Society as the senior leader of the Trustees
 - i. Plans meetings and sets meeting agendas with the President, Executive Director and Secretary
 - ii. Facilitates discussion and ensures everyone has the opportunity to express his/her opinions
 - iii. Ensures that each Trustee's wisdom and expertise are being tapped
 - iv. Assigns tasks to committee chairs
 - v. Resolves conflict among Trustees
 - b. Ensures committees are working toward meeting their defined objectives and goals
 - i. Ensures committee chairs have the necessary information, tools and resources to accomplish goals.
 - ii. Keeps informed of critical issues and ensures committees are working toward meeting goals and deadlines
 - iii. Communicates with committee chairs, gathering and providing information
 - iv. Provides support, coaching, and motivation
 - v. Attends critical meetings, when necessary
 - c. Oversees the implementation of all corporate and local policies
 - d. Ensures that appropriate administrative systems are established and maintained by working closely with the Executive Director
 - i. Keeps informed of all strategic and governance issues
 - ii. Develops a relationship with all senior staff
 - iii. Provides regular, informal feedback
 - iv. Has regular and open communication
 - v. Works together to ensure that the Board is operating at the highest level in appropriate areas
2. Vice Chairman
 - a. Presides over all Board meetings when the Chairman is not available (see Chairman job description)
 - b. Performs Chairman's responsibilities when the Chairman is unable to do so (see Chairman job description)
 - c. Learns the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman
 - d. Accepts delegated responsibilities from the Chairman
3. President
 - a. The **President** of the Society is the chief executive officer.
 - b. He or she shall be a member and shall be responsible for the implementation of the directives of the Trustees. The President supervises the Executive Director and oversees other Administrative Officer positions. The President or designee oversees all staff positions and appoints all Administrative Officer positions of the Society.
 - c. The President is designated to represent the Society in the purchase and sale of real and personal property and he or she shall verify that deeds and documents have been duly recorded with the proper authorities. Sales, mortgaging or other disposal of capital assets or real estate must be approved by the board in advance.
4. Treasurer
 - a. Oversees the finances and budget of the Society

- b. Receives and disburses all monies and is an authorized signatory to sign checks and financial documents on behalf of the Society. He or she may, with Trustee approval, appoint assistants to whom authority may be delegated to perform the functions of this office.
- c. As chief financial officer, the Treasurer shall be bonded by the Society in such manner and amount as the Trustees may determine. The expense for this bonding shall be assumed by the Society.
- d. Presents financial statements and reports to the Board for approval
- e. Develops the annual budget with the Executive Director
- f. Presents the annual budget to the Finance Committee and Board for approval
- g. Reviews the annual audit and answers Board member questions about the audit

5. Secretary

- a. Maintains records of the Board and ensures effective management of the Society's records
- b. Prepares and manages minutes of Board meetings
- c. Documents Trustee attendance and shares concerns with Executive Committee
- d. Ensures minutes are distributed to members in a timely manner after each meeting
- e. Remains familiar with legal documents (articles, by-laws, etc.) to note applicability during meetings
- f. Ensures the safety and accuracy of all Board records

6. Immediate Past-Chairman

- a. Serves one additional year as a Board Officer to ensure continuity in Society leadership and governance
- b. Develops a relationship with the Chairman and all new Executive Committee members, mentoring them in their positions as needed.
- c. If the standing Chairman chooses to serve a subsequent one-year term, the Chairman may invite the standing Past-Chairman to continue as an officer for an additional one-year term as needed.

Section 5. Other Appointed Positions:

The **Vice President** will act in the absence of the President and will assume such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Trustees.

The **General Counsel** shall be a member of the bar of the State of Maine, in good standing. He or she shall perform all duties common to an attorney at law. He or she is hereby designated to receive service of legal process and to defend the Society against all legal actions not otherwise provided. His or her powers to represent this Society are hereby confirmed. No lawsuit may be instituted in behalf of the Society unless done so by the General Counsel or his or her designated representative. No officer, Trustee, or member may act for him or her without his or her knowledge and previous consent. The Chairman, President, Executive Director, or designee shall serve as the liaisons to the General Counsel for the Society.

Section 6. Revision of Duties

The duties assigned to officers in the foregoing sections are general in nature; the Trustees have the authority to expand upon or modify them at their discretion to fit individual situations.

