

HIGHPOINTERS CLUB BYLAWS

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SECTION 1. NAME, PURPOSE, AND MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Organization Name

The name of the organization is the **Highpointers Club**.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Highpointers Club is to promote climbing to the highest point in each of the fifty (50) states; provide a forum for education about the high points; aid in the preservation and conservation of the highpoints and their environs; provide a vehicle through which persons with this common goal can meet and correspond with one another; maintain positive relationships with owners of high points on private property; assist in the care and maintenance of high points; and support public and private efforts to maintain the integrity of and access to state high points.

1.3 Membership

A. Membership

A primary membership is open to any individual interested in climbing or promoting climbing of the highest point in each of the fifty (50) states; advancing education about the high points; and preserving and protecting the environment of the high points. Interested individuals must submit a membership application to the Membership Chair with the appropriate fee. Any member whose dues are current is an active member, has full voting rights and may hold office.

B. Family Membership

An active Primary Member, as defined in Article 1.3 A of these Bylaws, can change their membership to a Family Membership by submitting the names of other members of their family or household residing at the same address to the Membership Chair. A Family Member shall have the same rights as their active Primary Member except that (1) each Family Membership may cast only one vote in all elections except as noted below, (2) each Family Membership counts as a single member for the purpose of determining a quorum, (3) only one member of a Family Membership may be a member of the Board of Directors at any time, and (4) only one Apex to Zenith will be only be sent to the Primary Member. All Primary and Family members attending a Convention are entitled to one vote to determine a location.

C. Life Membership

The only Life Membership offered by the Highpointers Club is for recipients of the Jack Longacre Award.

D. Honorary Membership

Honorary membership in the Highpointers Club may be awarded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. This honorary membership will be reviewed annually at the Board of Directors meeting to determine if those so honored still deserve recognition. This honor is primarily intended for those persons who own or have control of the private property surrounding a few of the high points. However, this honor may be granted to other individuals or organizations deemed worthy of being so honored. Honorary members are exempt from the provisions of Article 1.3 A. of these Bylaws but are not entitled to vote or hold office.

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1.4 Annual Convention, Annual Banquet, and Membership Meetings

A. Annual Convention

The annual Convention shall be held in a state determined by a vote of the membership attending the membership meeting two years prior to the Convention in question. Any active member willing to serve as convention chair may propose a state in which to hold the convention, and the member who proposes the selected state shall be the Annual Convention Chair for that state in that year. The Convention shall be held in a location that facilitates climbing a nearby state highpoint. The location of the Convention will alternate between the Northeast, South, Midwest and West geographical regions of the United States. (See Appendix A for geographical region definition.) The only events officially recognized as official Highpointers Club activities at the Convention are those approved by the board and may include events such as: 1) the informal get together the night before the Club hike, 2) the Board of Directors meeting, 3) the membership meeting, and 4) the banquet. Notice of the Convention specifying the date, time, and place shall be published in the Apex to Zenith no less than one (1) year before the Convention.

B. Liability Release

All annual Convention attendees shall sign a liability release, approved by the Board of Directors, at or before the time of registration and prior to participating in any Convention activities. A parent or guardian must also sign for any Convention participant under eighteen (18) years of age. The Convention Chair shall keep liability release forms on file during the Convention and turn over all liability releases to the Records Chair at the conclusion of the convention. The Records Chair will store the liability releases for three years.

C. Annual Banquet

An annual banquet shall be held during the annual Convention and may be held concurrently with the annual membership meeting. A Master of Ceremonies, selected by the Annual Convention Chair, shall preside at the banquet. At the banquet, the awards described in Section 8 of these Bylaws shall be presented.

D. Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting shall be held during the annual Convention and may be held concurrently with the annual banquet. Highpointers Club business requiring membership action shall be addressed during the membership meeting. A quorum for the conduct of business at a regular membership meeting shall be five percent (5%) of the membership.

