

# The International Fellowship of the Flying Rotarians

## PREAMBLE

*The International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting aviation as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.*

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I OFFICES

The principal office of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, hereinafter designated as IFFR, shall be 33 Kurupae Road, Taupo, New Zealand. The IFFR may have such other locations as the Executive Committee may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

### ARTICLE II EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no member, director, officer, employee, or representative of IFFR shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the organization exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. General Membership:** Membership shall consist of those members of Rotary who have an active interest in aviation as indicated in the purpose of IFFR as well as those who have a sympathetic or vicarious interest in the aim and purpose of IFFR, provided that all of the aforementioned pay the annual dues as approved and regulated by the voting membership and/or the Executive Committee.

**Section 2. Honorary member:** This classification shall be a special type of non-dues paying membership and an individual shall be selected upon unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, in selecting an Honorary Membership shall consider service to IFFR.

**Section 3. Life Membership:** Upon contribution as established by the Executive Committee a member becomes a Life member and shall be exempt from International dues for his/her life and is entitled to all rights and privileges accorded to any IFFR members, provided he or she remains a member of a local Rotary Club. Section or other dues, if any, are not included and must be paid to keep the membership current.

**Section 4. Special Life Member:** A Special Life Member shall be an IFFR member selected upon unanimous vote of the Executive Committee who shall consider the length of membership and his/her service to IFFR. Such Life memberships pay no membership dues.

### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers and their duties shall be as follows:

- a. **President:** The president shall preside at all meetings of IFFR; serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee; appoint all members of special committees, with the approval of the Executive Committee; appoint such other functionaries as in his judgment will expedite the work of the corporation; serve as ex-officio member of all committees; and perform all other duties incidental to this office. The President's position will be filled each second year by the previous term's President Elect.
- b. **President Elect:** The President Elect shall assist the President in his duties as the President may direct. The President Elect shall perform all other duties incidental to this office. The President Elect shall be elected at the annual meeting a minimum of one year prior to the end of the President's term of office.
- c. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the corporation; handle all correspondence relative to the corporation's activities; and perform all other duties incidental to this office. The Secretary shall be appointed each second year at the annual meeting by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall prepare and distribute to all members an annual directory of members.

- d. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have custody of all corporation funds and receive and disburse all corporation's monies; maintain and complete an accurate record of all transactions; prepare semi-annual financial reports to be read at meetings and published in the corporation's publications at least once a year. Once each year the corporation's annual financial records shall be reviewed by an independent professional certified public accountant (or its equivalent) to certify that the financial statements fairly reflect IFFR's financial position. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Treasurer each second year at the annual meeting.
- e. **Editor:** The Editor shall be in charge of writing and printing and all services necessary to the preparation and distribution of the corporation's quarterly publication, and shall perform all other duties incidental to this office. The Editor shall be appointed each second year at the annual meeting by the Executive Committee.
- f. **Executive Committee:** the Executive Committee shall consider and evaluate all recommendations made to it by the president and shall take all necessary and appropriate action; approve or disapprove all committee appointments; and materially advise and assist the President in all matters pertaining to the necessary arrangements and programming for the annual meeting.
- g. **Vice Presidents:** The Vice Presidents shall be appointed by the President.

### ARTICLE V VACANCIES AND ELECTIONS

**Section 1. Vacancies:** Whenever an elective office becomes vacant, except for a period of one month prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting, the President, with approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint an interim replacement to serve until the next Annual General Membership Meeting at which time the office will be filled by General Membership vote.

**Section 2. Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the Regions Vice Presidents.

**Section 3. Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors and their titles shall be as follows:

Title
President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Editor, International
Past Presidents
Americas Vice President
European Vice President
Australasian Vice President
African Vice President
All Section Chairmen
International Webmaster

### ARTICLE VI REGIONS AND SECTIONS

In order to further the purposes of IFFR and to increase the benefits of membership to each member within the corporation, there are hereby created for the members of the corporation the following regions and sections comprising the territory served by IFFR as follows:

**a. Americas Region:**

1. Northeast Section; Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia.
2. Southeast Section; Alabama, Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.
3. North Central Section; Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Saskatchewan, South Dakota, Wisconsin.
4. South Central Section; Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mexico, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Caribbean, Central America, South America.
5. Northwest Section; Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.
6. Southwest Section; Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada.
7. Alaskan Section; Alaska, Yukon.

**b. European Region:**

1. United Kingdom Section; England, Wales, Scotland, Channel Islands, Northern Ireland
2. France Section; France
3. Benelux Section; Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands
4. Switzerland Section; Switzerland
5. Italy Section; Greece, Italy
6. Scandinavia Section; Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
7. Germany Section; Austria, Germany
8. Portuguese Section; Portugal, Spain

**c. African Region**

1. South Africa Section; Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda

**d. Australasian Region**

1. Australia Section
2. Japan Section
3. New Zealand Section

Each Section may have its own Chairman, Officers and Committees elected by its own members of the Section and may levy dues for the Section expenses to its own members in addition to the International dues.

Each Section's Representative to the Board of Directors shall be elected by his constituency to serve a minimum of two years or, lacking such election, shall be appointed by the Regional Vice president for the region to serve a minimum of two years. Such appointment to be subject to presidential confirmation.

**ARTICLE VII  
MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee meeting may be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee and may be handled in person, by telephone or correspondence.

**Section 2. Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall meet at least once each year prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Section 3. Annual General Membership Meeting:** There shall be at least one annual meeting for all of the membership, one of which to held at the Rotary international Convention. The annual meeting shall be held on Monday if possible.

**ARTICLE VIII  
AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted in to the Board of Directors at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting and be circulated to the entire membership at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meetings, and shall require a two-thirds majority of those members in attendance or voting by mail.

**ARTICLE IX**

**PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING IN CORPORATE EARNINGS**

No member, director, office or employee of or member of a committee of or person connected with IFFR, or any other private individual shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of IFFR, provided that this shall not prevent the payment to any such person of such reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation in effecting any of its purposes as shall be fixed by the Executive Committee; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the corporation. All members of the corporation shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that upon such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, after all debts have been satisfied, all assets remaining in the hands of the Executive Committee shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over, in such amounts as the Executive Committee may determine or as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction upon application of the Executive Committee, Exclusively in charitable, religious, scientific, literary or education organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or other corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

**ARTICLE X**

**DUES**

The annual dues of IFFR shall be determined at the Annual General Membership meeting having placed before it the recommendations of the Executive Committee together with a budget and set of accounts for the previous year.

**ARTICLE XI**

**COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint any and all committees necessary to conduct the business of the IFFR and to carry on the aims and purposes of the organization. The duties of the various committees shall be prescribed by the President and/or Executive Committee from time to time.

Each committee shall report its findings at the annual meeting and shall publish its report prior to such meeting.

Members of the committees shall be selected from various regions served by IFFR.

**ARTICLE XII**

**FUNDS**

**Section 1. Deposits:** All money of IFFR shall be deposited in the name of IFFR in an insured account.

**Section 2. Disbursements:** When duly authorized by a majority vote of the members present at any General Meeting of either IFFR or the Executive Committee, any office, member, committee or group of members may be reimbursed for purchases made, may make purchases or incur debt in the name of IFFR, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay such debts or expenditures for any service performed by its members as a member of this Board.

**Section 3. Statements:** The Treasurer shall prepare and publish yearly financial statements to the membership. The Treasurer shall file all Federal and/or State tax forms as required to maintain tax-exempt status of IFFR.

**Section 4. Audits:** The President may appoint an auditing committee which shall report to the Board of Directors annually.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**RULES OF ORDER**

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary practice of IFFR in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of IFFR.