

BY-LAWS
EAA Chapter 277

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization is Chapter 277 of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

ARTICLE II - LOCATION OF OFFICE

The office for the transaction of business for the organization shall be located in the Carbondale, Illinois area.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of this non-profit, educational association are to:

- a. Promote and encourage the sport and hobby of recreational aviation.
- b. Cooperate with and assist governmental agencies in the development of programs relating to aviation activities.
- c. Promote and encourage aviation safety in the design, construction and operation of all types of aircraft.
- d. Encourage and engage in research for the improvement and better understanding of aviation and the science of aeronautics.
- e. Foster, promote and engage in aviation education.
- f. Promote and encourage grass roots efforts relating to aviation research and development.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Eligibility for membership:

- a. Any person who is of good moral character and a member of EAA International or its subgroups, their spouse and dependents is eligible for Chapter membership.
- b. Any eligible person desiring to become a member must notify the Chapter in the prescribed manner including appropriate dues.
- c. An Honorary Member shall be any person appointed by a majority of Chapter members as such a member.

Section II Classification of Membership

- a. A voting member shall be any member of the Chapter in good standing.
- b. Family members shall be the spouse and dependents of a member's household.
- c. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to vote, nor shall they hold office in this organization.
- d. Associate/Introductory Chapter memberships shall be any person who pays Chapter dues, however, has not yet joined the Experimental Aircraft Association, incorporated in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It is the purpose of this membership classification to

provide individuals an opportunity to join the Chapter and learn more about the mission, vision, and goals of the Chapter and the Experimental Aircraft Association before becoming a member of EAA. Associate/Introductory Chapter members are not eligible to hold an elected Chapter office.

Section III. Duration of Membership

- a. Duration of membership shall be dependent upon continued fulfillment of those requirements which qualified the individual for original membership.
- b. Duration of Honorary Membership shall be for one year following such appointment by the Board of Directors. Renewal of an Honorary Membership shall require action the same as for original selection.
- c. Associate/Introductory Chapter Memberships are limited to one year in duration and may not be renewed.

Section IV. Expulsion of Members.

- a. Any member deemed undesirable by acts or deeds which are considered to jeopardize this organization may be expelled from membership at any published meeting by three-fourths popular vote of the membership present at such meeting.
- b. Membership in the Chapter may be terminated for non-payment of Chapter dues, at any time after the member falls 90 days behind in payment of said dues. Termination of the membership of any member shall not release said member from obligation to pay all dues owing to the period of membership.
- *c. Members who have been terminated for non payment of dues may apply for reinstatement of membership upon payment of a reinstatement fee of \$5 plus the current year's dues.
- *d. Any member may resign from the Chapter at any time upon notice in writing addressed to the Secretary. In such a case, said member is obligated to pay dues to date of resignation.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Section I. Rate of Assessment.

- a. Rate of assessment of dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- b. Payment of dues shall be made to the Chapter Treasurer.

Section II. Assessment Period.

- a. Dues shall be paid by January 1 of each year for the period of January 1 through December 31.
- b. Members joining at a time other than the established dues year will be assessed a pro-rated amount for each month remaining in the current year.

Section III. Members Not Subject to Dues.

- a. Honorary and Family members shall not be subject to Chapter

dues.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section I. Executive Officers.

- a. The Executive Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. Their terms of office will be one year.
- c. These officers shall be elected at the regularly scheduled October meeting. Installation of officers will be at the December meeting following their election.
- d. Each officer shall serve his elected position without compensation.

Section II. The President.

- a. The President shall be the Chief Executive Office of the Chapter and the Board of Directors. He may call any special meeting of the members of the Board of Directors and shall have, subject to the advice and control of the Directors, general charge of the business of the Chapter.
- b. The President shall execute with the Secretary all contracts and instruments which have first been approved by the Board of Directors. In the case of the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the President may execute withdrawals for the expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors.
- c. The President may be bonded in an amount determined by the Chapter. The bond premium shall be at the expense of the Chapter.

Section III. The Vice President.

- a. The Vice President shall be vested with all powers and shall perform the duties of the President in case of the absence, disability or inability for any reason, of the President to perform the duties of his office.
- b. The Vice President shall also perform such duties connected with the operation of the Chapter as he may undertake at the suggestion of the President or the Directors.

