**CONSTITUTION**

**OF THE**

**ALASKAN PROSPECTOR’S SOCIETY**

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**April 2022**

This constitution replaces the Constitution adopted in October 2018.

**ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Alaskan Prospector’s Society.

**ARTICLE II**

Objective

The principal objective of the Alaskan Prospector’s Society is to provide group opportunities for the members to see and know Alaska through trips within the State and Yukon Territory. The Society has no commercial interests and no political alliances. It is not operated for profit, and its income is expended solely for furthering its objectives.

**ARTICLE III**

Membership

Sectio 1. Membership in the Society shall be voluntary and unrestricted with respect to race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin.

Section 2. Lifetime membership is attained by attending three meetings (which need not be consecutive) or presenting a program and signing the Constitution.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be awarded for special services rendered.

**ARTICLE IV**

Dues

There shall be no dues or initiation fees.

**ARTICLE V**

Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers. The following officers shall be elected by the membership.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Section 2. Committee Chairs. The following voluntary committee chairs shall be filled with the approval of the elected officers, no later than the first meeting following officer elections.

1. Program Chair
2. Trip Chair
3. Hospitality Chair
4. Publicity Chair
5. Special Committee Chair, as needed.

Section 3. Board of Directors. The administrative affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the following:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Programs Chair
6. Trips Chair
7. Past President

If the immediate past president declines to serve and if other past presidents are unavailable, the president shall select and appoint another member to serve on the Board.

Section 4. Remuneration: All officers and chairs shall serve voluntarily and without remuneration.

Section 5. Powers and Duties. Elected officers shall serve a six-month term, serving not more than two consecutive terms with the exception of Treasurer who may serve longer at the request of the President. Committee Chairs shall serve during the President’s term of office and ay be reappointed with the approval of the elected Officers.

1. President: Shall preside at all Society and Board meetings, make such decisions as may be in the best interest of the Society, establish and sustain such procedures and policies a may be required but not called for in the Constitution.
2. Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence d shall perform other duties as may be directed by the President.
3. Secretary: Shall keep the minutes of all meetings, preserve all records, and prepare correspondence.
4. Treasurer: Shall receive all monies belonging to the Society and pay all Society bills by check. Checks shall be signed by one of the two or more authorized. An Assistant Treasurer may be appointed at the request of the Treasurer to collect monies at meetings and deposit the same.
5. Program Chair: Shall be responsible for a program at each meeting of the Society and may appoint a committee to assist him/her.
6. Trip Chair: Shall encourage people to suggest trips and help determine if there is sufficient interest. Shall assist trip leaders with guidance and advice and oversee all trips. Trip
7. Hospitality Chair: Shall appoint a committee to welcome those attending meetings, endeavor to acquaint members and guests, prepare membership cards, and sell pins, patches, decals, etc.
8. Publicity Chair: Shall use all available free-of-charge media for publicizing the activities of the Society.
9. Special Committee Chairs: Shall be appointed for special events by the President.
10. Past President: Shall provide the Board of Directors with the benefit of his/her knowledge and experience.

**ARTICLE VI**

Elections

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held semiannually. The election will be held at the last meeting of June and December.

Section 2. Three meeting preceding teach election, a nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the president. At the meeting preceding the election, the nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor provided such nominees are present and verbally accept or has given previous written acceptance.

Section 3. If there are no nominations from the floor, the officers shall be elected with a show of hands by the simple majority of the members present. If there are nominations from the floor, each contested office shall be filled by a secret ballot.

Section 4. New officers shall assume their duties at the first meeting of January and July.

Section 5. In the event the Presidency becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President and shall appoint a Vice President to serve the remainer of the term. If any other office becomes vacant, the President shall appoint a member to the office for the remainder of the term.

**ARTICLE VII**

Meetings

Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month except for December when the only meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings may be cancelled when the members present determine by majority vote to cancel a future meeting. The meeting’s start time is 7:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE VIII**

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised Edition, shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution.

**ARTICLE IX**

Society Funds

The funds of the Society will be kept in a band savings and/or checking account and all receipts will be deposited therein. The funds derived from the sale of ar patches, pins, post cards and/or other small items, overages from trips and voluntary donations. The Board of Directors will manage the account subject to approval of the members. The Society cannot incur a debt.

**ARTICLE X**

Audits

The records and accounts of the Society shall be open for inspection at all times by any member of the Society or other duly authorized person. An impartial audit, performed by a qualified person, ma be requested by a member at any time.

**ARTICLE XI**

Dissolution

Upon dissolution or disbandment of the Society, disposition of all assets in excess of liabilities and expenses of dissolution shall be determined at the tie of dissolution by the majority vote of the members present.

**ARTICLE XII**

Trips

Trip leaders shall abide by the Standard Rules of Trip Leaders, copies of which are available from the President, Secretary or Trips Chair. The Standing Rules may be changed only by majority vote of the members present.

**ARTICLE XIII**

Amendments

Proposals for amendments to this constitution may be made by a member at any meeting of the Society. Discussion and voting on the amendments shall take place at the following meeting. An amendment is adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

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