

BYLAWS OF THE CAPITAL AREA MODELERS SOCIETY

The name of the group is the Capital Area Modelers Society, identified throughout as C.A.M.S., affiliated by common interest with the International Plastic Modelers' Society/United States of America (IPMS/USA) and its member groups.

Section 1: Charters

C.A.M.S. is a charter member of the IPMS/USA. As such, C.A.M.S. must abide by all the IPMS/USA rules and policies and maintain an IPMS/USA chapter contact.

Section 2: Objectives

The goals and objectives of C.A.M.S. are to encourage interest in scale modeling; to provide and exchange modeling information, including activities of the IPMS/USA, other IPMS chapters, and other modeling clubs; to keep members informed of products and services; and to encourage the improvement of members' skills and enjoyment of scale modeling. This may be accomplished through clinics, contests, exhibits, presentations and other relevant activities, which may involve the raising, use, and investment by lawful means, of money to support the activity of C.A.M.S., provided that none of the income is to be used for the private profit of any of its members.

Section 3: Policies

The policies of C.A.M.S. are to be established by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of members. The Executive Board will maintain a permanent record of all active policies. Policies will be enforced by the Executive Board and C.A.M.S. general membership.

Section 4: Membership

Membership in C.A.M.S. is open to all persons with an interest in any aspect of scale modeling so long as the person requesting membership abides by the guidelines, policies, objectives, and rules adopted by C.A.M.S.

Membership will be designated according to the following classes:

Adult Membership is available to anyone 18 years of age or older who pays the annual dues. Adult Membership entitles a person to attend and participate in all C.A.M.S. activities and events, as well as the right to vote in all C.A.M.S. elections.

Youth Membership is available to anyone under 18 years of age who pays the annual dues. Youth Membership entitles a person to attend and participate in all C.A.M.S. activities and events, as well as the right to vote in all C.A.M.S. elections.

Family Membership is available to a family (adult, spouse and all children of the family under the age of 18) that pays the annual dues of one adult member. Family Membership entitles all family

members to attend and participate in all C.A.M.S. activities and events, and one family member with the right to vote in all C.A.M.S. elections.

Applicants for membership shall submit the information required by C.A.M.S. and pay the dues designated for the type of membership.

Members may renew their membership by updating the C.A.M.S. information and paying the applicable dues no later than January 31st of the new year.

Section 5: Executive Board

The C.A.M.S. Executive Board will be elected to a two-year term of office by the C.A.M.S. general membership at the January meeting on even-numbered years. The Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer. Other positions may be appointed by the Executive Board as needed, such as Chapter Contact, Secretary, Web Master, Contest Chairman.

To be eligible for the Executive Board, the person must be a member in good standing of both C.A.M.S. and IPMS/USA.

Candidates for Executive Board officers shall be nominated by any adult C.A.M.S. member from the floor during the November meeting.

Section 6: Duties of the Executive Board

President

The President shall:

- A. Preside over C.A.M.S. general meetings and Executive Board meetings.
- B. With input from the Executive Board and C.A.M.S. members, determine the calendar of general meetings and events.
- C. With the Executive Board, review these C.A.M.S. Bylaws annually and make recommendations for amendments thereto.
- D. Delegate and assign additional duties to members as needed.

Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- A. Preside over C.A.M.S. general meetings and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President.
- B. Advise the President in determining the yearly calendar of C.A.M.S. meetings and events.
- C. Act as the Public Relations officer of C.A.M.S. and be responsible for public affairs in the community, including, with approval of the Executive Board, delegating a member for such public relations.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Maintain a balanced account of C.A.M.S. funds.
- B. Maintain an account of C.A.M.S. revenues and expenses, and report the same to the President at least quarterly.

C. At an interval directed by the Executive Board, provide a financial report to the general membership.

Section 7: Meetings

The Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly.

General meetings of C.A.M.S. shall be at least monthly, on a schedule set by the Executive Board and approved by majority vote of the general membership.

A quorum shall consist of 50% plus 1 of all C.A.M.S. members.

Section 8: Finances

All funds shall be used solely for the benefit of C.A.M.S.

Funds shall consist of annual dues as set by the Executive Board, donations, and monies earned in C.A.M.S. or IPMS/USA events.

All expenditures over \$100 must be approved by two thirds of the Executive Board.

In the event of the dissolution of C.A.M.S. for any reason, all current funds shall be used to resolve any C.A.M.S. debt or financial responsibility. Any remaining funds shall be donated to IPMS/USA.

Section 9: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at a C.A.M.S. general membership meeting.