E. Conduct of Membership Meetings

The President shall conduct membership meetings. If the banquet and membership meeting are conducted simultaneously, the President may delegate the banquet Master of Ceremonies to conduct the meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice President or the Master of Ceremonies shall conduct the meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice President, and the Master of Ceremonies, Board of Directors members present shall elect a temporary Chair from among their number.

F. Record of Meetings

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings at which business is conducted at the annual banquet. The minutes shall be distributed to the Directors within sixty (60) days after the meeting, and posted to the website within ninety (90) days after the meeting.

G. Membership Meeting Agenda

Any active member may add a topic to the agenda by submitting it in writing to the President at least five days prior to the meeting.

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H. Notice of Membership Meeting

Notice of membership meetings, including date, time, and location shall be given to the membership by publication in the Apex to Zenith and posted on the website no less than six (6) months prior to the Membership meeting date.

1.5 Elections and Voting

A. Election of Directors

The membership shall annually elect active members to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors in the manner specified in Article 2.9 of these Bylaws.

B. Voting on Questions Before the Membership

A simple majority of active members voting is required for adoption of any proposal put before the membership except petitions for bylaws amendments as set forth in section 9.2. Special votes on any proposal shall be held by direction of the Board of Directors or upon a petition to the Board of Directors signed by at least five percent (5%) of the membership.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2.1 Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen (15) active members of the Highpointers Club elected to three year terms with staggered elections so that five Director seats shall stand for election each year. If the Board of Directors drops below fifteen (15) members for any reason, within sixty (60) days, the President shall appoint an active member(s) to fill the unexpired term(s). The appointee must be approved by a majority vote of the remaining Directors.

2.2 Powers

Subject to the powers of active members as provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall manage the business of the Highpointers Club. Only the Board of Directors or those specifically authorized by the Board shall act in the name of the Highpointers Club. The Board of Directors may make rules and regulations for carrying out the policies and procedures established by these Bylaws. Such actions must be consistent with the purposes, policies, and directives of the Highpointers Club. In disputes concerning the Board of Directors' actions, the membership may petition the Board for arbitration in accordance with procedures in section 1.5B.

2.3 Meeting Schedule

An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall normally be held in conjunction with the convention, prior to the annual membership meeting. An additional two (2) meetings for the upcoming year will be scheduled during the annual meeting. Notice of the annual Board of Directors meeting including the agenda shall be given by publication in the Apex to Zenith, a notice on the Board Forum or posting on the web site for the annual convention, as appropriate. Special meetings, as required, shall be held at times and places the President specifies. Special Board of Directors meetings may be called by the President, or any three (3) Directors, with at least fourteen (14) days' notice to the Directors and to all active Board forum members. Special meetings may be held in person, telephonically, or by electronic means.

2.4 Open Meetings

Board of Directors meetings shall be open to all active members. In unusual circumstances the Board of Directors may convene in executive session for discussion of sensitive issues. All votes must be taken in an open session.

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2.5 Quorum

A quorum for the conduct of business shall be a majority of the Directors then in office. Directors may deliver absentee ballots to the President, either in writing, by telephone, or by electronic mail, on specific issues, or provide a proxy to the President or another Director. Absentee ballots and proxies shall be counted for both vote and quorum purposes. A quorum may act without a formal meeting only when quick action is necessary and there is insufficient time to call a special meeting, provided that a determined and documented effort has been made to contact all Directors. Any action so taken shall be reported to all Directors as soon as possible following such action taken and, to remain in effect, must be reaffirmed by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

2.6 Conduct of Meetings

The President, or in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall conduct Board of Directors meetings. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Director's present shall elect a temporary Chair from among themselves.

2.7 Term Limits

There is no limit on the number of terms a Director may serve.

2.8 Voting by the Directors

Unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws, issues before the Board of Directors shall be decided by a simple majority of those Directors voting, including absentee and proxy votes.

2.9 Election of Directors

A. Nominations

The Board Election Committee Chair shall place a call for nominations for Board of Director candidates no later than 12/31 of that year in the Apex to Zenith, and on the Club website within six (6) months of the election. Nominations of candidates meeting the requirements specified in Article 2.9 B. of these Bylaws shall be submitted to the Board Election Committee Chair before 1/31, one month following the final date of posting in the Apex to Zenith.

