

# SAM 27 BYLAWS

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## ARTICLE I – The Club

**Sec. 1** – The name of this club is SAM 27. <http://sam27.com/> . We are chapter 27 of the international organization The Society of Antique Modelers <http://www.antiquemodeler.org/>. The club's main area of coverage is in Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties of California.

**Sec. 2** – This is a non-profit club incorporated in the State of California.

## ARTICLE II – Purpose

**Sec. 1** – To conduct a model aviation club offering advice, services, and aid concerning the building and flying of antique/old timer model aircraft as recognized by The Society of Antique Modelers. To perform all other services usual in a model aviation club not inconsistent with the above. To encourage youth to learn about, build and fly model aircraft. To stage antique/old timer model aircraft competitions.

## ARTICLE III – Membership

**Sec. 1 – Eligibility for Membership** – Any individual who is a member in good standing of The Academy of Model Aeronautics, <https://www.modelaircraft.org/>, or the equivalent organization in that person's country of residence, shall be eligible for full membership in the club. Any such applicant shall file with the Club Secretary a signed application agreeing to abide by the AMA Safety Code, the Bylaws of the club, and the club's Field Safety Rules.

**Sec. 2 – Membership Application** - Application for club membership shall be made on the prescribed form of the club (available on the club's website or from the club's membership chairman) and be accompanied by such fees provided for under the current dues structure.

**Sec. 3 – Types of Membership** – There shall be three types of club membership. (Dues shall be set yearly at the November meeting by club vote).

- a. **Full Membership:** Entitles the member to use of the club's flying field, and full voting privileges of the club.
- b. **Junior Membership:** For youth under the age of 16 – (no dues) includes flying privileges at the club field (accompanied by a full member), but no voting privileges.
- c. **Complimentary Membership:** For persons approved by club vote – (no dues) includes flying privileges at the club field, but no voting privileges.

## ARTICLE IV – Dues, Fees, Expenditures, and Termination of Membership

**Sec. 1 – Determination of Dues** – Annual dues shall be determined each year by the club’s officers according to the financial requirements needed to carry on the functions of the club and presented to the club at the November meeting for a vote of approval.

**Sec. 2 – Payment of Dues** – Dues shall be due on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be collected through the end of February. Any member who has not paid by the end of February will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Any member who has not paid by the end of March will be considered a lapsed member (see Sec. 4, Sub. a. Below). In case of extenuating circumstances, the club officers may waive the dues deadline for an individual member.

**Sec. 3 – Club Expenditures** – Any club expenditures over \$250 must be pre-approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a club meeting. Any expenditure under \$250 must be pre-approved by one of the club’s officers. In the case of a club officer making the expenditure, one other officer must concur with the expenditure. The expenditure must be explained at the next meeting and logged into the meeting minutes.

**Sec. 4 – Termination of Membership** – Any member may immediately terminate their membership by notifying any of the club officers in writing. (Dues are not refundable.)

- a. **Lapsed Member:** Any member that has not paid their dues by the end of March. Membership rights and privileges shall cease immediately. A lapsed member may renew their membership by applying as a new member for the normal new membership fee.
- b. **Disciplinary Action:** A member’s membership may be terminated following the disciplinary action as listed in Article VIII.

## **ARTICLE V – Officers**

**Sec. 1 – Officers of the Club** – The management and control of the business and property of the club shall be vested in the club officers. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President (FF), Vice-president (RC), Secretary, and Treasurer. One officer may serve as both Secretary and Treasurer.

**Sec. 2 – Nomination of Officers** – Nomination for new officers will be accepted every other year at the club’s October meeting.

**Sec. 3 – Term of Officers** – The officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term by the general membership, term to begin at the January meeting. Unless approved by a unanimous consent of the club members, no officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any given office.

**Sec. 4 – Voting for Officers** – When voting for club officers, all club members shall be notified by email or postal mail of the vote. All responses will be tallied in the vote for offices.