ARTICLE VI: Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

The **Executive Committee** shall consist of the Chairman and three other incumbent Trustees, appointed by the board. The President, unless also a Trustee and appointed to this Committee, and the Executive Director shall be non-voting, ex-officio members. The Executive Committee is charged with taking action on Trustee business that comes up between meetings and assisting the Executive Director in coordinating the activities of the Board of Trustees. The Chairman will call meetings of the Executive Committee as needed. The Executive Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the Board when it is impossible or impractical to call a special meeting of the Board. A quorum must be present for any transaction that requires a vote. A quorum shall consist of three Executive Committee members.

The **Board Development Committee** shall consist of no fewer than three (3) Trustees and no more than three (3) non-Trustee shareholders who demonstrate characteristics sought in Trustee candidates. It shall be the duty of this Committee to maintain an accurate accounting of needed strengths of Trustees and to seek out and contact internal and external persons interested in the objectives and purposes of the Society, and to recommend these persons for membership and terms on the Board. This Committee will evaluate persons suggested for Board membership by other Trustees and will coordinate and oversee the recruitment process.

The Board Development Committee shall mentor new board members. This includes facilitating a new Trustee orientation with each member. The Board Development Committee shall further recommend persons to fill any vacancies that may occur on the Board and shall, in accordance with these By-Laws and any policy adopted by the Society, nominate Trustees to serve as officers of the Board.

The Board Development Committee shall be responsible for establishing and making recommendations to a Board Development Plan to help maintain consistency in the long-term when chairs and members change. This Committee is responsible for reviewing the Board Development Plan annually.

The **Finance Committee** provides a strategy for funding the growth of the Society, understanding revenue sources of the Society, identifying fundraising events and the revenue they must generate. The Finance Committee shall lead the review of the Society's Fund Development Plan annually.

The **Curatorial Committee's** primary responsibility is to inspire and educate our members and the general public through the preservation, conservation and protection of our collection. Members of the committee strive to be the experts about all elements of our collection and oversee the care, storage or display, catalog and information presented about each piece.

The Curatorial Committee shall maintain and execute the Museum's Curatorial Plan, which includes creating and executing plans for accessioning and deaccessioning pieces in the Museum's collection. The Committee works alongside the Shop Director to ensure the museum's five-year Restoration Plan meets the needs of the collection, has realistic funding paths and is executed.

The Curatorial Committee works with the Executive Director to market, fundraise, and network for the benefit of the collection.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc, or special, committees will be formed for a temporary period of time when issues or needs arise that require additional attention from the Board. Ad hoc committees will be appointed by the Chairman of the Board.

The Executive Director shall serve as a member on all ad hoc committees.

ARTICLE VII: Executive Director

Section 1. Appointment

The Board of Trustees shall appoint an Executive Director of the Society who shall report to the President.

Section 2. Voting Rights

The Executive Director shall attend and provide reports at all meetings of the Trustees, but shall have no voting rights.

Section 3. Contracts

The Executive Director has the authority to enter contracts on behalf of the Society. Unbudgeted contracts in excess of \$1,000 require the approval of the President.

Article VIII. Annual & Special Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

There shall be held annually a meeting of this Society at a time and place designated by the Trustees not earlier than April 1 nor later than May 31. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be made by mail to all members, officers, and Trustees at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The basis for all formal meetings of the Society shall be the most recent revision of "*Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*," except where these by-laws provide otherwise.

Section 2. Quorum

The quorum at an Annual Meeting or special meeting shall consist of ten (10) percent of the Society's member shareholders.

Section 3. Voting

Until 2030, voting at Annual Meetings, special meetings, and on amendments to the by-laws of the Society shall be by shares on a basis of contributions on record at the end of the previous year. In 2031 and all years following, voting at Annual Meetings or special meetings shall be restricted to eligible shareholders and a simple majority shall prevail.

Section 4. Records

A record shall be maintained of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, special meeting, and of formal meetings of the Trustees, and shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.

Section 5. Absentee Ballots

If a member is not able to attend the Annual Meeting in person and a vote is scheduled to occur, they may complete an Absentee Ballot. Formal Absentee Ballots will be mailed to all members within 30 days of the Annual Meeting. Members must complete and sign the ballot and mail it back to the Society using the envelope provided so that it arrives in the mail at the Society at least one day in advance of the Annual Meeting. The Society is not responsible for delay of mail.

Section 6. Counting Ballots and Votes

The Trustees shall appoint no less than three (3) but no more than five (5) shareholders to count absentee ballots and votes at the Annual Meeting or Special Meetings.

