

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY/USA**

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We, a group of individuals united by a common bond of mutual interest, do hereby establish a non-profit association of plastic modelers with the purposes and objectives set forth herein.

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this group is established as the INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA branch (herein known as IPMS/USA); affiliated by common interest with member branches established in other nations in accordance with the principles of the founding organization of the International Plastic Modelers Society located in the United Kingdom.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

- A. To encourage interest in scale modeling and assist interested organizations and groups.
- B. To encourage and enable the creation, chartering and sustainability of local chapter groups in the USA.
- C. To encourage and support these local chapter groups in hosting local meetings, and local, regional, and national events that promote our shared interest in the hobby.
- D. To respect and reflect the common interests of the membership.
- E. To foster the enjoyment and enrichment of the hobby for each member, beginner to master, and celebrate their works as individual expressions of scale modeling skills, techniques, and artistic interpretations.
- F. To provide an environment that fosters and encourages the improvement of each member's skills and techniques within the hobby according to their own desires and pace.
- G. To encourage an active voice and participation by the membership in the governance of the Society.
- H. To encourage the timely exchange of modeling-related information and to provide information, data, and other assistance to members and chapters.
- I. To provide for the members' interests by keeping them informed of new products and services.
- J. To establish and maintain liaison with manufacturers of products associated with the modeling hobby where possible to encourage mutually beneficial feedback.
- K. To establish and maintain liaison with foreign IPMS branches.

### **ARTICLE III**

If, for any reason the society should be dismantled or dissolved, all assets and monies shall be given to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

## **BY-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY/USA**

### ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

#### A. Application for Membership

1. Any individual, regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, or national origin may submit an official application for membership.
2. The Executive Board will have the ultimate responsibility for making the decision for acceptance or rejection of any application.
3. An individual may not be denied membership in IPMS/USA based on their race, color, creed, sexual orientation, or national origin.
4. Any applicant accepted for membership agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the current Constitution and By-Laws of IPMS/USA along with regulations and directives promulgated by the Executive Board.
5. Foreign nationals may be members of IPMS/USA, but may not hold a National-level Executive Board office.
6. Application for membership may be submitted through the IPMS/USA website at [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or a hard copy of the application may be completed and submitted via mail to the current address of the IPMS/USA National Office listed on the website.

#### B. Dismissal of Members

1. A member whose written and/or spoken words or actions are deemed detrimental to the good of the Society, may be dropped from the rolls of the Society by the Executive Board. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, issue a written disciplinary warning to the member in lieu of immediate dismissal. A member may be dismissed from the Society for life if warranted by extreme actions. Such dismissal shall only be by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board.
2. Any such member will be notified by the President of the action taken, and if dismissed, will receive a pro-rated refund of any dues paid for that year.
3. Ex-members so dismissed may reapply for membership one year after dismissal. Any such re-application will be subject to evaluation and a quorum vote to re-accept by the Executive Board.

#### C. Classes and Privileges of Membership

1. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING is defined as a person who is accepted for membership, maintains their dues and abides by the IPMS/USA Constitution and By-Laws.
2. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP, exempt from the assessment of dues is granted to all Executive Board Officers during their national terms of office. Other volunteers may be granted special membership by the Executive Board during their period of service to IPMS/USA.
3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP may be granted only by the Executive Board to a member who has contributed to the success of IPMS/USA to an outstanding degree. Life memberships may not be granted to a current Executive Board member, nor may they be rescinded at a later date.

A nomination to grant Life Membership to an individual member may be presented by another member in good standing to the Executive Board for action. Nominations must be presented not later than the posted date for the quarterly meeting immediately prior to the National Convention. Nominations shall be accompanied by a narrative clearly detailing how the nominee has contributed to the success of IPMS/USA to an outstanding degree.

Life Memberships will be announced and awarded to the member at the National Convention immediately following their nomination and acceptance by the Executive Board.