B. Candidates

Any active member of the Highpointers Club may nominate one candidate, including themselves, for the Board of Directors. Nominees must be active members who meet the requirements of Sections 1.3 A & B. In addition, the candidate must be able to attend at least two (2) of the three (3) Conventions during his or her term in office and two (2) of the three (3) yearly board meetings in each year of his or her term. Each candidate for the Board of Directors must have access to phone, electronic mail and the ability to attend online Board meetings.

C. Voting by the Membership

The Board Election Committee Chair shall prepare a ballot of candidates to be included in the first (1st) quarter Apex to Zenith. The names of all nominees shall be in alphabetical order. Ballots may be submitted on paper or by electronic means, in a manner not inconsistent with any other clause or section of Club Bylaws. To be valid, the Board Election Committee Chair must receive the ballots by the due date shown on the ballot set by the board. The five (5) nominees receiving the highest number of votes will fill the open positions on the Board of Directors. Newly elected Directors shall take office immediately.

2.10 Absences

The unexcused absence of a Director from two consecutive regular Board of Directors meetings will constitute a resignation if two-thirds of the remaining Directors so vote.

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2.11 Removal of a Director

If it is deemed necessary to remove a Director from office, a two-thirds majority of the Directors voting is required.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

3.1 Election of Officers and Committee Appointees

A. Officers

The Board of Directors shall select from among themselves the following Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected annually immediately after the Board of Directors election results are finalized. The current President shall conduct the election. To qualify as an Officer nominee, the Director in question must have served at least one (1) year on the Board. The years of service are total years of service, and don't have to be contiguous. Nominations may be made by any Director with the prior consent of the nominee. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes for each of the offices shall be elected. Announcement of Officers shall be printed in the second (2nd) quarter Apex to Zenith.

B. Committee Chairs

The President shall appoint the Committee Chairs listed in Section 3.3 as soon as practicable after election of the Officers. Directors may be appointed as Committee Chairs. There are no term limits for Officers or Committee Chairs. The announcement of appointees shall be given in the Apex to Zenith immediately following the appointment, and on the website within thirty (30) days.

C. Non-Voting Members of the Board

The immediate past-President and any committee chairs, if not elected Directors, are ex-officio non-voting members of the Board.

3.2 Duties of Officers

A. President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; conduct Board of Directors meetings; call special meetings as required; settle disputes within the Board; shall preside at annual membership meetings; enforce the Bylaws; appoint special committees as required; exercise general supervision over affairs and have such other powers as ordinarily accompany the office. The President shall nominate members to fill Board vacancies that may open in between regular elections, and those nominees are to be approved by a majority vote of current board members. In addition, the President is the primary spokesperson for the Highpointers Club. In this capacity, the President's duties include, but are not limited to, representing the Club to the news media, writing congratulatory notices and letters to other organizations, and writing letters to individuals as appropriate.

B. Vice President

The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the President's absence.

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C. Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain a record of membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings at which business is conducted; meeting minutes shall be reviewed by the board within thirty (30) days of the meeting, and the final minutes shall be summarized in the next Apex to Zenith and posted on the website within thirty (30) days of the final Board-approved version. The secretary shall update contact information for board members and committee chairs within 15 days of annual election, and shall distribute to board members, io group members and the Apex to Zenith Editor. The Secretary shall have or delegate custody of records, including those relating to Highpointers Club history; maintain written policies and administrative procedures to effect continuity from year to year; be responsible for correspondence as requested by the Directors; and give notice of meetings as required.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of funds; keep proper accounting records; make disbursements as required; submit a report of receipts, disbursements and financial condition to the Board semi-annually and at other times as directed by the Board of Directors; and maintain the Highpointers Club financial record book. The financial reports shall be made available to any active member upon request.

