

# STANDING RULES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

*Relating to Article X, Section 2*

At the first meeting of each year, each Vice President will recommend a qualified replacement in case of the Vice President's incapacity or death.

## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

*Relating to Article IX*

### Composition of Committee:

(a) All eleven Vice Presidents and the Executive Vice President are to sit on the Nominating Committee and will constitute the Committee in total. (Legal counsel may attend **and should be consulted if a nomination is to be withheld from the ballot.**)

(b) Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be barred from becoming a candidate for office themselves.

(c) Vice Presidents who are unable to attend the Nominating Committee meeting may appoint a proxy to vote for his/her district. Qualifications for being a proxy: you must have written permission (email and faxes are acceptable) from the absent Vice President and be a current Associate Vice President or Leader Member from that district. Executive Vice President who is unable to attend the Nominating Committee meeting may appoint a proxy. His/her proxy can be a current adult member from any district, preferably a current Leader Member of the Academy.

(d) The President and Executive Director are not to be a member of this committee and are not to appoint an ex officio or proxy.

(e) The Committee meeting is open only to committee members (proxy included) and legal counsel.

### Chairperson Selection and Responsibilities:

(a) The chairperson shall be elected at an Executive Council meeting prior to the Nominating Committee meeting.

(b) The chairperson shall be ratified by the President at that meeting.

(c) The chairperson of the Nominating Committee will verify that all candidate proposals, acceptance statements, and resumes have been received within the time frame described in Candidate Guidelines. This should be done by the chairperson at least 20 days prior to convening of the committee meeting. Prior to this time AMA Headquarters will verify information as it is received and notify the chairperson of any potential problems. If any of these items are missing it is the responsibility of the committee chairperson to contact the candidate, informing him/her of the missing documents and the deadline by which this information should be received. **Chairperson should contact candidate by mail, email, or telephone. Accurate record of times the candidate(s) have been contacted should be kept, if by mail it should be done certified, return receipt.** It will then be the responsibility of the candidate to supply the missing information. All documents must be present at the Nominating Committee meeting.

(d) At the discretion of the chairperson, legal counsel may be required to attend.

(e) The chairperson is responsible for providing copies of all documentation to the rest of the committee at the beginning of the meeting.

(f) The committee shall examine, evaluate, and discuss all written proposals for candidacy of office (see item c, Candidate Guidelines). The nomination letters shall be placed in evidence by the chairperson and at least one of the letters for each candidate shall be read aloud.

(g) The discussion period shall be limited by the chairperson to reasonable time for ample discussion of the qualifications of each candidate.

### Meeting Conduct:

(a) The chairperson shall open the meeting and preside over the proceedings.

(b) The chairperson shall appoint a recording secretary and a teller. The teller shall not be a candidate for office.

(c) If an incumbent has been properly nominated and has accepted the nomination, he/she may elect to remain or leave the room during the discussion and/or voting for his/her office.

(d) Ballot is limited to three (3) nominees, but not required, per office.

**Recording Secretary and Teller—duties and responsibilities:**

Recording Secretary shall:

(a) Keep full, accurate, and detailed written minutes of the proceedings;

(b) Within 24 hours after adjournment, give a full, written report including the results of all voting procedures to the President, Executive Vice President, Executive Director, and the meeting Chairperson.

**Teller Responsibility:**

(a) Shall distribute, collect, and tabulate all ballots with the assistance of the Recording Secretary.

**Voting:**

(a) If only three names are submitted for a district or national office, the chairperson may move for a nomination by acclamation.

(b) If placing an incumbent's name on the ballot is in question, voting on that issue shall precede voting for other nominees (see c, Candidate Guidelines).

(c) Voting for placing candidate(s) on the ballot shall follow the sequence of President, Executive Vice President, Vice President.

(d) One vote per committee member or proxy, per candidate.

(e) A simple majority prevails (see c, Candidate Guidelines for exception).

**Finalization of Proceedings:**

(a) At the conclusion of the meeting the committee will verify the minutes and ballot. Such verification will be a recorded vote which requires  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the committee for acceptance. Failing such acceptance, the committee will continue to deliberate until such acceptance is reached. The ballot developed will be final for that election. The acceptance vote will be recorded during the ensuing Council meeting.

(b) The chairperson will present the written report/voting record of the Nominating Committee meeting to the Executive Council at the first meeting that occurs after the Nominating Committee meeting.