- a. **SAM Membership:** If a member is voted in as a club officer and is not a member of SAM, the club will pay for SAM membership as long as that member remains a club officer.

**Sec. 5 – Rules of Officers** – The officers may prescribe their own rules of procedure for meetings not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws. Robert’s Rules of Order shall be followed in the absence of any other prescribed rules.

**Sec. 6 – Succession** – Should the President be incapacitated or resign the office, the Vice-President (RC first FF second) shall assume the title and duties of the President. The successor will continue in office until the original President is no longer incapacitated or until the end of the unexpired term, whichever is shorter. Officer vacancies may be filled for the unexpired portion of a term by majority vote of the club members at any regular or special meeting.

#### **Sec. 7 – Duties of Officers**

- a. **Annual Review:** An annual ‘state of the club’ review shall be presented at the January meeting. A reminder notice of this annual review shall be noted in the email sent out for the January meeting. The date shall be posted on the club website calendar.
- b. **Financial Review:** Prior to the annual review, a committee (selected by the club’s members) shall review the club’s financial records. Their findings shall be presented at the annual review.
- c. **Officer’s Report:** At the annual review, the officers shall report on work accomplished during the previous year, contest winners of that year, and results of the financial review committee’s findings.

**Sec. 8 – Expulsion of Officers** – An officer may be expelled from office by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the membership following the procedures outlined in Article VIII.

#### **ARTICLE VI – Dissolution of The Club**

**Sec. 1 – Treasury** – Upon dissolution of the club the club treasury shall be donated to The Society of Antique Modelers and The Academy of Model Aeronautics. The amounts for each to be decided by vote of the club membership. No individual, officer, or member of the club shall benefit from proceeds of the club treasury.

#### **ARTICLE VII – Bylaws**

**Sec. 1 – Amendment** – Acting on a recommendation of the club’s officers these Bylaws may be amended, altered, added to, or repealed by an affirmative vote of a majority of members of the club present at a general membership meeting, or by a membership vote conducted by email or postal mail.

## ARTICLE VIII – Disciplinary Actions

**Sec. 1 – Officers** – An officer may be removed from office if a member or group of members file a complaint against that officer.

- a. **Grievance Form:** A signed written complaint (AMA Grievance Form – available on club website) must be presented to one of the club’s officers. The offending officer will be notified of the complaint and the complaint shall be read at the next club meeting. All club members will be notified that this will be discussed at the next club meeting. The officer will be allowed an explanation of his view of the situation.
- b. **Hearing:** After hearing the complaint and the officer’s explanation, the members present shall vote on the potential removal of the officer from his position. The vote shall be by secret ballot and will require a two thirds (2/3) yes vote to approve of the officer’s removal. Depending on the seriousness of the charge the club members, in a separate vote, may also vote for the removal of the officer from the club.

**Sec. 2 – Members** – Any member may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting, or special meeting of the members called for that purpose. Reasons include violation of the AMA Safety Rules, the club’s Bylaws, the club’s Field Safety Rules, or for any other conduct deemed prejudicial of this organization, provided that the procedures listed below have been followed.

- a. **Grievance Form:** A signed written complaint (AMA Grievance Form - available on club website) must be presented to the club’s President. At least one witness must sign the form.
- b. **First Violation:** Viewpoints of both the complainant and the accused will be considered. Complainant’s name will be disclosed. If the complaint is valid, a verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the club President, this will be recorded in the club’s next meetings minutes.
- c. **Second Violation:** Complainant’s name will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the club’s officers. If the club officers uphold the complaint, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and will be recorded in the next meetings minutes.
- d. **Third Violation:** The club President will notify the accused in writing that the club members will vote on the accused’s expulsion at the next club meeting. Said expulsion shall last for one year minimum. A member may be expelled from the club only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.
- e. **Retaliation:** Any member receiving a grievance, who directs any retaliation against the person filing the grievance. Will be subject to immediate expulsion from the club. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the club’s officers.