4. Life Members, Members in Good Standing, and Special Members shall be privileged to vote, hold national office, serve on committees, attend any meetings, receive all national IPMS/USA publications, and enjoy all other privileges of membership with the exception of I/A.5 above.
5. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP A family may join IPMS/USA at the dues level set by the Executive Board. Only one member of a Family membership may vote, hold National Office, or serve on committees. All members of a Family may attend any IPMS meeting, function, or contest and enjoy all other privileges of membership.
6. COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP. Shall be afforded any individual or organization that provides material benefit to the membership. This privilege may be granted only by the Executive Board and will be reviewed annually.

## ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Publications Director, Recruitment/Retention Secretary, Director of Local Chapters, and Director of Engagement.
- B. To facilitate the functioning and control of IPMS/USA, the Executive Board may appoint members in good standing to specific titled positions. These appointees will not have a vote within the Executive Board unless so directed by the President under special conditions
- C. With the exception of III.B.1. below, if a national officer must for any reason relinquish his position during his term, the Executive Board may appoint a current member in good standing to that office as a replacement for the balance of the term, with said replacement having the duties, voting rights, and other privileges of the office.

## ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### A. President

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and National meetings and shall be the official representative of IPMS/USA to all outside organizations and/or individuals.
2. The President shall have the authority to delegate responsibility and authority for functions deemed beneficial to the Society to other members of the Executive Board and other Board-appointed positions.
3. [The President shall give a yearly general report \(aka, State of the Union\) to the membership outlining achievements in IPMS/USA the past year and discuss goals for the organization for the next year.](#)

### B. First Vice President

1. The First Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall be prepared to assume the presidency immediately if needed.
2. The First Vice President will act as the society's liaison with the manufacturers of model kits and associated products and services in support of Article II-J of the Constitution.
3. The First Vice President will provide timely information regarding manufacturers and their products to the membership.
4. The First Vice President will provide administration of the IPMS/USA Reviewer Corps in accordance with the Charter of that Subcommittee.

### C. Second Vice President

1. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for the coordination of the National Convention location/host selection system and shall manage subsequent communication between the Executive Board and the National Convention Chairmen.
2. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for ensuring Executive Board oversight of the National Convention Steering Committee and the National Contest Committee and obtaining, reviewing and submitting proposed revisions to the National Convention Operating Parameters and the National Contest Rules, Categories, Policies and Procedures for approval by the Executive Board.
3. The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and the First Vice President.

#### D. Secretary

1. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all official meetings and will ensure that they are made available to the general membership on the IPMS/USA website.
2. The Secretary shall assist the President at national meetings.
3. The Secretary will function as Corresponding Secretary when necessary.
4. The Secretary will assist all National Officers with correspondence when necessary.
5. The Secretary will be responsible for all correspondence with and liaison between any foreign branches of IPMS and IPMS/USA.

#### E. Treasurer

1. The position of Treasurer shall be an appointed position. The Treasurer shall be selected by the Executive Board.
2. The Treasurer's duties and responsibilities shall include:
  - a. collecting all monies and make all disbursements keeping detailed accounts of all monies received and expended by the Society.
  - b. making a yearly financial report that will be made available to the membership.
  - c. preparing and filing any necessary financial forms such as an income tax return.
  - d. keeping the Eboard and President aware of IPMS/USA's financial status.
  - e. being bonded for the National Society.
  - f. having a working knowledge of accepted accounting practices acquired by training and/or experience.

#### F. Historian/Publications Director

1. The Historian/Publications Director shall have direct responsibility for all Society publications, which include the IPMS/USA Journal and the IPMS/USA website.
2. The Historian/Publications Director shall be responsible for publicity in commercial publications.
3. The Historian/Publications Director shall appoint the Editors with the Executive Board's approval.
4. The Historian/Publications Director shall have control over commercial advertisements within the IPMS/USA publications with Executive Board approval.
5. The Historian/Publications Director shall be responsible for securing copyrights in the name of IPMS/USA from the proper authorities for all National Society Publications.
6. The Historian/Publications /Director will ensure that an archive of any IPMS/USA publications is maintained.
7. The Historian/Publications Director shall ensure that The Constitution in its current, complete form shall be made available to the membership via the IPMS/USA website.
8. The Historian/Publications /Director will ensure that the annual Postal Report for the IPMS/USA Journal is filed.