(c) No person elected to and serving as an active member of the Executive Council shall be paid for any regular column or article in *Model Aviation* magazine. Exception may be made for such articles as the coverage of special events provided prior arrangement was made for said article. Articles and columns printed in the "AMA News" section are not paid contributions. No paid columns may be submitted after the individual has been placed on the ballot.

**After the minutes have been presented to the Executive Council, all notes, minutes and files shall be turned over to the Executive Director.**

**Adjournment:**

An affirmative vote of an adjournment motion duly made and seconded will adjourn the meeting.

**Candidate Guidelines:**

(a) No person may nominate himself/herself for office.

(b) No person shall simultaneously hold two positions on the Executive Council. In the event a person holding an office is elected or selected to a second position on the Executive Council, that person must choose which of the two positions he/she will continue, such decision to be made within 48 hours of the announcement of the selection, or else the person so affected will be deemed to have selected to remain in the first office held.

(c) Incumbent is automatically placed on the ballot, provided that he/she has been properly nominated and accepted, except that a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote against may withhold the incumbent's name from the ballot (see Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2).

(d) All nomination letters must be received at AMA Headquarters thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Nominating Committee's Annual Meeting. If received by electronic mail or fax, it must be received by close of that business day at AMA Headquarters, Muncie IN.

(e) Candidate must be a legal resident of the district in which the election is being held; this does not apply to the office of President or Executive Vice President.

(f) Candidate must be a current AMA member with Leader Member status (other qualifications apply to the office of President and Executive Vice President, Article IX, section 3).

(g) No person elected to and serving as an active member of the Executive Council shall be paid for any regular column or article in *Model Aviation* magazine. Exception may be made for such articles as the coverage of special events provided prior arrangement was made for said article. Articles and columns printed in the "AMA News" section are not paid contributions. No paid columns may be submitted after the individual has been placed on the ballot.

*It is strongly recommended that nominations be mailed by certified mail, receipt requested.*

**Candidate Acceptance:**

(a) A letter of acceptance by the candidate must be on file at AMA Headquarters 15 days prior to the meeting; if by electronic mail or fax it must be received by close of that business day at AMA Headquarters, Muncie IN.

(b) Along with a résumé of professional qualifications and model aviation experience, your résumé should include, but not be limited to, the following areas of consideration. (*Note: Campaign Statements to be delivered to AMA Headquarters 10 days prior to the Nominating Committee meeting in a sealed envelope. Those not nominated will have his or her statement returned unopened. Campaign Statements will remain sealed until after the Nominating Committee has deliberated and determined the candidates.*)

1. Management experience.
2. Financial background.
3. Insurance employment and/or expertise.
4. Legal background.
5. Technical background, including areas of aeronautics, electronics (especially in radio frequency propagation and usage), acoustics (as related to noise studies and analysis), and other areas of engineering.
6. Aeromodeling background must be noted. The individual will be required, if elected to national office, to deal with questions related to all areas of aeromodeling and should have a broad-based background.

*It is strongly recommended that these documents be mailed certified, receipt requested.*

## **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

*Relating to Article X*

**Title:** Executive Vice President

**Class:**

- An AMA Executive Officer ranking immediately below the President and a voting member of the Executive Council.
- Voluntary position with AMA budget for travel and business expenses.
- Elected by mail ballot of Leader and Open members to a three-year term.
- Reports directly to and receives direction from the AMA President and Executive Council.

**Summary:**

- Primary responsibilities include working closely with the President, Executive Council and Executive Director to support the mission and vision of the AMA.
- Shall assume the duties of the AMA President upon the death, incapacity, inactivity, resignation, impeachment or removal of the AMA President.
- May assume some of the ceremonial duties of the AMA President, such as attending functions and events when the President is unable to attend.

**Responsibility:**

- Responsible for working with the President, Executive Council and the Executive Director to identify strategic issues and goals; and develop plans and methods to achieve goals and objectives.
- Assist in coordinating programs, events, projects and activities to ensure timely, proper, and efficient completion.
- Monitor and evaluate programs and advise when it is necessary to deviate and update programs and plans to reflect a new direction.

**Essential Functions:**

- Attend and participate in Executive Council meetings.
- Conduct Executive Council meetings in the President's absence.
- Develop productive relationships with AMA staff and department heads.
- Develop positive relationships with external organizations that impact on the AMA.
- Work toward providing additional value, services, and satisfaction for AMA members and clubs.
- Serve on or chair any AMA committees as assigned.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President or Executive Council.

