

**AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION  
REGION III BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

1. Each club or individual located within Region III upon acceptance as a member of the American Power Boat Association (herein called the Association) shall automatically become a member of Region III and be entitled to one vote when in attendance at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Region.

**ARTICLE II - OFFICERS**

1. The elective officers of the Region shall be a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The affairs of the Region shall be governed by a Board of Directors, which is charged with the responsibility of directing the affairs of the Region so as to carry out the objectives and purposed of the Association, and in addition shall perform all of the duties and discharge all of the responsibilities generally imposed upon directors of the corporation. The Directors of each category, in the Region, shall determine who is eligible to receive any awards that they may give.
2. The Region Directors shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, a Vice Chairperson from each Association category which is active in Region III, three (3) elected from each Association category which is active in Region III, an Officiating Vice Chairperson, and elected officials, and the immediate past Region Chairperson, who shall automatically become an ex-officio member of the Board during the term of his or her successor. The Region Chairperson may recommend for appointment a Vice Chairperson for an Association category which is not active in Region III, such recommendation must be approved by the Region Directors. (A category shall be considered "active" if it has conducted a sanctioned event in Region III during the current year.)
3. The Region Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer automatically shall be members of the Board of Directors during the time they hold their respective offices. (Amendment adopted October 30, 1966.)
4. The Region Chairperson upon his or her election, automatically shall become the Chairperson of the Region Board of Directors.
5. A vacancy which may occur in the Board of Directors or in any elective office shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term thereof if said vacancy occurs during the year after election.

### ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

6. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, eight (8) directors holding office at the time of the meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of a majority of those present and entitled to vote shall prevail.
7. The Board of Directors shall meet on the call of the Region Chairperson. Special meetings of the Directors shall be call by him/her within five (5) days after written request of two (2) or more Directors. At special meetings, the business transacted shall be limited to subjects announced in the notice, unless all the Directors then holding office are present.
8. At the Region Spring Directors Meeting or prior to the Spring Meeting, all race dates in each category must be presented and approved by the Region Board of Directors. Race dates should be presented by the category Chairperson or their designee and/or race sponsor representative who possesses prior credentials. Once this region race calendar is approved, it can only be modified by a majority vote of the Directors. Any modifications to this calendar can only be taken by the Region Chairperson with a phone tally of the Directors. Any costs of this phone tally must be assumed by the race sponsor requesting a calendar modification before a sanction can be approved.

### ARTICLE IV - REGION MEETINGS

1. At any meeting of the Region, five percent (5%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of a majority present entitled to vote shall prevail.
2. At the regular Region Annual Meeting reports of operations of the Region shall be made, elections held for all elective offices and the newly elected officers shall be installed. The program of activities for the ensuing year shall be considered, together with any other business which should properly come before the meeting.
3. Special meetings of the membership shall be called by the Region Chairperson at any time, and shall be called by him/her with ten (10) days after the written request of any two (2) Directors or any five percent (5%) of the membership, provided that the business to be considered at the special meeting is fully announced in the notice and that no other business not announced shall be considered.
4. Within ten (10) days after an election as provided herein, the Secretary or Region Chairperson shall furnish the office of the Executive Secretary of the Association with a list showing the name, titles and addressed of the new officers and the names and addresses of the Board of Directors.



#### ARTICLE IV - REGION MEETINGS (Continued)

5. Vacancies which occur in elective offices after election shall be filled by majority vote of the Region Board of Directors. Persons appointed in this manner shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Region. All elected Region officers shall hold office until their term expires. All members of the Region committees shall hold office until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed as the case may be.
6. In the event the Region Annual Meeting is not held on or prior to the second Sunday in November, a temporary Region Chairperson may be appointed by the President of the Association for the Region in default.

#### ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. There shall be a Region Nominating Committee, of which the Vice Chairperson of the Region shall automatically be Chairperson. The Region Nominating Committee shall consist of the following: Region Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, all category chair-people and all category Directors. They shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been appointed. In the event of death, resignation or disqualification of a member of the Region Nominating Committee, the vacancy shall be appointed by the Region Chairperson.
2. Before August 15, each member of the Region Nominating Committee shall send to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee the names he/she wishes to nominate for each regional elective office, sending a copy to the Region Chairperson. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall verify in writing that the persons nominated, if elected, will fulfill its duties.
3. On September 1st, a phone call or e-mail will be made by the Vice Chairperson to those nominees who have not responded. Ask for a verbal commitment followed by a written acceptance to be received by September 10th.
4. Before September 10, the Region Chairperson shall send the report of the Region Nominating Committee to the Executive Secretary of the Association and shall specify the time and place of the Annual Regional Meeting. Should the Nominating Committee fail to function, all nominations received by the Region Chairperson shall constitute the report.
5. Two weeks prior to the Region Annual Meeting, the Executive Secretary shall prepare a sample ballot containing the names of candidates nominated for Region offices and mail to every eligible member of that region notifying him/her of the time and place of the Annual Region Meeting and that an election will take place at said meeting with only those present eligible to vote upon presentation of the current dues cards and the Region Chairperson shall appoint tellers to conduct the election.

## ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Continued)

6. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for all members of the Region Board of Directors and Region Officers and the Chairperson shall file the report of the Nominating Committee with the Secretary of the Region and with the Executive Secretary of the Association not later than 30 days prior to the Region Annual Meeting. The selections of the Nominating Committee shall be specified in, or accompany, the notice of the Region Annual Meeting.
  - A. When a nominated person can not be present on the day of election, a letter or e-mail, must be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairperson (Vice Chairperson). In case of last minute emergency, a telephone call can be made to a Region Officer.
7. The election of Regional Directors and Officers shall take place at the Annual Region Meeting which shall be held not later than October 31 in each year. Elections shall be by ballot. Proxy voting at Region meetings shall not be permitted.
8. Candidates prior to voting shall indicate to the Nominating Committee Chairperson the category they intend to represent, which may be different from their respective APBA classification at the election.
9. The Region Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually.
10. Each Association category that is active in Region III shall be entitled to have four (4) directors. Directors shall be entitled for two (2) year terms, with two (2) directors elected each year. The membership shall elect an Officiating Director from each active category in Region III for a one (1) year term.
11. The two (2) candidates from each Association category which is active in Region III, and the officiating candidates receiving the most votes shall be considered the Board of Directors along with the Region Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, the immediate past Region Chairperson, and the Category Directors whose terms have not expired. However, members are to vote for the candidates in the category(s) indicated on their APBA membership card and the officiating candidate in their category(s).
12. Immediately following each annual election, the four (4) Directors elected from each active category shall elect a Region category Vice Chairperson from their number. The Officiating Directors shall elect a Region Officiating Chairperson from their number. The category Vice Chairperson's and the Officiating Vice Chairperson's term will be until the next annual meeting of the Region.
13. All Region Officers and members of the Board of Directors must be current APBA members.



## **ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Continued)**

- 14. Members of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:**

- A. Poor health prevents the Director from carrying out the duties of their office.**
- B. The Director is suspended from the Association for other than a technical violation.**
- C. The Director is no longer a member of Region III.**
- D. The Director fails to attend three (3) meetings of the Region or Board of Directors, without a valid reason.**

**Any Region III Director may recommend removal from office. Such a recommendation must be approved by the Board of Directors.**

- 15. No person shall hold more than one (1) seat on the Board of Directors at a time. If at the Annual Meeting, a Director is elected to a higher office, leaving a vacancy on the Board of Directors, then the person receiving the third highest vote in that category shall be considered elected on the Board to fill that vacancy. The term of a person elected in this manner shall be until the next Annual Meeting.**

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

- 1. These By-Laws may be amended or revised at an annual meeting or special meeting with at least a ninety (90) day interval between meetings of the Region after the amendment of revision has first been approved by the Region Board of Directors. Notice that such amendment or revision shall be contained in the notice of the meeting. All Region 3 APBA members in good standing shall be eligible to vote at the meeting to approve such amendment or revision. By-law changes shall require approval of 2/3 votes of members in attendance at two (2) consecutive meetings or an annual meeting and a special meeting.**

## **ARTICLE VII – SITE PROTECTION**

**The assignment of race dates shall be made at the “Spring Meeting” by the elected racing Divisional Officers and their Committees.**

**If the sponsor/site of a race in a particular racing division wishes to sponsor a race in a different division, or if the sponsor/site wishes to change from one Club to another Club within the same division; the following sequence of events shall occur:**

- 1. If the currently sanctioned Club agrees to release the sponsor/site, they may do so. The Commodore or other authorized party shall inform the Region Chairperson in**

writing. No further Region action will be required.

2. If the currently sanctioned Club does not agree to release said sponsor/site, a mutually acceptable agreement will be reached between all affected parties. The Region Chairperson will moderate these proceedings.
3. If no agreement can be reached before the sanctioning period, the Region Board of Directors may vote to grant the race. A special meeting may be called by the Region Chairperson or a vote taken by phone or mailed ballot.
4. Exclusivity of a sponsor/site will expire in twenty-five (25) months from the date of the last sanction. After that period has expired, the sponsor/site will be considered open to any club or division.

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