

Constitution of the Saskatoon Rocketry Society

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the SASKATOON ROCKETRY SOCIETY of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of this organization to develop interest in the art of model rocketry through the pursuit of such programs as the members shall feel useful, and to implement these programs through the holding of regular meetings, launches & contests between society members, through the creation and maintenance of materials to use for launches and displays, and supporting travel to conferences, launches and meetings. It shall further be the purpose of this organization to aid the cause of rocket safety through educational programs designed to acquaint the members and public with the high degree of safety gained through following the Model Rocket Safety Code.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall consist of all interested persons, regardless of age, who express a desire to join, pledge to follow the Model Rocket Safety Code, and who pay promptly all dues monies as assessed by the society at its regular meetings.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Meetings of the Saskatoon Rocketry Society (SAROS) shall be held at least 3 times per year and at such times and places as the membership shall approve by a two-thirds majority vote. Operation of the society rocket range shall not be considered a meeting. A quorum of one third the membership shall be necessary for the transaction of any business, and all meetings shall be conducted in a civil manner, referencing Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. Consistent failure to attend society meetings without proper reasons shall be considered normal.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Board of the society shall consist of the four above officers, and the Past President who shall be a society advisor. Officers and Executive Board members may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

The election of officers and Executive Board members shall take place at the second meeting of the calendar year [April, before the start of the organizations year]. Nominations shall be submitted by the members in first meeting of the year, and voting shall be by secret

ballot. A candidate must receive a majority of the votes to be elected. All officers and Executive Board members shall serve terms of one year. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by the nomination and election of a society member to fill the vacant office for the remainder of the term, and such nomination and election shall take place at the society meeting at which the vacancy is announced.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. President:

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all society meetings, to serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, and to represent the society at public affairs.

2. Vice President:

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at society meetings in the absence of the President, to serve as Secretary when they are not present at meetings, and to assist the other officers as needed.

3. Secretary:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take minutes at all meetings, to handle all society correspondence, to keep a file of all minutes and correspondence, and to track membership and expirations.

4. Treasurer:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all society dues, to keep records of all income and expenditures, to keep all society funds safe, and to manage the purchase of equipment, etc., for the society upon authorization by its members.

All officers have check signing authority over the club account. 2 signatures will be require on any cheque.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

There shall be four Standing Committees of the society, and such additional committees as the society Executive Board may from time to time consider necessary. The Standing Committee shall be:

1. Events Committee:

The Events Committee shall be in charge of organizing the attendance of SAROS at trade shows and special events, the coordination of setup and operation of a society firing range, and the equipment necessary for it. Members of this committee shall be responsible for the enforcement of safe conduct on the firing range.

2. Education Committee

The Education Committee shall be in charge of internally developing an education program for SAROS members, and handle the procurement and lending of all necessary reference material, the cataloguing of all books and materials, and the collection and preservation of published materials dealing with the activities of the society. The committee can arrange society demonstrations and educational programs for the public.

3. Promotion Committee

The Promotion Committee shall be in charge of notifying the public of any society activities, particularly launches, which may be of general interest or value to develop public awareness of SAROS and our events. The committee can originate and engage in promotional activities to increase membership.

4. Social Committee

The Social Committee shall be in charge of internal events for SAROS members, and includes gatherings outside of regular meetings, or launches.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Saskatoon Rocketry Society, present and voting at any meeting of the society, provided that such proposed amendments were distributed in written form (email) to all society members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. The society Executive Board may veto any amendment, but if, at the next regular meeting of the society, the veto is announced and a simple majority of those present votes to override the veto, the amendment shall go into effect. The amendment shall also go into effect if the Executive Board shall fail to announce its veto at the first regular meeting following the original vote on the amendment.