**Credentials and Experience:**

As per Article IX "Nominations and Elections" Sections 1-6:

- To be eligible to discharge the duties of AMA Executive Vice President, the nominee must be a Leader Member of the AMA, and must previously have served as a member of the Executive Council or as Associate Vice President or as a Contest Board member for at least one year.

## AMA'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/TREASURER

*Relating to Article X*

**Title:** Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/Treasurer

**Class:**

- An AMA Executive Officer and non-voting member of the Executive Council.
- Voluntary position with AMA budget for travel and business expenses.
- Appointed by the Executive Council to a three-year term. Reports directly to and receives direction from the AMA President and Executive Council.

**Summary:**

- Primary responsibilities include developing and structuring financial plans for the organization.
- Maintaining contact with brokers, investment bankers, and trust department officials regarding AMA stock investments.

**Responsibility:**

- Responsible for overseeing financial statements and budgets updated and accurate.
- Keeping in close contact with banking officials regarding loan requests, negotiating of interest rates, and general banking services.
- Monitoring and dealing with AMA's stock market investments, and dealing with all relevant individuals associated with AMA's investments.
- Verifying and handling all tax-related matters associated with non-profit organizations.
- Providing annual fiscal reports to the membership, periodic fiscal reports (not less than quarterly) to the Executive Council and oversight on the AMA Comptroller.

**Essential Functions:**

- Attendance and participation in Executive Council Meetings.
- Supervise budget preparation and financial planning for the organization.
- Structure loan requests, negotiate interest rates, and manage other applicable bank services.
- Anticipate cash shortfalls and have plans in place to cover those needs if they occur.
- Work with stockbrokers, investment bankers, and trust department officials on a regular basis regarding AMA's stock investments.
- Be well versed and able to evaluate all tax related matters and codes for nonprofit organizations, including direct involvement in auditor selection.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

**Credentials and Experience:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Management, Finance, or equivalent required.

- Minimum 5 years work experience in a management, financial, or equivalent field.
- Investment experience preferred.

## **ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENTS**

*Relating to Article X*

### **1. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENTS**

**A.** In accordance with the Bylaws of the Academy, as revised 1 May 1989, each District Vice President shall appoint as many Associate Vice Presidents as authorized by Executive Council action. The number of Associate Vice Presidents will vary with District geographic area and member population.

**B.** The Associate Vice President shall be appointed, at the discretion of the District Vice President, in a manner that will best serve the needs of the District. This can be by geographic area or by assignment of a specific group of charter clubs within a district. Each Associate Vice President should be made aware of his/her area of responsibility.

**C.** Until such time as it becomes possible to fund for Associate Vice President travel within his/her area the relative size of the area should be kept as small as feasible. Excessive travel requirements of volunteers should be minimized.

**D.** Associate Vice Presidents may be removed at the discretion of the District Vice President. This could be for nonperformance in the area of recommended duties or other causes for lack of confidence in associations with members or the Vice President.

### **Duties and Responsibilities Guidance for Associate Vice Presidents**

#### **Purpose:**

To best serve its members, clubs and programs, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) has developed duties and responsibilities for its Vice Presidents (VPs) and Associative Vice Presidents (AVPs). This document outlines AVP objectives and responsibilities, for AVPs working under the direction of their respective Vice President.

#### **Application:**

While each AMA district is geographically, and by necessity, operationally different and each may require unique management, the duties of an AVP are universally applicable, as recommended by the District Vice President.

#### **Role of the AMA Associate Vice President (AVP)**

Associate Vice Presidents are appointed to their position by the Vice President in their respective districts. AVPs do not serve for a specific term or time frame, but at the pleasure of their Vice President. As described in the AMA bylaws and Standing Rules, each Vice President has the sole authority to make changes in AVP positions as deemed necessary for the benefit of their District and the Academy.

*“The Associate Vice President will serve as a liaison between the members of the district and the District Vice President. He may attend functions on behalf of the Vice President and perform other duties as required within his specific area.” A Vice President may designate an Associate Vice President from his district to represent his district at Council meetings with all rights and privileges except the right to vote.”*

With specifically limited authority, a designated AVP may act in the Vice President’s absence. The AVP Provides a communication link between the VP and Leader Members. The AVP also represents AMA at club meetings and events, and acts to facilitate communication between all AMA members, clubs, hobby shops, civic organizations, and the community at large, thus providing a positive impact on model aviation.

