

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is "THE ST. LOUIS RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS, INCORPORATED"

ARTICLE II AFFILIATION

This organization is the St. Louis chapter of the national organization, "RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS, INCORPORATED."

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1 The purposes of this organization shall be to:

- a. Promote interest and knowledge in all forms of railways and rail history.
- b. Foster goodwill and support for rail transportation.
- c. Encourage members to contribute to the collection, compilation and publication of interesting data pertinent to railways.
- d. Promotion of good fellowship among the members.
- e. Promote activities conducive to the first four purposes.
- f. Sponsor rail trips.
- g. Co-operate with and support the national organization, RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS, INC.

Sec. 2 The purpose of this organization shall be "Educational" and "Scientific" within the means of the Sec. 501(c) of The Internal Revenue Code and no monetary benefits shall be shared by its members.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 Membership in this organization is open to any person interested in the objectives.

Sec. 2 All members in good standing (paid-up dues) may vote in all meetings when they are present.

Sec. 3 Honorary Members

Honorary membership may be awarded to any person who is deemed deserving of such honor. The procedure to award honorary membership is:

- a. Motion to award honorary membership should state reasons for is made and seconded. The motion is discussed.
- b. A vote is held at the next meeting after the motion is made, two-thirds majority of the members in good standing, present and voting.
- c. A formal letter will be sent to the honored person.

Sec. 4 Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership may be secured by a one-time payment of dues that shall be 25 times that of the regular dues, including National.

Sec. 5 Expulsion of Members

Should the necessity arise to expel a member for a just cause - the following procedure will be followed:

- a. Motion to consider expulsion made, seconded and two-thirds vote required.
- b. The reasons why expulsion would be in the best interests of the organization must be stated in the motion.
- c. Attempts must be made to reconcile any differences with the affected member.
- d. Final vote of expulsion by two-thirds vote would be taken at the next meeting. Before the vote, the charged member will be requested to appear to answer the charges.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Sec. 1 Qualifications

Any member who has been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of nomination, shall be eligible for election to any office of this organization.

Sec. 2 The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Curator.

Sec. 3 President

The president shall be the executive head of this organization and shall preside at all meetings. Sppecific duties shall be indicated in "Duties Of The President" - a supplement to these By-Laws.

Sec. 4 Vice-President

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, act as the presiding officer at the regular meeting. If the President for any reason vacates the office, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President.

Sec. 5 Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of this organization. These records will be indexed. The minutes will be published in the newsletter and approved at the next meeting.
- b. Keep a Permanent file of all records with the official minutes including:
 - 1) A copy of all. amendments to the By-Laws.
 - 2) All motions which are adopted.
 - 3) Reports of officers and committees.
 - 4) A record for each meeting of members in attendance.
- c. When needed, search the records for information required by officers and members.

- d. The secretary shall not act as the presiding officer at any regular meeting.
- Sec. 6 Treasurer
 - a. The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues, safekeeping and dispersing of funds and present a written financial report at each meeting.
 - b. Funds of this organization will be kept in a local banking institution.
 - c. The Treasurer is responsible for applying for the annual State of Missouri Not For Profit Registration.
 - d. The Treasurer shall forward the National dues.
 - e. Checks may be signed by the Secretary if necessary. The Secretary's signature shall be kept on file as an alternative signer.
- Sec. 7 Curator
 - The Curator shall be custodian of all historical records, library and museum collections of this organization.
- Sec. 8 In the absence of all officers eligible to preside at a regular meeting, a temporary chairman shall be elected by the members to serve only that meeting.
- Sec. 9 The officers shall serve as Directors of the Corporation and shall have general supervision of the affairs of this organization.
- Sec. 10 Term of Office
 - a. All officers shall be elected for a period of one year.
 - b. The president shall serve no more than two terms consecutively.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

- Sec. 1 Election of officers is held annually at the October meeting.
- Sec. 2 The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members at three members at the August meeting which will present a slate of candidates at the September meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.
- Sec. 3 The President must announce at the September meeting that elections shall be held at the October meeting. This announcement and the nominees must be carried in the newsletter prior to the election.
- Sec. 4 A simple majority vote will determine the newly elected officers who shall assume office at the November meeting.
- Sec. 5 At the November meeting all officers shall turn over records etc. to the newly elected officers and instruct them prior to that meeting concerning matters of that office and any pending business or activities.
- Sec. 6 Vacancies in elective office other than President shall be filled by the President with approval of the Directors of the Corporation or by election as desired.
- Sec. 7 Impeachment of Officers
 - a. Should the necessity arise to remove an officer for just cause- the same procedures for expulsion of members will be followed.
 - b. If the officer in question is the president, he will relinquish that post during the impeachment proceedings.

ARTICLE VII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall run from September 1 to August 31 of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

- Sec. 1 Standing committee chairmen shall be appointed by each newly elected President.
- Sec. 2 The chairman of each committee shall appoint one or more members to the committee
- Sec. 3 Duties of Standing Committees
 - a. Program – To provide interesting, informative programs for each meeting.
 - b. Trips and Activities - To originate plans for trips or activities, submit to the organization and to help arrange details.
 - c. Membership – To make every effort to increase membership, welcome new members and prospective members at the meetings.
 - d. Refreshment - Provide refreshments for each meeting and collect money from members to pay costs. Any extra funds will be kept for future use and accounted for by the chairman.
- Sec. 4 Special committees may be appointed by the President as required.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

- Sec. 1 Regular meetings shall be held monthly on a day, time and place selected by a majority of members.
- Sec. 2 Special meetings may be called by any member of the Directors of the Corp.

ARTICLE X ORDER OF BUSINESS

"The Order of Business and Procedures for Meetings" shall be determined by the membership, copies provided to all members and followed at meetings. It is a supplement to these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI QUORUM

- Sec. 1 A quorum shall consist of a majority (51%) of the members in regular attendance and is required for legal transaction of business.
- Sec. 2 A quorum shall consist of at least five members.

ARTICLE XII DUES

- Sec. 1 All members are required to pay yearly dues for the local and national organization payable Sept. 1 for each fiscal year.
- Sec. 2 Members two months late paying dues will be notified by the Treasurer, and failure to pay dues within 30 days following notification will result in the dropping of their names from the membership rolls.
- Sec. 3 Dues for the local chapter shall be determined as follows:
 - a. Proposed dues rate stated in a motion made and seconded and voted on at the next meeting. All members must be notified in the

newsletter prior to the vote. A two-thirds majority vote is required.

- b. The dues rate will be effective the start of the next fiscal year.
- c. National dues are determined by the national organization - RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS, INCORPORATED, are collected with the local dues.