

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 highpoints; 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 highpoints on private property; assist in the care and maintenance of highpoints; and support public and private efforts to maintain the integrity of and access to state highpoints.

1.3 Membership

A. Membership

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 highpoints; and preserving and protecting the environment of the highpoints. Anyone whose dues are current is an active member. Annual dues shall be sent to the Membership Chair. An active member has full voting rights and may hold office.

B. Family Membership

An individual active member as defined in Article 1.3 A. of these Bylaws may include other members of their immediate family or household as members of the Highpointers Club by submitting their names to the Membership Chair. All members included in a Family Membership must reside at the same address. Family members shall have the same rights as the active members except that (1) only one vote may be cast by a family membership in all elections except as noted below, (2) family memberships count 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 one time, and (4) only one copy of the Newsletter will be sent to the family membership. Regarding voting, all members of a family membership attending a Convention are each entitled to one vote when the vote for the location of the annual Convention is conducted.

C. Life Membership

The Highpointers Club does not offer Life Memberships.

D. Honorary Membership

Honorary membership in the Highpointers Club may be awarded by a unanimous 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 highpoints. 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.

1.4 Annual Convention, Annual Banquet, and Membership Meetings

A. Annual Convention

The annual Convention shall be held at a time and place determined by a vote of the membership attending the membership meeting two years prior to the Convention in question. The Convention shall be held in a location that facilitates climbing a nearby state highpoint. In addition, 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 sanctioned as official Highpointers Club activities at the Convention are: 1) the informal get together the night before the Club hike, 2) the Club hike to the highpoint, 3) the membership meeting, and 4) the banquet. No other activities conducted during the Convention are sanctioned by the Highpointers Club. Notice of the Convention shall be given to the membership by publication in the Newsletter. The notice shall specify date, time, and place of the Convention and must be published in a Newsletter prior to the Convention with no less than one (1) year between the Convention and the Newsletter publication date.

B. Liability Release

All annual Convention attendees shall sign a liability release at the time of registration 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 Secretary shall keep liability release forms, approved by the Board of Directors, on file and make them available to the Annual Convention Chair.

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. Old and new 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, active 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 and the annual banquet. The minutes shall be distributed to the Directors within sixty (60) 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 or the Banquet Master of Ceremonies, as appropriate.

H. Notice of Membership Meeting

Notice of membership meetings shall be given to the membership by publication in the Newsletter. The notice shall specify the date, time, and place of the meeting and must be published in the Newsletter preceding the meeting with no less than six (6) months between the meeting and the publication 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 For Questions Before The Membership

A majority of active members voting is required for adoption of any proposal put before the membership. 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

Subject to the powers of active members as provided in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall manage the business of the Highpointers Club. The Board of Directors shall consist of fifteen (15) active members of the Highpointers Club. 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

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 Board of Directors actions, the membership may petition the Board for arbitration.

2.3 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors shall normally conduct business at a meeting held in conjunction with, and prior to, the annual membership meeting. Due notice of the Board of Directors meeting shall be given to all Directors. 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. Special meetings may be held by telephone, US mail, electronic mail, or in person.

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, but shall take no vote except in open session.

2.5 Quorum

A quorum for the conduct of business shall be a majority 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, Directors present shall elect a temporary Chair from among themselves.

2.7 Term Limits

The term of the Directors shall be three (3) years. Five Director seats shall stand for election each year. 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 in the fourth (4th) quarter Newsletter. Nominations of candidates meeting the requirements specified in Article 2.9 B. of these Bylaws shall be submitted to the Board Election Committee Chair within thirty (30) days of receipt of the fourth (4th) quarter Newsletter.

B. Candidates

Any active member of the Highpointers Club may nominate one candidate for the Board of Directors. Nominees must be active members, meaning dues paid up, who consent with the restriction that only one member of a family membership may serve on the Board at any one time. 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. Due to the varied geographical location of the Directors, each candidate for the Board of Directors must have access to electronic mail. The last two requirements are necessary for the effective and efficient conduct of Highpointers Club business.

