



RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RAW REPORT

For discussion by the Board of Directors

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Abstract

Resolutions and recommendations from the 2020 Annual Zone Meetings combined with motions passed by the board of directors, mid-term, for consideration by the members at the 2021 AGM.

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This Raw report contains only the raw data submitted by Zone Directors compiled from the Annual Zone Meeting tools to submit Resolutions and Recommendations for consideration at the 2021 AGM. The content has not yet been reviewed by Constitution Advisory Group and MAAC Office Manager.

Its purpose is to allow Zone Directors to review submissions from their zones and correct any errors or omissions.

Text ~~*crossed out in red italics*~~ indicates text to be deleted and text underlined in green indicates new text, in the context of suggested amendments to the constitution, by-laws and policy manual.

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RESOLUTIONS

Zone J St. Lawrence

1. Weighted Voting at Board Meetings

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT by-Law 15 (a) be replaced with the following:

Each director is authorized to exercise their vote according to the following weighted basis in accordance with their zone membership.

- 0 to 499 members 1 vote
- 500 to 999 members 2 votes
- 1,000 to 1,499 member 3 votes
- 1,500 or more 4 votes

Rationale:

The weight of the vote of a zone director at a Board of Directors meeting should carry a proportional weight value per the number of members in each zone, in a similar fashion as is done at our Annual General Meeting. The formula suggested above will simplify the counting process.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Guy Ouellet #89520

PASSED

2. Adding “New Business” at all Board Meetings

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT per Kerr · King, Concise Procedures for Meetings (page 2) the following be added to the By-Laws as section 14 (b).

All Board of Directors have the right to present “new business” which shall be inserted into the agenda of the next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The president shall include such request.

Rationale:

The president shall be required to include a request for insertion of the item “new business” into the meeting agenda which is presented within 7 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the board wherein the director believes that this new item is of significant importance to MAAC.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Guy Ouellet #89520

PASSED

3. Prioritization of Items Regarding the Agenda of the Board of Directors Meetings

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT the following be added to the Policy Manual as section 9.9 (b)

The president of MAAC Shall consult with the Board of Directors regarding the order of importance of all items to be place on the meeting agendas. This Shall be done monthly but more frequently if deemed necessary.

Rationale:

Members of the board are elected with the mandate to assist in the governance of MAAC. The president Shall encourage all Board of Directors members to provide their input as to the relative importance and sequence of business items to be discussed at upcoming Board of Director meetings.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Mark Fogel #93617

PASSED

4. Virtual Meetings

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT the following be added to the Policy Manual and the By Laws in the appropriate sections.

All association meetings may be held using virtual electronic means. Access to the meetings shall be available to members of the organization as follows:

- Annual General Meetings – all members
- Board of Director meetings – all members
- Executive Committee Meetings – all members

Rationale:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and possible other health issues preventing public gatherings and the advancements in electronic technologies, MAAC should sanction holding all association meetings on a virtual basis in a manner that all eligible members have the opportunity to attend.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by David Haltrecht #93615

PASSED

5. Selecting Best of Class Software for Virtual Meetings

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT due to the nature of software development, the exact program to be selected for a virtual meeting may be changed in order to best serve the needs of the group size for the meeting. As of September 2020, for groups of less than 100 the format shall be zoom meeting and 100 or greater zoom webinar. This virtual software may be replaced by a board decision based on the evolution of improved mass communication tools for conferences of this type.

Rationale:

Due to software evolution, MAAC needs to be kept up to date in using best of class tools for virtual meetings.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by David Haltrecht #93615

PASSED

6. Change Composition of the MAAC BOD Executive Committee

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT the composition of the MAAC BOD Executive Committee be enlarged to include all current board members.

Rationale:

The reason for the establishment of the executive committee no longer exists in any practical sense. There was a time when gathering the whole board was extremely difficult and could only happen with substantial pre-arrangement. Telephone conference calls were possible, but expensive and not entirely satisfactory. A smaller executive committee made it practical for decisions to be made more quickly - with the proviso that the whole board could revisit any such decision when they met.

Modern Electronic meeting capability such as GO TO Meeting, ZOOM, provides the capability for the whole board to meet virtually, and to discuss via email, text, etc., is now so well developed that all members can be aware of, and contribute to, all decisions directly and in timely fashion. Notification of BOD and Executive Committee is the same – 48 hours. This capability will only increase with the passage of time.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Dave Loveday #7073

PASSED

7. MAAC Flying Field Sanctions

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT the following be added to the Policy Manual:

Once a zone director removes a sanction for a given flying field based on the risk factors and which contravenes the MAAC safety guidelines, this removal of the sanction cannot be

reinstated unless a complete new field inspection occurs in which said inspection by a qualified member of MAAC demonstrates sufficient evidence that the changes to the field have been permanently made so that the site now meets the required safety standards. Once the changes having been approved, the zone director may grant a new sanction.

Note: The MAAC safety guidelines already meet or exceed the Transport Canada guidelines.

Rationale:

Once a zone director decertifies the sanction for a given flying field based on the risk factors demonstrating that said field contravenes the MAAC safety guidelines, this removal of the sanction cannot be reinstated unless a complete new field inspection occurs in which said inspection by a qualified officer of MAAC demonstrates sufficient evidence that the changes to the field have been permanently made. Once these changes have been fully implemented and approved by a safety officer, then the zone director may grant a new sanction.

The purpose of this resolution is to ensure that flying fields which do not meet MAAC requirements can be brought up to and meet the required standards of safety.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Guy Ouellet #89520

PASSED

8. Reasonable Relief

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT that the following be added to the Policy Manual, Section Ethics, Paragraphs Referring to Duty of Care:

A MAAC Board of Director Member, who, due to extenuating circumstances, is unable to abide by their Duty of Care regarding a MAAC policy guideline may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation of forgiveness for such inability to do so. Reasonable justification may include personal, family, or business issues which distracted or prevented the Board of Director Member from otherwise normally attending to his duties as a Board of Director Member in a timely fashion. The Board of Director Member in question may be expected to present a detailed explanation in the form of a BRIEF explaining said situation.

The BRIEF shall be based on traceable, verifiable, and factual information. The assessment will be done by an independent ad-hoc committee of 3 persons nominated by the Board of Directors specifically for this situation. Upon completion of the assessment the committee will present their findings to the Board of Directors, to be voted on by the Board of Directors. Forgiveness will be granted by a simple 51 % majority vote of the Board of Directors in favour to absolve the Board of Director Member for said oversight.

Rationale:

Members of the Board of Directors all act as volunteers and give of their time without compensation. Such members may be taken up in a conflict of use of their personal time which bears a higher priority in their life, for justifiable reason at a particular time for a temporary basis. Such reasons may include managing urgent and pressing personal, family or business needs beyond their control at a given time which needs prevent them from carrying out their Duty of Care.

Members of the board are elected to directly assist in the governance of MAAC. Therefore, the president must encourage all Board of Director members to provide their input as to the relative importance and sequence of business to be discussed at upcoming board meetings.

Example 1: Distraction due to involvement with sale of business)

Example 2: Preoccupation for reasons of health e.g., COVID-19.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Mark Fogel #93617

PASSED

9. MAC Magazine Editor's Publishing Guidelines

Be it RESOLVED:

THAT neither the executive committee nor the board of directors will have the right to censor the content of articles or information presented to the editor for publication in the MAAC magazine. The editor of the MAAC magazine shall be granted the freedom and independence to publish articles in the MAAC Magazine that may contain content that expresses a contrarian view to current MAAC policy or procedure. The underlying principles he must follow is that the content does not contain slander, insulting, discourteous comment and does not contradict MAAC safety guidelines:

Rationale:

1. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom to express a view that may not align directly with current MAAC policy is a fundamental right of a free and democratic society.
2. Providing that the editor publishes information which does not slander, debase an individual, organization or government agency, or violates, or contradicts MAAC safety guidelines, the editor should be allowed to independently decide on information to publish without interference from the MAAC executive or board of directors.
3. Providing that such information, may be presented in a section of the magazine entitled.

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This will clearly indicate to the reader that the content published represents opinions of others and not that of the editor.

Moved by Steve Woloz #7877L and Seconded by Pierre Cloutier #94445

PASSED

Zone L Southeastern Ontario

10. Constitution Amendment

Be it RESOLVED by Special Resolution:

THAT Article 2 of the Constitution be revised as follows:

ARTICLE 2 - AFFILIATION The Association shall act as a representative of the Aero Club of Canada (A.C.C.) in establishing and maintaining official regulations governing the conduct of model aero plane records and contests and to issue sanctions for same in accordance with any authority granted by the Aero Club of Canada, as representative in Canada of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (F.A.I). Any change to this ARTICLE shall require a majority vote of seventy-five (75) percent of the open membership for approval.

Rationale:

A seventy-five percent vote will ensure that the absolute majority of the membership are in favour of any change to this article 2.

Moved by Fred Messacar #25381L and Seconded by Athol Cohen # 35223

PASSED

Recommendations

Zone A Alberta

1. Exhibition Flying at Full Scale Airshow

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT the MAAC Board of Directors develop policy and guidelines to aid members to perform exhibition flying at full-sized airshows.

Rationale:

For many years RC aircraft and full-sized aircraft have shared the sky in a very safe and respectful manner. Even though there have been poor choices in the past by certain individuals, as in any situation, accidents have happened, and valuable lessons have been learned. Because of a past accident, it seems that there are some in the executive that are still paralyzed, since that accident happened and do not wish to go on from it.

In Zone A we have made two very successful flight demonstrations of turbine jets, in two consecutive years that have drawn great accolades and appreciation from the full-sized airshow organizations. In both events, the RC airshow team was involved in all preshow briefings and also post airshow meetings as well. The team was shown the same consideration as full-size show performers and in turn were to show the same amount of professionalism in return.

The problem seems to be within MAAC that is trying to reference something of guidance or reference that will walk the members through the initial process. There is nothing laid out by MAAC to help the members through this.

Two years ago when I was wanting to get information on how to pursue information on establishing a team of individuals to fly at a full-sized airshow, I was pointed to an excellent discussion paper by Don McGowan on prepping and preparing to fly at a full-sized airshow. Like I said an excellent document. The problem I see is that paper went absolutely nowhere with the BOD. It has been sat on and no further movement has been made.

So, with full sized airshow organizers continuing to want an RC display to be made, and we are having our members wanting to do this, I think it is time for the BOD to move on this to develop policy and set guidelines so members can participate at this level.

Moved by Alan Blore #21353 and Seconded by Robert White #46691

PASSED

Zone L Southwestern Ontario

2. Wings Program Update

Be it RECOMMENDED:

THAT It is recommended that the present wings certificate system be modified to develop separate categories dependent on pilot skill and knowledge and that each category require its own certification process.

Rationale:

Our Club members have observed that new entrants to our hobby can earn their wings with an easy to fly airplane like a slow small electric foamie and then are essentially certified to fly beyond their capability, e.g.: high-speed large-scale jet plane. We feel this is a safety concern.

Moved by Paul Neely #73841 and seconded by Henry Aukema #77540

PASSED

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