

# The Grand Junction Modeleers, Inc.

CONSTITUTION – Revised June 2011

## Article I - Name

### Section 1

The name of this club shall be, "The Grand Junction Modeleers, Incorporated"

### Section 2

The Grand Junction Modeleers, Inc. will maintain charter membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

## Article II - Purpose

### Section 1

The purpose of this club shall be to promote the safe operation and building of functional models in the Grand Junction area. The club shall aid, in so far as practical, the national programs of AMA activities, looking forward to the continual advancement of model aviation in all its phases in this area.

### Section 2

All club functions shall conform to the policies and regulations required by the current AMA charter.

## Article III - Changes

### Section 1

Changes and modifications of the Constitution shall go into effect immediately after approval by the membership.

## Article IV - Membership

### Section 1 - Classes of Membership

**Active Member:** Any person who flies or intends to actively participate in club activities, and pays dues and fees as prescribed by Article XI; and can show the responsible club officer their current AMA card or an application for such card, or shall otherwise verify their AMA membership.

**Non-Flying Members:** Persons interested in club activities, but not in actively flying models are not required to hold current AMA membership. These persons shall meet all other membership requirements.

**Honorary Members:** Honorary membership may be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. They shall maintain all club privileges. To fly, they must have AMA membership.

Within the above categories, membership in the Grand Junction Modeleers shall be further classified as follows:

**A. Single Member:** A member 19 years of age or older. A single member can vote on any proposal submitted to the membership for consideration.

**B. Family Member:** Family membership shall consist of a member 19 years of age and older, that person's spouse, and/or dependent children up to and including the age of 18. When a dependent child reaches 19 years of age, they must obtain club membership outside of the family umbrella.

**C. Junior Member:** Members 18 years old and under. All other conditions that apply to active members as stated above shall apply likewise to Junior Membership, with the exception of voting.

**D. Associate Members:** Associate membership is available to members of AMA chartered clubs outside of Mesa County who desire to use the Grand Junction Modeleers flying site on a regular basis. Associate members must hold a current AMA membership. Voting privileges are not conveyed to Associate Members

## Section 2 - Privileges of Membership

**A.** Active membership entitles the member to attend all club meetings, and to use and enjoy all the club facilities. Single, Family, and Honorary adult members are able to vote on any proposal submitted to the membership for consideration.

**B. Membership Responsibilities.** To remain in good standing, a member must comply with all club and AMA rules. It is also the responsibility of a member to alert other members when they are violating safety rules.

**C. Membership Revocation.** Failure to follow rules and regulations of the club and AMA, as determined by the officers, may be cause for the revocation of membership.

## Article V - Officers

### Section 1

The club officers shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Safety Director
- F. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) club members elected by the general membership, plus the immediate past President. To be considered for Board membership, candidates must have a history of at least five (5) years in organized aero modeling activities.

## Article VI - Duties

### Section 1

**A. President:** shall preside at all meetings and act as spokesman for the club in all matters pertaining to it.

**B. Vice President:** shall act for the President in his absence.

**C. Secretary:** shall keep minutes of all meetings, the attendance roll of such meetings, and carry out all club correspondence.

**D. Treasurer:** shall accept all club monies and pay all bills approved by the club, and keep an itemized balance. Any bill under \$50.00 needs only to be approved by the President or Vice President. He shall arrange for an annual audit of the club's finances.

**E. Safety Director:** Supervise club activities and conditions involving the safety of members, guests, and spectators at the site of club activities. Be empowered to suspend flying or other activity by one or more members to ensure maintenance of safe conditions. Additional safety officers may be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## **Article VII - Term of Office**

### **Section 1**

With the exception of the Board of Directors, all club officers shall serve for one year from the date of election, or the remaining portion if appointed to fill a vacancy.

### **Section 2**

Members of the Board of Directors will serve for four-year terms. Terms of the Board of Directors will be staggered such that one Director will be elected each year. Election to the Board of Directors will be by secret ballot and votes may be cast by all eligible club members..

## **Article VIII - Election of Officers**

### **Section 1**

Nominations shall be made by a committee consisting of the officers and the current President, a total of six (6). The nominations shall be presented to the club at the October meeting, at which time any member may nominate any member for any office. The election of officers shall be at the November meeting, Installation will be at the December meeting, which may be combined with the club Christmas party.

### **Section 2**

The election of club officers shall be by secret ballot. The ballot shall be made available to all club members two weeks prior to the election, by pick up, or mailing by request. All valid ballots cast at the election meeting will be counted for election of officers. Absentee ballots must be obtained and returned to the Secretary prior to the election. Simple majority shall rule.

## **Article IX - Vacancies**

### **Section 1**

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Such appointee will serve until the end of the term for which his predecessor was elected. A vacancy in any office can be declared for cause by the officers. One such element of cause can be for the officer to miss enough meetings so as to be ineffective in the position.

### **Section 2**

Nominations to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be made at any Club meeting of the month. Nominations shall be made by the existing board, or by individual members. The election shall take place at the general meeting following nominations. A quorum of one fifth (1/5) of the eligible voting membership is required

## **Article X - Meetings**

### **Section 1**

The club shall hold at least one (1) regularly scheduled meeting each month. Additional meetings can be scheduled with time and dates set by the officers, or Board of Directors.

### **Section 2**

The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of twice per calendar year to review club operation and review any complaints that members have brought forward

### **Section 3**

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. Roll call shall be taken each meeting, the minutes shall be taken and read, and the Treasurers report given at each meeting.

### **Section 4**

At any club meeting, in order to conduct club business, a quorum of one fifth (1/5) of the club membership must be present.

### **Section 5**

Amendments or changes to the Constitution may be passed at any regular or special meeting by the affirmative vote of 51% or more of the voting membership of the club. To meet the voting requirements for such amendment, the President may direct that the proposed amendment, together with an exact copy of the article that is to be changed, be mailed by the Secretary to absent members who may return their vote by mail within ten (10) business days.

## **Article XI - Dues and Fees**

### **Section 1**

Dues and fees shall be set by the club annually for each type of membership. Any special assessments or fees may be charged to all new memberships.

### **Section 2**

Club dues shall be assessed all members with amounts and other conditions set at any regularly scheduled meeting with a subsequent approval by 51% of the voting club membership.

### **Section 3**

Club dues shall be paid in advance, yearly. Members not paying their dues by January 31st will be considered delinquent. New members joining during the year shall pay according to the conditions set in Article XI, Section 2.

### **Section 4**

The Club shall validate all current AMA memberships.