

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. Each region shall have the following Officers. Those Officers duties include but are not limited to the following:
 - Region Chair-Attend and represent the Region at the APBA annual meeting
 - Preside over all Region Meetings
 - Attend and represent the Region at all Council meetings and conference calls
 - Region Vice Chair-Assist the Chair in fulfilling their duties
 - Secretary-Keep the minutes of each Region Meeting
 - Send notice of meetings to the APBA HQ for member notification
 - Facilitate the election of region officers
 - Treasurer-Keep an accounting of region funds
 - Submit invoicing to clubs for payment of region dues accrued at an event
 - Provide an accounting of region funds to its members at each fall meeting or upon request of the Region Chair
 - Board of Directors for the Region

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 purposes 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 a proved 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.
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.
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 called 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.

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 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 addresses of the new officers and the names and addresses of the Board of Directors.

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 November 10th, a temporary Region Chairperson may be appointed by the President of the Association for the Region in default.

ARTICLE V-NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. 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 Executive Secretary shall send an email blast to all Region members informing them of impending election ballot. The selections of the Nominating Committee shall be specified in, or accompany, the notice of the Region Annual Meeting.
 - A. When a nominated person cannot be present on the day of the election, a letter or email, must be sent to the Nominating Committee Chairperson (Vice Chairperson). In case of a last minute emergency, a telephone call can be made to a Region Officer.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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, than 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-SITE PROTECTION

2. 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, email, 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.

November 3, 2018 New by-laws incorporating Region 3’s new boundaries; Delaware,
New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania