



BYLAWS

OF

Train Expo Colorado (TECO), a Non-Profit Organization

ARTICLE I - NAME, PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Train Expo Colorado (TECO).

Section 2: TECO is organized exclusively for, charitable, technological, educational, and historical promotion of the model railroading hobby.

Section 3: Our purpose is to support and expand the model railroading hobby:

- By gathering model railroad hobbyists,
- By recruiting new hobbyists,
- By promoting model railroad events and swap meets,
- By informing the public about the model railroading hobby, railroad activities, museums, trips, and events,
- By distributing railway and associated information to the public.

ARTICLE II – TECO BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the TECO organization.

Section 2: Members shall be representatives of participating organizations who are members in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All participating local organizations may assign representatives to be Board members.

Section 3: The Board may have up to 16 members but not fewer than five members. There shall be five officers of the Board consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and one Member-at-Large.

Section 4: The Board receives no compensation other than reasonable reimbursement for expenses that are presented to and voted by The Board.

Section 5: Vacancies. When a vacancy on the Board exists, nominations for the vacancy shall be submitted to the Secretary in advance of a Board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to

Board members with the regular Board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next Board meeting. These vacancies will be filled to the end of the particular Board member's term.

Section 6: Resignation and Termination. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and submitted to the Board. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining officers.

Section 7: Advisors. The Board may assign any person with specific skills or talents to be a non-voting member of the Board to assist the organization.

ARTICLE III – TECO BOARD DUTIES

Section 1: Officers and Duties. Their duties are as follows:

The Chair shall convene regularly scheduled Board meetings, send out meeting announcements, set the agenda and shall preside, or arrange for other members of the Board to preside at each meeting in the following order: Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in carrying out tasks, standing in place of the Chair when he/she is absent and will chair committees or special subjects as designated by the Board.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all Board meetings, bylaws, distributing copies of minutes and assuring that organizational records are maintained.

The Treasurer shall make a report at each Board meeting. Treasurer shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to Board members and the public.

The Member-at-Large will be assigned tasks by the Board.

Section 2: Board members will receive a copy of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – TECO COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, etc. The Board Chair appoints all committee chairs.

Section 2: Finance Committee. The Treasurer is chair of the Finance Committee, which includes two other Board members. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, a fundraising plan, and annual budget with staff and other Board members.

The Board must operate in a fiscally responsible manner and approve a budget and approve all expenditures within the parameters of the budget. Any major change to the budget must be approved by the Board.

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the Board showing income, expenditures and pending income.

ARTICLE V – TECO MEETINGS

Section 1: Executive meetings will be held monthly, or as directed by the Chair.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the Chair or any Officer of the Board.

Section 3: The Corporate meeting shall be the first Monday of December.

Section 4: Board Elections of officers will occur as the first item of business at the Corporate meeting of the Organization. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of the current Board.

Section 5: Terms. All Board members shall serve for 2-year terms and are eligible for re-election.

Section 6: Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of five Board members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed.

Section 7: Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member and advisors, not less than three days before the meeting.

Article VI - TECO SHOWS

Section 1: TECO will organize model train shows on a regular basis. The purpose of these shows is to provide a venue for organizations to show their layouts, opportunities for vendors, space for clinics and historical presentations, introduce the public to the model railroading community, to recruit new members to the hobby, to promote Youth in Model Railroading programs, provide an opportunity for Scouts BSA to earn the Railroading Merit Badge (at least once yearly), and advise the public of railroading activities.

Section 2: Vendors and other exhibitors must complete a yearly Vendor Contract in each calendar year and comply with all its rules. Vendors and exhibitors are responsible for their items and displays to include appropriate taxes and insurance to cover damage and/or loss.

Section 3: Distribution of proceeds. The TECO Board shall meet within a reasonable time after a model train show to assess revenues and expenditures associated with the show. Upon completion of the assessment, the TECO Board may allocate a donation to the participating organizations.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Board. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary to be sent out with regular Board announcements.

Article VIII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1: In the event of dissolution of TECO, all debts will be paid and remaining assets will be divided among the participating organizations.

Bylaws were revised and voted upon as stated above at a meeting of the Board August 6, 2018.


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