Section 7. Special Meetings

A special meeting of the members of the Society must be called within thirty (30) days by the President or Chairman of the Board of Trustees upon receipt of a petition signed by thirty (30) eligible shareholders. Notice and conduct of such meeting shall be the same as for the Annual Meeting. Trustees at their discretion may call a special meeting of the members on not less than fourteen (14) days' notice. Only member shareholders in good standing present at Special Meetings are eligible to vote. All other provisions for Annual Meetings apply to Special Meetings.

Article IX. Financials

Section 1. Asset Management

Cash assets of the Society shall be maintained in checking and savings accounts or monetary instruments in banks or similar sound institutions selected by the Treasurer with the approval of the Trustees. Checks and withdrawal slips

shall be signed by the President and the Treasurer or by their respective representatives as approved by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Financial Records

The financial records shall be maintained by methods satisfactory to an auditor chosen by the Trustees. The Treasurer and/or Executive Director as the Trustees shall determine, shall submit financial statements at each annual meeting and at such other times as the Trustees shall require.

Section 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December.

Section 4. Shares

Shares of contribution represent the free and unfettered gifts of United States dollars or goods but not services and constitute no property rights in the Society. For each ten dollars in money or goods one (1) share of contribution will be issued. These shares are non-assessable. Contributions of property other than money will be received with a valuation submitted by the donor. The Trustees may accept or reject this valuation.

Section 5. Shareholders

Shares of Contribution may be held only by individual members except husbands and wives may hold them as a community. Shares may not be held by group, corporate or organizational members. There shall be no fractional shares but the Society may receive partial payments for future credit and issuance. When membership is terminated for any reason, the shares of the member shall revert to the treasury unless the Trustees at their discretion and within the provisions of this code elect otherwise. Gifts in any form from members or non-members may be received without issuance of shares. Such gifts may be credited for issuance within one year of receipt.

Section 6. Contributions In-Kind for Shares

The Board of Trustees will review the Society's Contributions In-Kind (CIK) Policy annually. Members must first submit CIKs to their department head and then to a board-appointed officer for approval to receive shares. Time volunteered is not eligible for a CIK. Property, parts, artifacts and other one-of-a-kind donations must be first appraised by a third party for shares consideration.

Article X. Membership

Section 1. Membership Considerations

Membership in this Society is open to any individual interested in the aims, objectives, and purposes for which this Society was established and shall not be denied or terminated except for cause as hereunder provided. Members must pay the required fees and dues and abide by the rules and regulations governing the operations of the Society.

Section 2. Membership Dues

The Trustees shall determine the amount of dues and fees to be paid and the methods by which paid. All dues are payable by March 1, and apply only for the Calendar year. Applicants for membership shall be admitted upon payment of current dues and fees and the completion of application or other forms. Certificates of membership shall be in the form of passes for the current year. Only those members having shares of contribution are entitled to vote at an annual or special meeting. They are not otherwise privileged beyond members who do not own shares.

Membership in this Society constitutes a release of liability, agreement to abide by rules, regulations, by-laws, and the orders of lawfully constituted Society officials. Honorary or complementary memberships may be granted to persons or groups for the purpose of honor or courtesy without payment of dues by the Membership Secretary or by a vote of the Trustees.

Section 3. Member in Good Standing

Member in good standing is the status assigned to a Member of the Society when he or she has remained current on Society dues, which must be renewed by March 1 and cover the calendar year. Being a member in good standing affirms the member's commitment to the vision of the Society, reflected in its Code of Conduct, to which all members are bound, and to the Society's bylaws and other Society policies. It is expected that members in good standing will work collaboratively to strengthen the Society and will not engage in any activities that put the Society in financial or structural jeopardy, nor engage in any activities that will bring discredit to the Society. Members are not in good standing if they owe money to the society, do not renew their dues by March 1, are placed on probation or suspension, and for any other action or non-action that places the society at risk.

Members in good standing:

1. Are eligible to participate in all meetings and may serve on committees.
2. If shareholders, are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting and at Special Meetings.
3. Are eligible to be appointed to the Board of Trustees or to an Administrative Officer role
4. May volunteer at the Society.
5. Are eligible for all benefits that accompany Society Membership.

Section 4. Discipline of Members

Members may be expelled or suspended from the Society by the action of the Trustees after due deliberation, for cause arising from serious offenses against the Society or from conduct and attitudes reflecting discredit on the Society. Offenses are breaches of the by-laws or of rules enacted or authorized by the Trustees. Discipline of members may consist of suspension of privileges or termination of membership. Fines may not be imposed but damage arising from carelessness may be assessed against the person responsible for the damage.

Discipline, initially, may be imposed by those officers against whose authority the offense was committed. Members may appeal to the Executive Director and/or President. Action in a court of law shall be subsequent to the foregoing.