3.3 Standing Committee Chairs and Duties

A. Membership Chair

The Membership Chair shall maintain a list of active Primary, Family, Life and Honorary members; send dues notices as applicable; actively promote membership in the Highpointers Club; receive, review and, upon verifying that all requirements are met, approve all applications for membership; welcome new members and encourage them to participate in Highpointers Club activities; provide dues to the Treasurer; provide a list of active members to the Apex to Zenith Editor prior to the mailing of each Apex to Zenith; provide membership information to those requesting such information; and provide a membership report to be included in each Apex to Zenith. The Club Treasurer shall be a member of the membership committee. If required, the Membership Chair may appoint active members to the Membership Committee.

B. Magazine Editor

The Magazine Editor is responsible for all aspects of developing the Apex to Zenith, serves as editor of the Apex to Zenith; and oversees its publication and distribution to the membership. The Apex to Zenith Editor may appoint active members to the Apex to Zenith Committee.

C. Annual Convention Chair

The Annual Convention Chair is responsible for the coordination and direction of the annual Convention for which they volunteer. Responsibilities include site selection and logistics for all club events during the convention, as outlined in the Konvention Handbook. The Annual Convention Chair may appoint active members to the Annual Convention Committee. The Annual Convention Chair shall coordinate with the Convention Liaison Chair. Two Annual Convention Committees may be active at the same time: one committee for each of the next two conventions.

D. Awards Chair

The Awards Chair shall accept nominations and verify qualifications for candidates for the awards set forth in Section 8 of these Bylaws. Qualified candidates shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval of award recipients. If required, the Awards Chair may appoint active members to the Awards Committee. The Awards Chair shall submit recommendations for award structure changes for approval by the Board of Directors.

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E. Merchandise/Sales Chair

The Merchandise/Sales Chair is responsible for handling all Highpointers Club items authorized to be sold by the Board of Directors; recommends items to be sold; determines prices of items for sale; purchases items for inventory; sells and safeguards inventory and accounts as directed by the Board of Directors. The Merchandise/Sales Chair may appoint active members to the Merchandise/Sales Committee. The Committee shall offer items for sale in the Apex to Zenith and on the Official Highpointers Club website, and have merchandise for sale at each annual Convention.

F. Highpointers Records Chair

The Highpointers Records chair shall manage the maintenance of the official highpoint list and storage locker. Only the Board of Directors may make changes in the Highpoint List. The Highpointers Records Chair may appoint active members to the Highpointers Records Committee. Responsibilities include maintenance of the forty-eight (48) and fifty (50) highpoint completion status and other records as the President or Board of Directors so specify and provide current records to the Apex to Zenith Editor periodically for publication in the Apex to Zenith. The Highpointers storage locker stores Highpointers Club documents and other items as appropriate. These records include, but are not limited to, Magazines, Club records, and other records and items of historical significance. These materials will be maintained in an appropriate storage facility.

G. Webmaster

The Webmaster is responsible for the maintenance and modification of the official Highpointers Club website, www.highpointers.org. The Webmaster is authorized to make changes to the website to keep the information current. The Webmaster may appoint active members to the Website Committee.

H. Board Election Committee Chair

The Board Election Committee Chair shall be appointed from the Directors whose terms are not expiring with the next election. The Board Election Committee Chair is responsible for conducting the Board of Directors election according to Article 2.9 B. of these Bylaws, tallying the ballots, and ensuring that the election is conducted properly. The Board Election Committee Chair may appoint up to two (2) other Directors whose terms are not expiring with the next election to constitute the Board Election Committee.

I. Convention Liaison Committee Chair

The primary responsibility of the Convention Liaison Chair is to provide assistance and guidance to Convention Chairs. The Convention Liaison Chair is responsible for executing the "Convention Policies and Procedures Agreement Between the Highpointers Club and the Convention Chair", as defined by the Board of Directors, with the Annual Convention Chairs. The Convention Liaison Chair may appoint active club members to assist the Chair in certain duties as necessary.