Section IV. The Secretary.

- a. The Secretary shall have the responsibility to take and publish minutes of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors. He shall attend to giving and serving notices of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and otherwise, He shall keep a proper membership book showing the name of each member of the Chapter, of the book of By-Laws, and such other books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct. He shall execute with the President, in the name of the Chapter, all contracts and instruments which have been first approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incident to said office subject to the control of the President and the Board of Directors as

directed by them.

Section V. The Treasurer.

- a. The Treasurer shall execute in the name of the Chapter, all withdrawals for the expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall receive and deposit all funds of the Chapter in a bank selected by the Board of Directors, which funds shall be paid out only by withdrawals as provided. He shall also account for all receipts, disbursements and the balance of funds on hand.
- b. The Treasurer shall perform all other duties incident to said office subject to the control of the President and the Board of Directors as directed by them.
- c. The Treasurer may be bonded in an amount determined by the Chapter. The bond premium shall be at the expense of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- a. The powers, business, and the property of the Chapter shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by a Board of Directors of not less than seven members.
- b. The Board of Directors shall be determined as follows:
 - (1) The current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President and newsletter editor.
 - (2) Additional Directors will be selected from chairmen of existing committees, subject to approval of the membership.
- c. The President shall be a member of, and preside over the Board of Directors as its Chairman.
- d. In case of a vacancy on the Board, the President shall appoint a replacement, subject to approval of the membership.
- e. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called at any time on the order of the President or on the order of a majority of Directors.
- f. Notice of special meetings of the Board of Directors stating the time and, in general terms, the purpose of the meeting, shall be mailed or personally given to the Directors at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for the meeting. If all Directors shall be present at a meeting, any business may be transacted without previous notice.
- g. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board at all meetings and the affirmative vote of a majority present shall be necessary to pass any resolution or authorize any act of the Chapter.
- h. Each member of the Board shall service as a Director without compensation.
- i. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to promulgate and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the use and operation of the Association property and to do and

perform, or cause to be done and performed, any and every act which the Association may lawfully do and perform.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS.

- a. All meetings of the members, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be held at a place to be determined by the President.
- b. Notice of any Annual Meeting of the members shall be given by notice published in a recognized publication of the Chapter before such meeting.
- c. Special meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as the President may determine, or may be called by a majority of the Directors.
- d. Notice of special meetings of members, stating the time and in general terms the purpose thereof, shall be given in a like manner as the notice required for the regular meetings.
- e. At any meeting of the members, a quorum shall consist of at least one half of the members who are in good standing, represented either in person or by written proxy.
- f. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in the absence of the President and Vice President, a Chairman elected by the members present, shall call the meeting of the members to order and act as the presiding officer.
- g. At every meeting of the members, each voting member shall have only one vote. In the absence of a member, he shall have the right to vote by written proxy.
- h. A majority of the members present or represented by written proxy is necessary for the adoption of any resolution.

ARTICLE IX - VACANCIES

If the office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors shall elect a successor who shall hold the office for the unexpired term

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

- a. A nominating committee consisting of Chapter members at large will be formed at the August Chapter meeting.
- b. Selections of the nominating committee will be published at the September meeting.
- c. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the election at the October meeting.
- d. Elections of offices shall be accomplished at the October meeting of the Chapter.
- e. Election to office requires a majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be repealed or amended or new By-Laws may be approved at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at such meeting in person or represented by written proxy. The By-Laws will be presented to the general membership for ratification at any meeting of the members called for that purpose. The By-Law issue(s) must be passed by not less than eighty percent (80%) majority vote of the regular members eligible to vote. The vote may be either in person or by written proxy.

ARTICLE XII - CHAPTER DISSOLUTION

Should the Chapter become inactive or disband, all Chapter records, certificates of incorporation and Chapter are to be returned to EAA Headquarters for safekeeping. The assets of the Chapter will be transferred to the EAA Aviation Foundation, a non-profit corporation under Federal IRS and Wisconsin state law.

ARTICLE XIII - SEAL

A corporate seal may be provided for.

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