#### G. Recruitment/Retention Secretary

1. The Recruitment/Retention Secretary shall be responsible to designing and implementing programs to increase the membership of the Society. He or she will also maintain records of the results of any such programs.
2. The Recruitment/Retention Secretary shall design and implement measures to recoup any losses of membership, including individually contacting in some way those whose membership has lapsed. He or she will also maintain records of the results of any such programs.
3. The Recruitment/Retention Secretary shall provide support to the Director of Local Chapters, Regional Coordinators and local chapters as appropriate to increase the membership of the Society.

#### H. Director of Local Chapters

1. The Director of Local Chapters shall assist in the formation and perpetuation of chartered IPMS/USA Chapters.
2. The Director of Local Chapters shall, with assistance from the Regional Coordinators manage the annual renewal of chartering of local chapters, to include the updating of chapter information, payment of rechartering fees and verification of other chartering requirements.
3. The Director of Local Chapters shall supply, upon request of an IPMS member, the name and address of IPMS/USA Chapters and/or groups functioning in his/her area.
4. With Executive Board approval, the Director of Local Chapters will appoint the Regional Coordinators.
5. The Director of Local Chapters will provide assistance and services to local chapters.

#### I. Director of Engagement

1. The Director of Engagement shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
2. The Director of Engagement shall provide support to the Recruitment/Retention Secretary, Director of Local Chapters, Regional Coordinators and local chapters to increase positive social media presence for the Society.
3. The Director of Engagement shall provide continuity and support of the IPMS/USA Convention social media presence.
4. The Director of Engagement shall provide for unbiased administration of the Society's social media platforms while upholding the Society's Purpose and Objectives.
5. The Director of Engagement shall keep the Executive Board informed and aware of the IPMS/USA presence on social media.

### ARTICLE IV. TERMS OF OFFICE

- A. All elected officers shall be elected every two years and will serve a two-year term of office commencing Nov. 1 following the election.
- B. The President of IPMS/USA will be limited to two consecutive terms of office.
- C. A past President may run for the office of President again after at least a two year hiatus.
- D. If the First or Second Vice President must replace the President, the two term restriction will take effect after they have been actually elected to the office of President.
- E. In the event the First or Second Vice President cannot or will not perform the duties of President, the Executive Board will appoint a President for the remainder of the unexpired term.

### ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. The Executive Board shall be made up of the following officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian-Publications Director, Recruitment/Retention Secretary, Director of Local Chapters, and Director of Engagement.
- B. The purpose and duty of the Executive Board is to provide leadership, oversight and long-range planning to the benefit of the Society, its members and its functions in strict accordance with those Purposes and Objectives outlined in Article II of the Constitution.
- C. Two-thirds of the Executive Board will constitute a quorum.
- D. Each member of the Executive Board shall have one vote.
- E. A member of the Executive Board may be removed due to actions and/or words felt to be detrimental to the function of the Society by a vote of two thirds of the Executive Board.
- F. No more than one member of any family can serve on the Executive Board at the same time.
- G. The Executive Board shall provide for a review of the Constitution and By-Laws on a bi-annual basis. Any proposed revisions or Amendments by the Executive Board or Amendments proposed by the membership shall require approval by a majority of the voting membership.

#### ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

- A. Elections for national officers will be held every two years. Candidates for an elected national position must complete an official IPMS/USA Candidate Form and submit it to either the national address or the Office Manager by December 31. Candidates for President must also present the endorsements of twenty-five current IPMS members. Candidates for other elected positions must present fifteen such endorsements. Endorsements must be submitted with the Candidate form or emailed to the IPMS/USA Office Manager by the December 31 deadline.
- B. To serve on the IPMS/USA Executive Board, nominees must meet the following minimum qualifications:
  1. Shall be a member in good standing for a minimum of three (3) continuous years prior to nomination.
  2. Shall have served in an elected leadership position within an IPMS/USA chartered chapter for at least one year, or demonstrate similar leadership experience.
  3. Shall demonstrate evidence of participation in IPMS/USA affiliated local and regional events within the previous three (3) years prior to nomination.
  4. Shall demonstrate sufficient proficiency in computer usage skills including database management, document sharing and group emailing.
  5. Shall demonstrate an understanding of the duties and responsibilities applicable to the position nominated for.
  6. Members nominated for appointed positions shall have demonstrated experience in the related field in business or other applicable arenas.
- C. During the following year, each candidate will be given the opportunity to prepare a statement regarding their qualifications that will be made available to every member. These statements will be provided via the IPMS/USA Journal and published on the IPMS/USA website prior to the election so all members may become acquainted with each candidate.
- D. Each candidate will be allowed a five-minute time limit to present their qualifications to the membership present during the business meeting at the IPMS/USA National Convention. Presentation participation during the Business Meeting is encouraged, but not mandatory.
- E. Each member will have a ballot made available to them via the IPMS/USA website and membership system and allowed sufficient time to return the ballot by Sept. 1 of that year for counting.
- F. An impartial judge shall be appointed by the Executive Board to review all votes and report the results. The balloting results shall be kept and maintained for two years and will be available for inspection by members of the Society.

## ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OTHER APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

### A. Titled Positions

1. By directive of the President and with approval of the Executive Board, any positions found necessary to the functioning, control, and maintenance of IPMS/USA may be created.
2. These positions will be under the direct control of the President or other officer designated by him for the time required.

### B. Committees

1. Committees established for specific tasks as required may be created for a set period of time by the President and the Executive Board.
2. A Committee shall prepare a charter outlining its specific purpose, goals and proposed members for review and approval by the Executive Board.
3. Actions proposed by a committee shall be submitted for review and approval by the Executive Board prior to taking action.

## ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

### A. General Meetings

1. The general meeting of the Society is the National Convention.

### B. Executive Board

1. The Executive Board will meet at least quarterly every year. It may meet more often if it is deemed necessary.

### C. Special Meetings

1. Special meetings of the Society or the Executive Board may be called at the President's discretion.

### D. National Conventions

1. A national convention shall be held every year, unless deemed impossible by the Executive Board for reasons of force majeure.
2. The National Convention shall be conducted in compliance with the National Convention Operating Parameters set by National Convention Steering Committee (herein referred to as the NCSC), as approved by the Executive Board.
3. The procedure for selecting a location/host chapter for the National Convention will be determined by the Executive Board and will be communicated by the Second Vice President to all Chartered Chapters.
4. The Executive Board shall, in closed session, choose convention sites from proposals submitted by the membership, and make the appropriate announcements.
5. If no chapter or regional group submits a viable proposal to host a National Convention for any given year, the Second Vice President will work with the National Convention Steering Committee to provide for a viable Convention at a site of their choosing.
6. Conventions will be open to the public, and all members and their guests, except business meetings, which will be limited to IPMS/USA members only.

7. A National Model Contest will be conducted by the National Contest Committee (herein referred to as the NCC) with support from the host chapter(s) at each convention.
8. The National Convention and Contest shall be conducted under strict compliance with the Purpose and Objectives of IPMS/USA outlined in Article II, the National Convention Operating Parameters and the National Contest Rules and Categories, all of which are provided to the hosting Convention Committee by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE IX. FISCAL

### A. Dues

1. Dues for all types of membership shall be set by the Executive Board. At no time will this issue be subject to vote by the entire membership. The dues shall be adequate to provide services and benefits to each member as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws and sufficient to operate the Society throughout the fiscal year. Notification of a dues change will be made to the membership as soon as possible.