Conviction in a court of law arising from offenses against the Society shall terminate membership which shall not be reinstated.

Section 5. Society Employees as Members

All employees of the Society receive an honorary membership during their tenure as employees. Members acting as employees shall receive compensation no greater than that received by non-members for similar work. Members, when employed, shall be subject to rules and regulations in effect for employees who are not members. Repayment to a member for expenses incurred by him on behalf of the Society shall not be considered remuneration under these by-laws.

Section 6. Representing the Society

Titles used on passes and badges are purely honorary and shall not convey any operating rights or privileges. Members may not act for the Society unless specifically authorized by the Trustees or an officer delegated by them. Society stationary or substitute for same may be used only by Trustees, officers, special representatives, and committees whose work necessitates official correspondence. Misuse of stationary or unauthorized correspondence in the name of the Society is cause for discipline. No member may incur an obligation for this Society unless he is specifically authorized normally by an officer having such authority, or is an officer having the authority to do so or by the Trustees.

Section 7. Dues Renewal

If a member's dues remain unpaid on March 1, after one (1) notice has been mailed, the member's privileges are suspended. When a member's dues are six (6) months in arrears, membership shall be terminated. Dues for a member may be waived for one year at a time without prejudice at the discretion of the Membership Secretary for good cause.

Section 8. Reinstatement

Members who have resigned or been dropped for non-payment of dues and/or fees may be reinstated upon payment of the same dues or fees required of anyone joining initially as previously stated. Reinstatement of shares previously held may only take place if the membership has lapsed no more than two years.

Section 9. Deceased Member

The membership of a deceased member may be taken over by a member of his or her immediate family, if application is made within two years. Lacking this, membership shall terminate as previously stated.

Section 10. Member Access to Society Property

Access to and use of real and other property of the Society is the privilege of members whose dues and fees are fully paid, subject however to the established rules and regulations.

Section 11. Guests

Guests of members may be permitted to accompany members on the property of the Society. The number of complimentary guests accompanying the member must not exceed the number of complimentary passes the member receives per their level of membership, annually (individual, family, plus one, corporate, etc.) Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests. Children of members are permitted on this property at the risk of and in the company of such members who thereby assume all risks and responsibility for their conduct. Such guests and children must abide by the rules of the Society.

Article XI. Property

Persons who own rolling stock, other equipment, or historical artifacts and who desire these to be placed upon the property of this Society shall first deed free and clear of encumbrance or permanently lease such equipment to the Society. This provision shall not forbid exhibits on a temporary loan basis under such terms as the Trustees shall determine. The Society assumes no liability for the preservation of deeded or leased equipment and will care for it in a manner similar to that used for Society owned equipment. Destruction of leased equipment, from whatever cause, allows the lessor no recovery beyond removing the remaining portions from the property within a reasonable time. Prior to placing any such equipment on the property, they must be informed of this provision by the Trustees.

Article XII. Corporate Details

Section 1. Amendments to the Bylaws

New by-laws may be added or present ones changed or repealed only at an annual or special meeting with due notice in the call of the meeting. Proposals to change the bylaws must be reviewed by the Board of Trustees first and have at least five (5) supporting signatures from Trustees. Consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes present shall prevail. Repeal or alteration of any provision of these by-laws shall not constitute a restoration of any provision previously repealed.

Section 2. Dissolution of the Society

In the event of any cessation of the corporate entity of this Society as a legal body, these by-laws shall govern, except where superseded by competent authority. Officers and Trustees shall remain in office.

Dissolution of the Society shall be effected only by the provisions of the State of Maine. Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Trustees or their successors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Society, dispose of the assets of the Society in such manner and to such organizations maintained and operated exclusively for historical, educational and scientific purposes as will at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of a future Internal Revenue law or regulation. The institutions selected shall have, insofar as possible, aims, objectives, and purposes similar to this Society, and be the ones most qualified to conserve the assets of this Society in the public interest. There shall be no value distribution to any member of the Society. In the event that the Trustees or their successors fail to act,

disposition of assets as specified in the foregoing shall be made by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Society is located.

No part of any earnings or accrual of the Society shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, Trustees, or any other private persons, except that the Society shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the spreading of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Society shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these by-laws, the Society shall not indulge in any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a.) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding section of a future Internal Revenue law or regulation), (b.) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding section of a future Internal Revenue law or regulation).

Section 3. Annual Reports

Annual reports to the Society shall be made by the President, Treasurer and Executive Director and by such other individuals as the officers and Trustees may direct.

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