#### **Associate Vice President, Recommended National AMA Duties**

**1.** Become familiar with the *AMA Membership Manual*.

*AVP note:* Being knowledgeable about AMA’s structure, functions, and helps you provide better services and information to members and clubs. This knowledge improves visibility into AMA and improves AVP credibility!

**2.** Become knowledgeable about all of AMA’s web sites and know where to go to get information.

a. Learn to navigate AMA’s websites and how to download AMA Documents and Membership Manual, and AMA Programs such as Take off And Grow (TAG), Flying Site Improvement Grants, Disaster Grants, Carl Goldberg Award information, and Scholarship application.

- b. Become familiar with the Model Aviation Library.
  - c. Become familiar with the AMA Blogs.
3. Read AMA's print publications and subscribe to all AMA digital communications.
  4. When attending National or District AMA events or meetings, dress in AMA attire.  
*AVP note:* Wearing AMA shirts and hats, and displaying your AMA provided name badge, makes it easy for others to recognize who you are and your position as an AVP. This communicates to clubs and members AMA's participation in their events. It also provides consistency with your VP, other Council members, and AMA Staff.
  5. Obtain preapproval for all expenses through your District Vice President and submit expense vouchers for reimbursement of any authorized funds. These vouchers must be submitted through the District Vice President.

#### **Associate Vice President, Recommended District and Local Duties**

1. When asked by a Vice President, an AVP will represent the VP at specific meetings, events, award ceremonies.  
*AVP note:* While AVPs are AMA officers, they have no authority to make any decision or take unilateral action on behalf of the Academy. Such authority is reserved for AMA Council Members elected by the membership.
2. Investigate and advise the Vice President regarding incidents or complaints from members, either as brought directly to the attention of the AVP or as delegated by the Vice President.  
*AVP note:* In all cases, where incidents of formal complaints are addressed to an AVP, the AVP must advise the Vice President of the communication. It should be noted that the AVP does not have the authority to stop any club event or sanctioned event from taking place.
3. AVPs need to become familiar with their District website and learn how to navigate, and download information and be able to show others how to do the same.
4. The Vice President will establish each AVP's specific duties and reporting requirements based upon the District's geography, demographics, club density, AVP territory and similar factors. Often the VP will assign a given territory, or a list of AMA Chartered Clubs for the AVP to work with.  
*AVP note:* The AVP is responsible for becoming familiar with the clubs, officers, and influential people within your area, and the social and political nature of each club. It is important that AMA knows which Chartered Clubs are friendly to new members, and those clubs that are active in their communities and perform charity work.
5. Get to know the Leader Members in your region, and provide information on qualifications and applications. Encourage each Club to have at least one active Leader Member.  
*AVP note:* Leader Members are the highest level of AMA Membership and AMA wants to engage LM's to perform liaison with our clubs. As AVPs cannot attend every club meeting or function, LM's can provide monthly AMA updates to clubs and members. Leader members are essential for effective communication, particularly in geographically large districts.
6. If assigned clubs by your District VP, visit and interact with each club you're assigned for the purposes of:
  - a. Serve as a liaison between the Vice President and the members within the District.
  - b. Advise clubs on active AMA programs including but not limited to contests, grants, youth training camps, scholarships, awards, leader clubs and election opportunities.
  - c. Assist clubs with flying site issues with advice and referral to AMA flying site officials.
7. Seek and support activities that advance the image and growth of model aviation.
8. If requested by your Vice President, provide at least one annual column report and photographs of newsworthy club events and members news. Clubs and members really look forward to seeing their activities in print.

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## **HANDLING COMPLAINTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO A HEARING**

*Relating to Article V*

#### **Member Discipline:**

1. Pursuant to the authority of the Executive Council as set forth in Article V, Section 5 of the Bylaws, the Executive Council has the authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for any violation of any of the terms of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the AMA or model aviation. The

Executive Council therefore may, at its discretion, promulgate policies and procedures relating to discipline of members which do not justify expulsion from membership. The Executive Council has the authority to discipline members in accordance with such policies and procedures as duly adopted and ratified by the Executive Council. Said policies and procedures are independent of any Bylaw dealing with a member-to-member complaint or complaints regarding contest directors, which investigation and disciplinary procedures may also be subject to the Standing Rules.

**2.** A member complains to a member of the Executive Council or AMA Headquarters about actions of another member. Most complaints can be resolved at this stage. All efforts should be resolved at this level via telephone or email.

**3.** If the complaint is serious, or cannot be resolved by normal methods, the elected officer will consult with the Executive Director—or vice versa if the complaint was made to AMA Headquarters.