### B. Operating Costs

1. Expenses, Normal; Officers will be reimbursed for normal operating expenses subject to the approval by the President and the Treasurer.
2. Expenses, Special; Special expenses will be considered and decided upon by the President and Treasurer with the majority approval of the Executive Board.
3. No Society financial support will be given to private projects or ventures.
4. No projects will be undertaken for profit by the Society except by recommendation of the Treasurer.

### C. National Convention Accounts

1. A bank account for each National Convention shall be established and continuously maintained, its purpose being to collect and disburse monies for that National Convention as outlined in the National Convention Operating Parameters.
2. After paying all of the then current year's convention expenses, all remaining monies shall be deposited in the IPMS/USA general treasury and may be disbursed to the host chapter(s) in accordance with the National Convention Operating Parameters.

## ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

- A. The Constitution and By-Laws can be amended by a vote of the membership. Notification of a proposed amendment must be made available to the membership.

### B. AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

1. Any current member in good standing of the Society may submit an amendment proposal using the Official IPMS/USA Amendment Form, which may be obtained from the Office Manager or the society's web site. The completed form must be returned to the Society's official address or Office Manager between July 1 and December 31.
2. An amendment ballot will be made available to the membership and will be available at the National Convention with the proposed amendments. All ballots shall be mailed to the official address of the Society with a postmark prior to September 1 of that year or emailed to the Office Manager by that same date to be counted. A total valid voter response of at least 10 percent will be required to approve an amendment. The number will be determined by the count of the membership mailing.



3. The Executive Board will appoint an impartial judge to count all votes and report the results. The ballots will be kept for two years and will be available for inspection by members of the Society at their request.
4. The results of the balloting shall be announced to the membership.

#### ARTICLE XI. REGIONS AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS

- A. The territorial United States will be divided into areas to be considered Regions with Chartered Chapters therein. International and virtual chapters will fall into another, separate region.
- B. Each Region shall have as its representative a Regional Coordinator, nominated by the Director of Local Chapters and appointed for a term of four years by the Executive Board. In conjunction with the Director of Local Chapters, the Regional Coordinator will act as liaison between the chapters in his region and the National Executive Board.
- C. A Regional Coordinator shall be eligible for re-appointment after each term of four years.

#### ARTICLE XII. CHARTERED CHAPTERS

- A. Any group of five or more IPMS/USA members in good standing, one of whom must be the chapter contact, may apply for a Chapter Charter from the Director of Local Chapters. The Executive Board must approve the chartering of all chapters.
- B. Chapter Charters may not be granted to individuals, but rather to locations.
- C. Proposed chapter names will be approved by the Director of Local Chapters.
- D. Chapters and their members will conform to the National Constitution and By-Laws and to the Chapter Charter.
- E. Each chapter will renew their charter annually at a fee to be determined by the IPMS/USA Executive Board. Said fee will be announced to the membership prior to the start of the renewal year.
- F. No group may function as an official IPMS/USA Chapter without an official charter, nor may there be any official group affiliation with IPMS/USA except by virtue of a charter granted by IPMS/USA.
- G. Failure to comply with any of the above may result in the Chapter Charter being revoked by the Executive Board.

#### Proposed Amendment I to the By-Laws

- A. A current IPMS/USA member in good standing shall receive a two-month extension of their current membership for each new member they bring into IPMS/USA. The new member must have completed their application (including the referral information) and paid their membership dues before the extension is granted.
- B. This provision shall not apply for persons whose previous "current" status had lapsed at any point.

Proposed Amendment II – to amend the language of Article X – Amendments of the current By-Laws in its entirety to read as follows:

Any IPMS/USA member in good standing may propose an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws for the betterment or good of the Society.

- A. Such proposed amendments must be submitted on the appropriate form obtained from the IPMS/USA website or in hard copy from the Office Manager, and may be submitted electronically, in digital format.
- B. Any proposed amendment must have the endorsement and signature of at least twenty-five (25) active IPMS/USA members in good standing prior to submission to the Executive Board for action. Such endorsements may be submitted via email to the IPMS/USA Office Manager in lieu of physical signature.

