

**TIDEWATER REGION – AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. This region shall be known as the TIDEWATER REGION OF THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA.
- Section 2. The purpose of this region shall be to supplement and actively support the goals and the activities of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

ARTICLE II – REGIONAL OFFICES

- Section 1. The elected officers of the region shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four members of the Board of Directors. Said officers, except elected Board members, shall hold offices for one year from the date of installation or until their successors are duly elected and installed in their respective offices, as per Section 1, Article 3.
- Section 2. The manner of the election of officers may be pre-scribed by the Board of Directors of the Region. All members of the Region in good standing shall be given proper notice and opportunity to vote.
- Section 3. It is the responsibility of all Officers and Board Members to make every effort to attend all Board Meetings. Should circumstances preclude regular attendance at these meetings, a member of the Board may request that the Board elect a replacement.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Region's President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past President, and four members elected by the Region. In order to provide continuity of information within the Board of Directors of the Region, the term of office Board members shall be two years, with two members being elected in alternating years. As many additional Board members as necessary may be elected to fill vacancy(s). The term of that elected Board members will be the balance of the term of the vacancy. In order to implement this alternating election process, in 1996, two elected Board members will be selected by a drawing for a term of one year, and two members will be selected for a term of two years for the calendar year 1997 term of office.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have the **option** to proceed at their meetings in any manner which, in their judgment, serves the best interest of the Region. The decision of a majority of the Board on any question shall be binding, and decisions shall be reported to the general membership in writing or at the next special meeting of the Region. When any member wishes to challenge a Board decision, and this challenge is properly presented on the floor for discussion at the next regular or special meeting of the Region, then a majority of the members present at that meeting may approve, nullify, or amend a specific Board decision.
- Section 3. Any five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum **at a Board of Directors' meeting**, and the majority vote shall decide all issues.
- Section 4. Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Directors or in any office, the remaining members of the Board may elect a successor for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF REGIONAL OFFICERS

- Section 1. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Region and at meetings of the Board of Directors. In his/her absence, the Vice-President shall preside. If both the President and the Vice-President should be absent, the Board may designate a temporary Spokesperson to officiate. The elected President shall appoint all committee chairmen, one of whom shall be a news correspondent to the Regional and National publications. The President shall have the power to decide all questions of equal division and have all powers and duties usually vested in the President of the organization. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall receive the same notice of committee meetings as is given to other committee members. He/she shall require an audit and report of the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting by a person or persons other than a member of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. **VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. In the event the President vacates his/her office for any reason, the Vice-President will automatically fill that vacancy. The Board of Directors will proceed to elect a successor to the Vice-President's position. The Vice-President is the designated representative to the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads.
- Section 3. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall handle all official correspondence of the Region. He/she shall keep minutes of all Regional meetings, and meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the President or the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall collect and disburse the funds of the Region as may be ordered by the Board of Directors. He/she shall render a financial report of the Region at the annual meeting and whenever the President of the Board of Directors may require. He/she shall give bond at the expense of the Region if required to do so by the Board of Directors. He/she shall collect all dues payable by Regional members. He/she shall maintain an up-to-date list of all members who have paid their dues and are in good standing. Checks issued in the name of the club shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other authorized officer. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President and/or Vice-President or Secretary may sign checks as authorized by the Board of Directors. **Treasurer shall not issue any Region checks for donations for amounts over \$300.00 unless approved by a quorum of the membership (at a dinner meeting or special activity).**

ARTICLE V – MEMBERS

- Section 1. Members in good standing in the Antique Automobile Club of America may become members of the Region.
- Section 2. Properly executed new membership applications must be accompany by dues for the current year and filed with the Secretary. Membership shall be effective upon approval by the Board of Directors. All applicants shall be sponsored by at least one active member in good standing. All new applicants must visit a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Their acceptance into the Region will be voted upon at that meeting by the Board members present.
- Section 3. The amount of the annual dues payable to the Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Payment of dues may be made to the Treasurer either in person or by mail. Annual dues will be due on or before January one. A notification of dues payable shall be mailed by the Treasurer to all members by December one. New members joining the Region shall pay full dues for the calendar year in which they join.