J. Highpointers Foundation Liaison Chair

The Highpointers Foundation Liaison Chair communicates with the Foundation president and attends Foundation board meetings and reports Foundation activities and initiatives to the Highpointers Club Board.

3.4 Other Appointees

The President may appoint active members to such positions as may be necessary or desirable.

3.5 Power to Change

Directors may exchange duties. The Board of Directors may fill vacancies and replace appointees. Notice of any such change shall be given to the membership as soon as practicable following such change. The notice may be given in the Apex to Zenith, the website, and the board forum. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is required to remove a member of the Board of Directors, a Committee Chair, or a member of any committee.

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SECTION 4. COMMITTEES

4.1 Designation of Committees

A. Standing Committees

The Committee Chairs shall appoint the members of standing committees. The President shall appoint the members of special committees. The standing committees are designated in Section 3.3.

B. Special Committees

Special Committees may be appointed by the President for such objectives as the Board of Directors may designate, consistent with the purpose of the Highpointers Club. The President shall be a member of any committee appointed for the purpose of reviewing all or part of the Bylaws or proposing amendments to the Bylaws. At least one member of the Board of Directors shall serve on each committee. Committee members shall serve until discharged. The Board of Directors may at any time add active members to a committee and recall or replace any committee member as specified in Article 3.5 of these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may discharge committees not mandated by these Bylaws at any time.

4.2 Committee Reports

Each committee Chair shall report to and consult with the President and the Board of Directors as required to effectively discharge the duties of the committee. Each standing committee shall submit an annual report to the Board of Directors. Special committees shall submit periodic or final reports as determined by the Board of Directors.

4.3 Committee Requirements

Meetings of standing and special committees shall be at the call of their respective Chairs and scheduled to efficiently and effectively discharge their duties as designated by these Bylaws or as directed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5. FINANCES

5.1 Receipt of Funds

The Board of Directors may assess and collect dues from the membership. Voluntary contributions may be accepted and expended for other expenses provided such expenditures are consistent with the mission and policies of the Highpointers Club. The Highpointers Club may assess reasonable fees, established by the Board of Directors.

5.2 Fund Raising

Consistent with the policies or instructions of the Board of Directors, The Highpointers Club may conduct fund-raising and other activities that require members, as well as others, to pay a fee to participate. Money may not be raised by direct mail appeals.

5.3 Bank Accounts

The Board of Directors may authorize the opening of checking and savings accounts, in institutions insured by the FDIC or FSLIC and in the name "The Highpointers Club". Annually, the board will pass a financial resolution authorizing the President, Treasurer and other officers as desired, by position and name to open, close and authorize access for others to financial accounts as necessary for the functioning of the Highpointers Club and shall have access to the Highpointers Club accounts to provide oversight, receive and disperse funds and transfer funds between accounts. The Treasurer shall maintain records and statements of all checking and savings accounts. The Treasurer, the President, or their designees may sign checks and withdrawal requests. No signatory shall sign a check made payable to themselves or to an account in the signor's name.

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5.4 Deposit of Funds

Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors, all monies received shall be deposited in Highpointers Club accounts as directed by the Treasurer.

5.5 Delegation of Authority

Subject to these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may delegate authority to committees and may authorize expenditures by committees, but the Board of Directors shall retain responsibility and control. Any committee so authorized must provide a proper accounting to the Treasurer.

5.6 Prohibitions

Neither the Highpointers Club nor any entity thereof may borrow money.

5.7 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of a given year.

SECTION 6. HIGHPOINTERS LOGO, MEMBERSHIP, ROSTER, AND HIGHPOINT LIST

6.1 Highpointers Club Logo

The official Highpointers Club logo shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Any modifications to the logo must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Use of the logo for any purpose must be approved by the Board of Directors.

6.2 Membership Roster and E-Mail Addresses

The membership roster shall not be used for any commercial or charitable purpose without the written approval of the Board of Directors. Members' email addresses shall not be used for any purpose outside of regular official Highpointers Club operations directly related to Highpointers Club business. Anyone receiving members' email addresses shall keep them strictly confidential.

