

## Come vote on Thursday, 19 April 2018 at General Membership Meeting at NOYC

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Ammendments to adopted USPS Model Bylaws:

#### Original

**Section 5.2** The **bridge officers** of this squadron shall be the commander, who shall be the ranking officer, the executive officer, the educational officer, the administrative officer, the secretary and the treasurer, which officers shall be elected by the members qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting each year. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person if so authorized by the Executive Committee.

**Amended** – To indicate minimum Officers required to operate the squadron given difficulty in filling the bridge.

**Section 5.2** The **bridge officers** of this squadron shall be the commander, who shall be the ranking officer, the secretary and the treasurer, and, may include the executive officer, the educational officer, and the administrative officer, which officers shall be elected by the members qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting each year. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person if so authorized by the Executive Committee.

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#### Original

**Section 5.7** There shall be an **Auditing Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the members, qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years.

**Amended** – A practical reduction in total members consistent with local conditions.

**Section 5.7** There shall be an **Auditing Committee**, consisting of **at least one or more members not to exceed three total members**, one of whom shall be elected by the members, qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years as is applicable.

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**Original:**

**5.8.1** The **Planning Committee** shall be composed of three members (preferably senior members), one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee for a term of three years. It shall study matters concerning the general welfare of this squadron and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. Items for study may be referred to it by the commander, the Executive Committee or the membership, or may arise within the Planning Committee itself. It shall file an annual report with the Executive Committee at its meeting preceding the annual meeting.

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**Amended** – adjusted for local interest and conditions.

**5.8.1** The **Planning Committee** shall be composed of three **or more, but not to exceed five**, members (preferably senior members), one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee for a term of three years. It shall study matters concerning the general welfare of this squadron and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. Items for study may be referred to it by the commander, the Executive Committee or the membership, or may arise within the Planning Committee itself. It **may** file an annual report with the Executive Committee at its meeting preceding the annual meeting.

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**Original:**

**5.8.2** The **Budget and Finance Committee** shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee for a term of three years. It shall work in close cooperation with the treasurer, prepare the budget and, in general, plan the overall financial affairs of this squadron. It is the responsibility of this committee to present a budget annually to the Executive Committee for approval prior to its being presented to the voting members for adoption.

**Amended:** Eliminated due to local conditions.

**[Reserved]**

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**Original:**

**5.9.1** The **Membership Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. It shall be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the USPS Membership Manual. It shall process all new membership applications and present to the Executive Committee an evaluation of every person applying for squadron membership. Additionally, it shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service and social activities of this squadron and ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities

**Amended** – Committee size reduced in consideration of local conditions.

**5.9.1** The **Membership Committee** shall be composed of **one to three members** appointed annually by the commander. It shall be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the USPS Membership Manual. It shall process all new membership applications and present to the Executive Committee an evaluation of every person applying for squadron membership. Additionally, it shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service and social activities of this squadron and ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities.

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**Original:**

**5.9.2** The **Member Involvement Committee** shall be composed of two members appointed annually by the commander. It shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service, and social activities of this squadron and shall work closely with the Membership Committee to ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities.

**Amended** – Removed due to local conditions.

[Reserved]

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**Original:**

**5.9.5** The **Merit Mark Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. It shall compile and correlate data to assist the commander with merit mark recommendations.

**Amended** – Reduced size per local conditions.

**5.9.5** The **Merit Mark Committee** shall be composed of **one to three** members appointed annually by the commander. It shall compile and correlate data to assist the commander with merit mark recommendations.

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**Original:**

**5.9.6** The **Housing Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. It shall assist the commander in obtaining rooms and facilities for meetings, educational programs, and other squadron activities.

**Amended** – Section eliminated.

[Reserved]

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**Original**

**5.9.7** The **Personnel Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. It shall maintain an inventory of the skills of each member so that these skills may be called upon for staff positions, committee chairmen, committee members, etc.

**Amended** – Section eliminated

[Reserved]

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**Original:**

**Section 5.11** The commander may appoint a **supply officer** who shall have charge of the procurement and sale to qualified members of ensigns, insignia and other paraphernalia approved by USPS. The supply officer shall be responsible to the treasurer for all funds received from the sale of supplies

**Amended** – Section eliminated.

[Reserved]

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**Original:**

**Section 5.12** The commander may appoint a **property officer** who shall have responsibility for all squadron property which is not procured for resale to members and who shall maintain a current listing of such property showing location, date procured, and condition. A copy of the listing shall be supplied to the treasurer upon request.