- C. The completed form must be submitted to the IPMS/USA President via email to [ipmspresident@ipmsusa.org](mailto:ipmspresident@ipmsusa.org), with a copy to the IPMS/USA Secretary ([ipmssec@ipmsusa.org](mailto:ipmssec@ipmsusa.org)) at any time after the close of the IPMS/USA National Convention, but not later than one day prior to the published Executive Board quarterly meeting date immediately preceding the next IPMS/USA National Convention. Further correspondence on the proposed amendment shall be between the IPMS/USA President and the submitting member, with a copy of all correspondence to the IPMS/USA Secretary.
- D. The Executive Board shall direct the IPMS/USA Office Manager to verify that the required number of endorsement signatures have been submitted and recorded. The IPMS/USA President shall notify the member submitting the proposed amendment of his or her proper submission and acceptance by the Executive Board for review and action.
- E. Proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the Executive Board prior to the annual IPMS/USA Convention and shall be brought forth on the agenda for discussion by the membership at the annual IPMS/USA Business Meeting.
- F. The Executive Board shall consider the discussion and comments brought forth by the membership and shall recommend and provide for one of the following actions:
  - 1. The Executive Board may submit the proposed amendment as originally submitted for a vote by the membership within 45 days of the last day of the annual IPMS/USA Convention.
  - 2. The Executive Board may recommend revisions to the proposed amendment based on the discussion and comments brought forth by the membership during the business meeting at the National Convention and forward such revisions to the original submission author for consideration. The original author may agree to the Executive Board's proposed revisions or may call for a vote on the proposed amendment as originally submitted within ten days of receipt. A vote shall be held within 45 days of the original author's reply.
  - 3. The Executive Board may terminate action on the proposed amendment if a reply is not received from the original author within ten days.
- G. Any proposed amendment to the IPMS/USA Constitution and By-Laws must receive a simple majority vote by at least ten (10) percent of the members in good standing as of the date of posting for a vote. Members shall have a period of thirty (30) calendar days to consider the amendment and submit their vote for or against. Voting shall be by electronic ballot through the IPMS/USA on-line membership system, or a paper ballot submitted to the IPMS/USA Office Manager via US Mail and received prior to the final day of the voting period.
- H. The Executive Board will appoint an impartial judge to count all votes and report the results. The balloting results will be kept for two years and will be available for inspection by members of the Society at their request.
- I. The results of the balloting shall be announced to the membership by the Executive Board immediately after the confirmation of the impartial judge.

Proposed Amendment III to the By-Laws – Clarifying The IPMS/USA National Convention, the National Convention Operating Parameters, and authorizing the National Convention Steering Committee

- A. A National Convention shall be conducted annually by a National Convention Host Committee with support from the host chapter(s) as provided for in Article VIII, D. The National Convention shall be conducted and operated in a manner that reflects the Purpose and Objectives of IPMS/USA as set forth in Article II of the Constitution.
- B. The sustainment of the National Convention shall be the primary function and responsibility of the Second Vice President, with support from a National Convention Steering Committee in accordance with its Charter document.
- C. The purpose of the National Convention Steering Committee is to provide for continuous improvement, consistency, sustainability, and long-term planning for the National Convention in accordance with a consensus of the membership. The NCSC shall provide advisory mentoring and support to each successive National Convention Operating Committee to that end.