6.3 Highpointers Club Representation

Directors and Committee Chairs are authorized to speak and/or act on behalf of the Club and use the Club name in the execution of their duties. Other members must obtain permission from the President before any such action is taken.

6.4 Highpoint List

The Highpointers Club and its Highpoint Records Committee shall maintain an official Highpoint List. Any changes in the List approved by the board of Directors during the preceding year shall be published in the first (1st) quarter Apex to Zenith. Corrections in the Highpoint List, such as changes in altitudes, maps, etc., may only be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

6.5 Recommended Additions and Corrections

Any active member may submit recommendations for additions/changes to the Highpoint List. Such recommendations shall be incorporated into the List to the extent practical and upon the approval of the Board of Directors. Changes to the List shall be published in the next Apex to Zenith.

SECTION 7. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

7.1 Criteria for Attainment of a Highpoint and List Completion

To claim reaching a state highpoint, a Highpointer must place some part of their anatomy on the actual highpoint as recognized by the Highpointers Club. Note in some states there may be no survey marker or definitive location and a Highpointer must use their judgment as to the apparent highest point. Where access to the physical highpoint is limited the Highpointers Club Board of Directors may approve an alternate location to constitute attaining that state's highpoint. List completion is recognized as reaching the highpoint of all fifty (50) states. The Highpointers Club also recognizes reaching the highpoint of the forty-eight (48) contiguous states.

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7.2 Highpointers Recognition

A. Highpointer Patch

Members who have climbed any five (5) state high points are entitled to wear the official Highpointers Club patch.

B. Highpointer Pins

1 Members who have climbed any twenty-five (25) state high points are entitled to wear the twenty-five (25) state Highpointers Pin.

2. Members who have climbed thirty (30) high points, with at least five (5) in each of the four (4) geographical regions of the country (See Appendix A for geographical region definition) are entitled to wear the thirty (30) state Highpointers Pin.

3. Members who have climbed any forty (40) state high points are entitled to wear the 40 State Highpointers Pin.

4. Members who have climbed all forty-eight (48) contiguous state high points are entitled to wear the forty-eight (48) contiguous states pin.

5. Members who have completed the list of fifty (50) state high points are entitled to wear the List Completion (50 states) pin.

C. List Completion and 48-Contiguous State Completion Plaques

Members who are awarded List Completion (50 states) Status or have climbed the forty-eight (48) contiguous states are eligible to purchase a plaque from the Merchandise/Sales Chair.

D. Submittal of Proof

Active members may purchase appropriate patches, pins and/or plaques from the Merchandise/Sales Chair upon submitting the correct remittance and a written list of high points climbed, including dates of ascent. The Highpointers Club will provide a 50-State List Completion pin free of charge.

SECTION 8. ANNUAL AWARDS

8.1 Awards and Nomination Process

The Highpointers Club has developed a series of awards to publicly acknowledge those members and non-members who have made significant contributions to the Highpointers Club and its goals. Any active member may nominate one member (or non-member for the Zumwalt Award), or, in rare cases, a couple, for these awards. The Awards Committee shall put out a call for nominations in the first (1st) quarter Apex to Zenith. Nominations shall be secret and submitted only to the Awards Chair. Nominations for the Jack Longacre Award shall be submitted only to the Board President. All nominations should include a detailed synopsis of what qualifies the nominee for the award. No one may nominate themselves for any of the awards described in sections 8.2 through 8.6. The awards described in Section 8 of these Bylaws shall be presented at the banquet.

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8.2 Frank Ashley Award

The Frank Ashley Award is given in recognition of significant volunteer service by a Club member to the Highpointers Club in the year or years prior to the annual membership meeting. The Frank Ashley Award shall consist of a certificate from the Highpointers Club signed by the Board President. Honorary members are also eligible for this award. Recipients of this award shall be determined by a secret majority vote of the Board of Directors from the list of nominees submitted to the Board by the Awards Chair. The Frank Ashley Award(s) shall be presented at the annual membership meeting. It is not required that the Frank Ashley Award be given each year nor is it limited to one individual in any one year.