- Section 4. Termination of membership: The membership of any Regional members may be terminated by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for conduct unbecoming a members of the Antique Automobile Club of America, or for other just cause. The member in question will be given thirty days from notification by the Board of Directors to reply to the charges or action. Any member whose regional dues are more than 60 days in arrears shall be dropped from the Region roll until such time as dues are brought up to date. Exceptions to the above may be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. Honorary Membership: Upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, the membership may by a vote of seventy five percent (75%) present at any regular or called meeting, elect to Honorary Membership any person worthy of such honor. Such persons may be one who has served the Region faithfully for many years as a regular member, or any outsider who by words and actions has proven him/herself worthy. Such an honorary member will owe no local dues to the Region.
- Section 6. Regional Life Memberships are offered to all members in good standing. The cost of Life Membership shall e 20 times the annual dues of the region. It is contingent on the Region's Life members to maintain AACA membership through payment of annual dues, or by Life Membership in the AACA.**
- Section 7. Members who have been expelled for just cause shall not be eligible for guest or membership privileges. Members expelled for non-payment of dues may reapply for membership in the usual manner.
- Section 8. AACA National membership confers to spouses full privileges in this Region.
- Section 9. Upon the death of a member or spouse, a \$25 memorial donation will be made to the AACA Library in their name. Death of other relatives may cause a card of condolence to be sent to the family.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- Section 1. Regional members shall hold at least one meeting annually for the election of officers. The regular monthly meeting of this Region will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the signed request of three members of the Board of Directors or six members of the general membership. Written notice shall be given to all members of such special meetings.
- Section 2. Twenty percent (20%) of the Club's membership at any regular or called meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 3. The fiscal year of the Region shall correspond to the calendar year. The President shall, **in** August, appoint an AD HOC Nominating Committee for the purpose of developing a recommended slate of officers and Board members **as** candidates for the upcoming year. The committee shall place their recommended slate of candidates in nomination at the September meeting. At the October meeting, the floor shall be opened for further nominations for both officer and Board positions. Prior to being nominated from the floor, those candidates must have agreed to serve if elected. Nominations shall then be closed. Elections will be conducted by mailed individual ballots, or by acclamation if there are no challenging candidates. Election results will be tabulated and reported at the November meeting, with the installation of newly elected officers and Board members at the Annual Banquet in January.

ARTICLE VII – REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS BY A.A.C.A.

- Section 1. The members of any Region shall not, as a group, use the name of the Antique Automobile Club of America in connection with a commercial or charitable project.
- Section 2. A Region or its Chapters shall not hold any activity in conflict with a National event of the Antique Automobile Club.
- Section 3. Announcement of Regional activities must be sent to the National Vice-President in Charge of Activities.
- Section 4. The names and addresses of all Regional officers must be submitted to National Headquarters on the Officer Reporting Form immediately after local elections. Before May one of each year, the Regional Directory listing all members current as of April one of that year shall be submitted to National Headquarters.
- Section 5. The Antique Automobile Club of America is a non-profit organization. The members thereof shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interest, participation, share, right and/or property right in and to the assets of the Club. No dividends, pecuniary profits, stock dividends or payments of like manner shall ever be declared or paid to the members of this Region.

ARTICLE VIII – CHAPTERS

- Section 1. Upon compliance with the requirements of the National Board of Directors, one or more Chapters may be founded as circumstances dictate within the geographic area of a Region.
- Section 2. The members of every Chapter shall be members in good standing of the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Tidewater Region. Each Chapter shall be under the jurisdiction of the Regional President unless special exception is authorized by the National Board of Directors. **A copy of the Chapter By-laws will be on file with the President of the Region under which the chapter is formed.**

ARTICLE IX – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The President shall appoint the following standing committees:

Activities	Membership	Chief Judge	Safety
Auditor	Parliamentarian	Historian	Telephone
By-laws	Program	Hostess	Ways and Means
Caterer	Roster	Legislative	Advertising
- Section 2. The President shall appoint, as he deems necessary, AD HOC Committees as required to conduct the business and activities of the Region.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO BY-LAWS

- Section 1. Amendments may be made from time to time by a majority of the Region members, in good standing, upon at least ten (10) days written notice to all members stating the proposed changes, provided a quorum, as required in Article VI, Section 2, is present.

Respectfully submitted.....