- D. The National Convention Steering Committee shall consist of the IPMS/USA Second Vice President who shall function as the Chairman, a Co-Chairman and Director for each major component of the Convention. The Second Vice President shall appoint the Co-Chairman and each director from member volunteers.
- E. The current National Convention Operating Parameters shall be maintained and updated as appropriate by the National Convention Steering Committee to respect each member as an individual and shall reflect the common consensus interests of the membership and the status of the hobby. Revisions shall be submitted by the National Convention Steering Committee for review and approval to the Executive Board not later than December 31, annually.
- F. The current National Convention Operating Parameters shall be made available to any interested member on the IPMS/USA website for consideration of a potential proposal to host a future Convention.
- G. Any member may propose a change to the National Convention Operating Parameters to reflect the common consensus of the membership. Such changes shall be submitted to the President with a copy to the Secretary for a vote by the membership in the same manner as if an Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Proposed Amendment IV – Clarifications and Revisions to provide for a Chartering of The National Contest Committee and oversight of the administration of National Model Contest

- A. A National Model Contest shall be conducted annually by the National Contest Committee with support from the host chapter(s), in conjunction with the IPMS/USA National Convention as provided for in Article VIII, D-6. The National Model Contest shall be conducted and operated in a manner that reflects the Purpose and Objectives of IPMS/USA as set forth in Article II of the Constitution.
- B. The National Contest Committee shall prepare a Chartering document for review and approval by the Executive Board.
- C. The current National Contest Rules and Categories shall be published on the IPMS/USA website for consideration by any member prior to participating.
- D. Participation in the National Contest is limited to current IPMS/USA members in good standing. Reciprocity is extended to members in good standing of any other IPMS international branch with proof of current membership.
- E. The National Contest Rules and Categories shall be set, maintained, and updated as appropriate by the National Contest Committee to respect each entry as a wholistic individual work deserving of an evaluation of each of its' aspects, and shall reflect the common consensus interests of the membership and the status of the hobby. Proposed revisions shall be submitted by the National Contest Committee to the Second Vice President for review and approval by the Executive Board not later than December 31, annually.
- F. Any member may propose a change in the National Contest Rules and Categories to reflect the common consensus of the membership. Such changes shall be submitted with a detailed narrative clearly explaining the reasoning and benefits of the change to the Chief Judge with a copy to the President and Secretary for a vote by the membership in the same manner as if an Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- G. The National Contest Committee shall provide for the accurate, permanent maintenance of all results and records concerning the National Contest and the Certified National Contest Judging staff on the IPMS/USA website.

Amendment V – The IPMS/USA Reviewer Corps

- A. The First Vice President shall provide for a Charter to create and administer a Subcommittee of members that will fairly evaluate and provide a written review of new issue kits and hobby-related

products for feedback to the manufacturer and the membership in support of Article II-J of the Constitution for review and approval by the Executive Board.

- B. The First Vice President shall encourage and promote liaison between industry manufacturers and IPMS/USA and the National Convention Steering Committee.

### The IPMS/USA Statement of Purpose and Values

#### Purpose

To encourage and provide positive support for worldwide interest in the hobby of scale modeling in all its forms

#### Values

To treat all others as individuals deserving of respect, dignity and kindness, regardless of sex, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, national origin or religious belief.

To earn trust and respect from those within and outside the Society and the hobby through respectful, positive, ethical and responsible conduct.

To respect differences of opinion by acknowledging another's, and not pushing their acceptance of yours.

To encourage each member to pursue the hobby, limited only by their own imagination and desires, and at their own pace.

To provide a place of fellowship for all in the hobby, free from negative judgement or criticism of themselves or their works.

To encourage each member to have a place and voice in the governance of the Society.

To never maliciously criticize, condemn or complain, nor tolerate those who do.

### The IPMS/USA Member's Code of Conduct and Ethics

This Code sets forth the basic standards of ethical and responsible conduct by all members of IPMS/USA

1. An IPMS/USA member shall conduct themselves with respectful decorum and in accordance with the Purpose and Values of the Society in all matters relating to the Society.
2. An IPMS/USA member shall address other members of the Society with respect.
3. An IPMS/USA member will never criticize, condemn or complain in any public forum regarding another member or their works, or the Society. Members having any grievance with other members or the Society shall do so in private, or in a private correspondence, and in a respectful manner.
4. An IPMS/USA member will never portray the work of another as their own.
5. An IPMS/USA member will never judge their own work, nor attempt to influence the judging of their work by others.