8.3 Paul Zumwalt Award

The Paul Zumwalt Award is given in recognition of significant volunteer service by a non-member of the Club to a highpoint or to the Highpointers Club in the year or years prior to the annual membership meeting. The Paul Zumwalt Award shall consist of a certificate from the Highpointers Club signed by the Board President. Honorary members are also eligible for this award. Recipients of this award shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors from the list of nominees submitted to the Board by the Awards Chair. The Paul Zumwalt Award(s) may be presented anytime during the year. It is not required that the Paul Zumwalt Award be given each year nor is it limited to one individual in any one year.

8.4 Vin Hoeman Award

The Vin Hoeman Award is made in recognition of distinguished overall service to the Highpointers Club. The Awards Committee shall put a call for nominations in the first (1st) quarter Newsletter. Any active member may nominate one active member or, in special cases, a couple, for the Vin Hoeman Award. Honorary members are also eligible for this award. Nominations shall be secret and submitted only to the Awards Chair. Recipients of this award shall be determined by a secret two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors from candidates submitted by the Awards Committee. The Vin Hoeman Award shall be presented at the annual membership meeting. It is not required that the Vin Hoeman Award be given each year nor is it limited to one individual in any one year. (Sutton – this statement is meaningless because there is no additional criteria for the board to maintain)

8.5 Jack Longacre Award

This is the highest honor that can be bestowed on an individual by the Highpointers Club. The Board of Directors may elect Jack Longacre Award recipients by a secret unanimous vote in recognition of individuals who have provided sustained exceptional service to the Highpointers Club. To qualify for this award, a nominee must have previously been awarded the Vin Hoeman Award. Any active member may nominate an active member for the Jack Longacre Award. Nominations shall be secret and submitted only to the President. This honor must not be taken lightly. It is anticipated that very few of the Highpointers Club members will qualify to be so honored. The maximum permissible living Jack Longacre Award recipients shall be limited to ten (10) persons. Jack Longacre Award recipients are considered active members for life, are exempt from paying dues, and are entitled to vote and hold office.

8.6 Special Awards

The Board of Directors may authorize special awards. The Awards Committee and active members may make recommendations for special awards to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

9.1 Interpretation of Bylaws

The Board of Directors shall decide all questions as to the construction or interpretation of these Bylaws. Appeals from such decisions may be made to the Board of Directors to be resolved at the annual business meeting. All procedures not prescribed by these Bylaws shall be in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order revised.

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9.2 Amendments

Active Primary Members may submit proposed Bylaw amendments to the President for consideration by the Board of Directors. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is required to approve an amendment. At their discretion, the Board of Directors may submit a proposed Bylaw amendment to the membership for a vote. If any Bylaw amendment, approved by the Board of Directors, is contested by the membership, that amendment shall be submitted to the membership for a vote if a petition to such effect, signed by at least five percent (5%) of the active members, is submitted to the President within sixty (60) days of the approved amendment appearing in the Club Newsletter Magazine.

9.3 Notification of Amendments

If these Bylaws are amended, the membership shall be notified by publication of such amendment, or a summary thereof, in the next issue of the Magazine.

APPENDIX A. GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

Geographical regions as defined for the purposes of selecting annual meeting locations and Emblem status are as follows:

Northeast	South	Midwest	West
Connecticut	Alabama	Illinois	Alaska
Delaware	Arkansas	Indiana	Arizona
Maine	Florida	Iowa	California
Maryland	Georgia	Kansas	Colorado
Massachusetts	Kentucky	Michigan	Hawaii
New Hampshire	Louisiana	Minnesota	Idaho
New Jersey	Mississippi	Missouri	Montana
New York	North Carolina	Nebraska	Nevada
Pennsylvania	Oklahoma	North Dakota	New Mexico
Rhode Island	South Carolina	Ohio	Oregon
Vermont	Tennessee	South Dakota	Utah
West Virginia	Texas	Wisconsin	Washington
	Virginia		Wyoming