**Amended** – Section eliminated.

[Reserved]

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**Original:**

**6.7.10** Annually appoint one member to the Planning Committee and one member to the Budget/Finance Committee to replace the members completing their final year on each committee

**Amended** – Eliminated reference to Budget and Finance Committees

**6.7.10** Annually appoint one **or more members** to the Planning Committee to replace the **members** completing their final year on the **committee**.

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**Original**

**6.8.2** No member of this committee may also serve on the bridge; nor may a member be nominated by this committee for assumption of any bridge office commencing less than one year after the member's service on this committee ends; nor may any members serve again on this committee for at least one year after their service on this committee ends. For the purposes of this section a year shall be deemed to be the normal watch of bridge officers.

**Amended** – To allow for a NomCom member (otherwise qualified and likely a Past Commander), under urgent and unusual conditions, to accept an Executive Committee request and vote to fill a vacancy on the Bridge. Our current NOPS Bylaws had enough “wiggle room” for this “vacancy-filling action to take place – used for the first time this year. The Model Squadron Bylaws are far more restrictive. The amended wording tries to keep the spirit of the section.

**6.8.2** No member of this committee may be nominated by this committee for assumption of any bridge office commencing less than one year after the member's service on this committee ends. No member of this committee may serve again on this committee for at least one year after their service on this committee ends. For the purposes of this section a year shall be deemed to be the normal watch of bridge officers.

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**Original:**

**Section 9.1** Regular squadron business meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month, from January to November and on the second Thursday of December of the ensuing year, inclusive, at a regular meeting place. The Executive Committee shall meet on the second Thursday of each month except December, which may be held on the first Thursday. The Executive Committee may designate other times and places for such regular business meetings upon proper notice. The Executive Committee shall meet as required by 6.7.1 herein

**Amended** – Often have conflicts with our Christmas party held that first week in December

9.1 “...which may be held on first Thursday

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**Original:**

**Section 9.6** Except as provided in 9.3 herein, notices of all regular and special meetings of this squadron and of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to the last known address of each member entitled to receive such notice at least 20 days prior to regular meetings, and at least 10 days prior to special meetings. The inclusion of a Notice of Meeting in an official squadron publication mailed the required time before such meeting will be deemed to comply with the foregoing provisions.

**Amended** – Indicate electronic transmission of notices as preferred method.

**Section 9.6** Except as provided in 9.3 herein, notices of all regular and special meetings of this squadron and of the Executive Committee shall be electronically transmitted to the last provided email address, or fax, or requested postal mailing address of each member entitled to receive such notice at least 7 days prior to regular meetings, and at least 7 days prior to special meetings. The inclusion of a Notice of Meeting in an official squadron publication mailed the required time before such meeting will be deemed to comply with the foregoing provisions.

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**Original:**

**9.6.1** Electronic communication may be used for notices provided the recipient has agreed [*Option: Insert, only if required by applicable state statute, “in writing”*] to accept electronic messages in lieu of physical mail and the message is transmitted to the member’s facsimile machine or last e-mail address of record on or before the applicable deadline for dispatching notice. [*Option: Remove the following one sentence if the above option to include “in writing” is selected*] Providing an e-mail address or fax number shall constitute an agreement to receive notices electronically. Electronic transmission of an official squadron publication containing such notice shall be deemed to comply with this requirement provided it is transmitted in its entirety

**Amended** – Indicate electronic communication as primary communication method.

**9.6.1** Electronic communication shall be the preferred transmission method for all messages, newsletters and notices. Such communication may be sent via US postal mail if requested by the member and a valid physical mailing address provided The message will be transmitted to the member’s last e-mail address of record on or before the applicable deadline for dispatching notice. Providing an e-mail address to this squadron shall constitute an agreement to receive

**notices electronically.** Electronic transmission of an official squadron publication containing such notice shall be deemed to comply with this requirement provided it is transmitted in its entirety.

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**End of model bylaw amendments by NOPS  
ComRules.**