**4.** The Executive Director, the President, and the elected officer will evaluate the complaint and decide whether or not to send a form “Statement of Charges” to the complainant.

**5.** If a Statement of Charges is sent to the complainant, returned fully completed and executed, then the Executive Director will consult with the AMA President, the District Vice President, and legal counsel about the sufficiency of the Statement of Charges.

**6.** If the Statement of Charges is deemed sufficient an elected officer will be asked to support sending the notice of hearing by signing a simple statement that he or she supports the action. The elected officer is not asked to prejudge the matter, only indicate that the matter is grave enough to warrant a proceeding.

**7.** If the Statement of Charges is not deemed sufficient, or if for some other reason there is a decision not to proceed, the complainant will be notified of the decision.

**8.** If the decision is made to proceed, a Notice of Hearing will be sent to the accused member and to the complainant.

**9.** The hearing will be conducted by the Executive Council in executive session.

#### **COMPLAINTS REGARDING CDs**

Complaints regarding a Contest Director (CD) while acting in their official capacity as a representative of the Academy of Model Aeronautics should be made in writing to AMA Headquarters, who in turn will forward to the VP of the District where the complaint originated or where the infraction occurred.

The VP would review the written complaints and contact the complainant if additional information or clarification is required.

The VP would then contact the CD, explain the complaint and request a response in writing.

The VP will review the complaint and the CD’s response, and take whatever course of action is appropriate to resolve the problem, whether it is a warning or a revocation of the CD license. If there is a reprimand given, it should be in writing. The CD may appeal any action taken by the VP, in writing, and request the matter be reviewed by the Executive Council. The Executive Council could uphold the action taken by the VP, overturn it, or refuse to hear it.

## **OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

*Relating to Article XIII*

**Section 1.** Whenever, in the discretion of the Executive Director, any article, feature, report, or other writing submitted for publication in any official publication of the AMA is deemed to constitute, in whole or in part, a personal attack on any AMA officer or member, the Publications Committee shall have the authority to temporarily defer publication of such article, feature, report, or other writing and to refer the matter to the Executive Council for a determination as to whether publication should occur. Publication shall occur only upon an affirmative majority vote of the Executive Council. Any officer who is the author of, or the target of, the article, feature, report, or other writing submitted for publication at issue shall not be entitled to participate in the deliberations or vote as to whether publication should occur. The vote may be taken by mail or at a Council meeting at which a quorum is present.

# LEADER MEMBERS

*Relating to Article III*

## **Duties and Responsibilities Guidance for AMA Leader Members**

Developed: September 9, 2013

### **Purpose:**

To best serve its members, clubs and programs, the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) has developed recommended duties and responsibilities for its Leader Members (LM). This document outlines LM duties and responsibilities, for LMs working under the direction of their respective District Vice President (DVP) and/or Associate Vice President (AVP).

### **Application:**

While each AMA club is operationally different, the duties of an LM are universally applicable.

### **Role of the AMA Leader Member:**

The Leader member is identified as an individual having an above average interest in the AMA and his/her club, with the desire to assist the Academy in furthering its mission and goals.

1. Leader Members are the highest level of AMA Membership.
2. AMA Bylaws Changes: There is a provision in the AMA Bylaws which states that only Leader Members have the right to vote on proposed bylaws changes.
3. Nominating procedures for national officers require that the nominee be a LM.
4. The Leader Member provides a vital communication link between the club and AVP and even VP. The LM is the local club AMA point of contact at club meetings and events, and acts to facilitate communication between all AMA members, clubs, hobby shops, civic organizations, and the community at large, providing a positive impact on model aviation.

### **Leader Member Local Duties**

1. Get to know the VP and AVPs in their region, and encourage each club to have at least one Leader Member.  
*LM note:* AMA wants to engage LMs to be the AMA liaison within AMA clubs. As AVPs cannot attend every club meeting or function. LMs should be prepared to provide monthly AMA updates to clubs and members. Leader Members are essential for effective personal communication, particularly in geographically large districts.
  - a. Serve as a liaison between the Vice President and AVP with club members.
  - b. Advise their club on active AMA programs including but not limited to increasing membership, contests, grants, youth training camps, scholarships, awards, leader clubs and election opportunities.
  - c. Assist clubs with flying site issues with advice and referral to AMA flying site officials.
  - d. Be a mentor to new AMA members and provide them with AMA informational material so that the new member is aware of all AMA membership benefits and opportunities.
2. The Vice President, through the AVP, may establish LM's specific duties and reporting requirements.  
*LM note:* The LM should become familiar with their club(s), officers, and significant people within their area, It is important that AMA knows which Chartered Clubs are friendly to new members, and those clubs that are active in their communities and perform charity work.
3. The Leader Member must be active in their club's activities:
  - a. Attends club meetings and functions.
4. Become familiar with the AMA Membership Manual.  
*LM note:* Being knowledgeable about AMA's structure and functions helps the LM provide better services and information to members and clubs. This knowledge improves your understanding of the Academy and improves LM credibility!



