

## WOMEN SOARING PILOTS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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### ARTICLE I – Name and Objective.

- A. The name of the Association shall be **WOMEN SOARING PILOTS ASSOCIATION**.
- B. The Association is formed to encourage the growth and participation of women in soaring. To that end, the Association may sponsor and be responsible for the following types of activities:
  1. **Women's Competition.** This may include sports class competition, regional, national, and international meets.
  2. **Women's Soaring Seminar.** The association will have oversight of the seminar site selections, registration, administration and finances.
  3. **Women's Records.** The Association will establish handicapped records, such as the **ANNE M. LINDBERGH CHALLENGE TROPHY**, and be responsible for the processing and awarding of such records/awards.
  4. **Scholarships and Grants:** The Association will establish scholarships for women for flight training and participation in soaring activities. The Association will be responsible for the administration of the scholarships and the management of funds contributed to support the scholarships.

The above objectives are not meant to exclude any activities which would foster the growth of active women glider pilots. Additional activities may include education and public relations.

### ARTICLE II – Membership.

- A. All women glider pilots, holding at least a student pilot certificate, shall be eligible for membership in this association, provided that they have applied to the Secretary/Treasurer and have paid dues in advance for the current year.
  1. **Full Member** – Entitled to full voice in the affairs of the Association; entitled to one vote in all elections.
  2. **Honorary Member** – Conferred by the Executive Board on any person who, by contribution to the advancement of the interests of the Association, may be deemed worthy. Honorary Memberships may be for any period of time, one year or longer.
  3. An Associate Membership will be available for people not meeting the above qualifications for Full Membership. This Associate Membership will entitle member to all issues of **HANGAR SOARING**, but will not be entitled to voting privileges.
  4. **Life Member:** upon payment of full Life Membership Dues, will no longer pay annual dues. Life Members will have all of the rights and privileges of Full Members.
- B. All Members are entitled to one copy of each issue of the Association newsletter, **HANGAR SOARING**.
- C. The Membership year shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup> of one year through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Those joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> will receive the issues of **HANGAR SOARING** missed and be considered current members through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

### ARTICLE III – Dues

Dues of members shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be payable in advance.

### ARTICLE IV – WSPA Regions

For administration and representation, the WSPA membership is divided into four geographical regions: Eastern, Central, Western and International.

### ARTICLE V – Officers

- A. The officers of the association shall be: Seven elected regional representatives, two from each U.S. region and one from the international region. The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be chosen from within the seven representatives by vote from the seven.
- B. Nomination and election of officers.
  1. Members desiring to nominate a candidate for the offices of Regional Representatives may do so at the Association meetings (Women's Seminars or SSA National Convention) or by mail to the Secretary before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. The Secretary shall determine before October 15<sup>th</sup> if nominees will consent to their names being placed on the ballot.
  3. A ballot for voting by mail or email shall be published in the November issue of Hangar Soaring. Each Full and Life member shall be entitled to cast votes for two Regional Representatives of each U.S. region and one International Representative.
  4. A completed ballot must be postmarked or email dated within 30 days of receipt of ballot.
  5. Voting may also be conducted on the Internet through the WSPA website. In such case, the ballot will be posted on the website at the time of publication of the November issue of Hangar Soaring. Internet voting must be completed within 30 days of the posting of the ballot.
- C. The terms of all elected Representatives shall be for two years, ending when successors have been duly elected.
  - D. Immediately upon retiring from office, each officer shall turn over in good order to her successor all funds, books, records, correspondence and other property of the Association.
  - E. Should a vacancy occur in any elective office, such vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Executive Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI – Duties of Officers**

- A. The duties of the President shall be: Preside at the meetings of the Association and those of the Executive Board, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, perform such other duties as the advancement of the Association may require.
- B. The duties of the Regional Representatives shall be: Preside at meetings in the absence of the President, coordinate the advancement of the Association within the region they represent, encourage the growth of the Association and promote membership, perform such other duties as the President shall direct.
- C. The Secretary shall:
  1. Conduct correspondence of the Association other than that relating to membership.
  2. Keep minutes of the Association's annual meeting and any in-person meetings of the Executive Board.
  3. Maintain a file of Executive Board actions conducted via E-mail.
  4. Receive and verify nominations for Regional Representatives as described in Article V Section B.2, and forward the list of candidates to the Newsletter Editor.
- D. The Treasurer shall:
  1. Be empowered to receive money from those owing such funds and to bank same in the name of the Association, and to disburse funds in payment of accounts against the Association as are authorized by the President and/or a majority of the Executive Board.
  2. Render an annual report of the current financial conditions and other affairs of the Association.
  3. Maintain a membership list of all current members and the previous years' members separately which shall include name and mailing address and shall furnish the Newsletter Editor and Record Keeper with a current mailing list.
  4. Conduct all correspondence of the Association relating to membership.

#### **ARTICLE VII – Executive Board**

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the seven elected Regional Representatives and the Newsletter Editor. The SSA may appoint a representative to sit on the Executive Board for liaison purposes. Only elected board members may vote.
- B. The Executive Board shall: Have charge of the working interests of the Association under the guidance of the President, examine all accounts of the Association, confer on call of the President, perform all such duties as may be necessary for the welfare and advancement of the Association.
- C. The Executive Board shall solicit bids for the annual Women's Soaring Seminars and contests, etc., make the selection of the site and dates, and sponsor organization for this event.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – Committees**

- A. Event Committees: Women's Seminars, Women's Contests, Promotional events, etc., may be formed.
- B. Scholarship Committee: The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee is appointed by the Board. The committee shall determine the winners of each scholarship for the year. The winners are reported to the Board and the Treasurer will distribute scholarship monies accordingly.
- C. Publications Committee: Consists of the Editor of the Newsletter who shall be appointed by the Board and be chaired by the President.
- D. Records Committee: Consists of the Association Record Keeper who shall be appointed by the Board for an indefinite term and shall be chaired by the President.

**ARTICLE IX – Meetings**

- A. An annual meeting shall be held during the Women’s Soaring Seminar(s).
- B. A winter meeting will be held whenever possible in conjunction with the SSA Convention.

**ARTICLE X – Publications**

- A. The Association shall publish a newsletter to be issued not less than three times each year. This publication shall be called HANGAR SOARING.
- B. The Editor of the Newsletter:
  - 1. Shall have the power to reject, in whole or in part, any reading material or advertising material submitted for publication which may be deemed unsuitable.
  - 2. May exchange newsletters on a reciprocal basis with other soaring related organizations.
  - 3. May assist the Treasurer with Membership

**ARTICLE XI – Amendments**

These By-Laws shall not be amended, altered, or repealed, unless such amendment is submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least in time to be published in the November issue of the newsletter and be on the November ballot. A two-thirds majority of valid votes cast shall be required for passage of such amendment. By-laws shall be reviewed at a minimum of every five years.

**ARTICLE XII – Implementation**

Changes shall become effective immediately upon passage. Unchanged articles and provisions shall remain in effect continuously.