5. Become knowledgeable of AMA's websites and know where to go to get information.
  - a. Learn to navigate AMA's websites and how to download AMA Documents and Membership Manual, and AMA Programs Take off And Grow "TAG," Flying Site Improvement Grants, Disaster Grants, Carl Goldberg Award information, and Scholarship application.
  - b. Become familiar with the Model Aviation Library and how to access prior issues.
  - c. Become familiar with the AMA BLOGS.
6. Read AMA's print publications and subscribe to all free AMA digital communications.
7. LMs need to become familiar with their District website and learn how to navigate and download information and be able to show others how to do the same.
8. Seek and support activities that advance the image and growth of model aviation.
9. Provide your AVP with information and photographs of newsworthy club events and members news. Clubs and members really look forward to seeing their activities in print.

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## CHARTERED CLUB OFFICERS

*Relating to Article III*

Club Officers who are designated on the AMA Club Charter form application, or any proper amendment thereto, are provided primary insurance coverage under the AMA General Liability Policy while performing their duties as Club Officers for their AMA Charter Club.

## NATIONAL AEROMODELING CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Relating to Article II*

### **Purpose and Organization**

Resolved, that the National Aeromodeling Championships (Nats) shall be identified by a AAAAA contest classification. Only one such competition may be held in a given year. The Executive Council shall be the sole determining authority, relative to whether the competition is to be held, the dates for its operation, and the location. The Nats operations shall be coordinated by AMA Headquarters. While the Academy is recognized as the primary contest sponsor, other entities and organizations may be recognized for co-sponsorship based on financial or other forms of association.

## AWARDS

*Relating to Article II*

**Fellowship:** The title of Fellow will be conferred by the AMA upon individuals who, in the opinion of the Executive Council, have performed exceptionally meritorious service for model aeronautics. Fellows shall thereafter have free membership privileges for life.

**Distinguished Service:** This is AMA's second highest individual award given in recognition of contributions, long time service and efforts serving as a volunteer for the Academy.

**Superior Service Award:** A nationally recognized and heralded award for long service of a superior nature.

**District Service Award:** This award was created to provide a way for a District Vice President to honor an individual for service within his or her district.

**Award of Merit:** This award was created to provide a way for a District Vice President to honor a chartered club within his or her district.

**Award of Excellence:** Highest club award.

**President's Award:** The President can use this award to honor or acknowledge, express recognition or thanks for service, or grants, gifts, and/or the like to individuals, organizations or institutions.

**Exemplary Service Award:** This award is used to honor Executive Council members for up to three years of service.

**Legion of Honor:** This award may be used by the Executive Vice President to thank individuals, clubs, organization, companies and the like, for monetary contributions to AMA. This includes pledges, endowments, gifts and acknowledgements financial in nature.

**AMA Hall of Fame:** This award was established in 1969 to honor those men and women who have made significant contributions to the hobby/sport of aeromodeling. These contributions may be in the fields of volunteer or administrative activities, product development, competition performance, or a variety or combination of activities. Those individuals so enrolled shall thereafter have free membership privileges for life. A committee consisting of past and present AMA presidents and one individual selected from each of the 11 districts by its respective vice president comprise the selection committee.

**Outstanding Team Service Award:** This award was created in recognition and appreciation of two individuals who, as a team, have given of themselves to the Academy in a consistent and untiring manner for many years, providing an unmatched example of volunteerism.

**Carl and Beth Goldberg Vital People Award:** This award was created to honor AMA members who go above and beyond normal levels in supporting our clubs and model aviation in general, as unsung workers. A total of five (5) awards may be given each year, limited to one per district.

**Additional or Multiple Awards:** The AMA Executive Council, its members or AMA Headquarters, are empowered to create additional awards for various situations not covered in this listing. Individuals, groups or organizations may receive multiple awards under certain conditions.