C. Voting by the Membership

The Board Election Committee Chair shall prepare a ballot of candidates to be included in the first (1st) quarter Newsletter. The names of all nominees shall be in alphabetical order. Each family membership will be entitled to one vote regardless of how many members there are in a family membership. To be valid, the Board Election Committee Chair must receive the ballots by the due date shown on the ballot. 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.

2.11 Removal of a Director

In the event that 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

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. In order to qualify as an Officer nominee, the Director in question must have served at least one (1) year on the Board. 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 Newsletter. The President shall appoint the following Committee Chairs as soon as practical after election of the Officers; a Membership Chair, a Newsletter Editor, an Annual Convention Chair (one for each active Convention), an Awards Chair, a Merchandise/Sales Chair, a Highpointer Records Chair, a Highpoint Liaison Chair, a Webmaster, a Board Election Committee Chair, and a Convention Liaison Committee Chair. Directors may be appointed as Committee Chairs. The Membership Chair, the Newsletter Editor, and the Annual Convention Chair, if not elected Directors, are ex-officio non-voting members of the Board. The immediate past-President is also an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board. Announcement of appointees shall be given in the Newsletter as soon as practical after such appointment. There are no term limits for Officers or Committee Chairs.

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; call meetings as empowered or directed; appoint special committees as required; exercise general supervision over affairs and have such other powers as ordinarily accompany the office. 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.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain a record of membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings at which business is conducted; 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 Duties of the Appointed Chairs

A. Membership Chair

The Membership Chair shall maintain a list of active members, family/household members, and honorary members; send dues notices as applicable; actively promote membership in the Highpointers Club; provide dues to the Treasurer; provide a list of active members to the Newsletter Editor prior to the mailing of each Newsletter; provide membership information to those requesting such information; and provide a membership report to be included in each Newsletter. If required, the Membership Chair may appoint active members to the Membership Committee.

B. Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for all aspects of developing the Newsletter, *Apex to Zenith*; serves as editor of the Newsletter; oversees its publication and distribution to the membership; and maintains a back-issue file. If required, the Newsletter Editor may appoint active members to the Newsletter Committee.

C. Annual Convention Chair

The Annual Convention Chair is responsible for the coordination and direction of the annual Convention for which they volunteer. The Chair shall be selected from volunteers who are familiar with the location of the Convention in question. The Annual Convention Chair may appoint active members to the Annual Convention Committee. The Annual Convention Chair shall coordinate with the Convention Liaison Chair.

D. Awards Chair

The Awards Chair shall recommend to the Board of Directors candidates for the awards set forth in Section 8 of these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall approve award recipients. If required, the Awards Chair may appoint active members to the Awards Committee.

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; recommends prices of items for sale; purchases items for inventory; sells and safeguards inventory and accounts as directed by the Board of Directors; and does research to facilitate the best deal for the Highpointers Club from sales item manufacturers. If required, the Merchandise/Sales Chair may appoint active members to the Merchandise/Sales Committee.

F. Highpointer Records Chair

The Highpointer Records Chair is responsible for the maintenance of Highpointers Club records as are appropriate. These records include, but are not limited to, Newsletters, forty-eight (48) and fifty (50) state highpoint completers, Club records, and other records of historical significance. These records will be maintained in an appropriate storage facility. For the efficient use of records and archived material, the Highpointer Records Chair may delegate other active members to maintain Club material and records. If required, the Highpointer Records Chair may appoint active members to the Highpointer Records Committee.

G. Highpoint Liaison Chair

The Highpoint Liaison Chair is responsible for maintaining good relations between the Club and those persons or agencies who own the property at and around the state highpoints. It is especially important that the Highpoint Liaison Chair maintain contact with the owners of the privately owned highpoints. It is the duty of the Highpoint Liaison Chair to maintain access to the fifty (50) state highpoints. The Highpoint Liaison Chair shall recommend Club action to the Board of Directors that is appropriate to accomplish the Highpoint Liaison Chair's mission. If required, the Highpoint Liaison Chair may appoint active members to the Highpoint Liaison Committee.

H. 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. If required, the Webmaster may appoint active members to the Website Committee.

I. 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 of these Bylaws. If warranted, 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.

J. Convention Liaison Committee Chair

The primary responsibility of the Convention Liaison Chair is to provide assistance and guidance as requested by the 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.

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 practical following such change. In order to remove a member of the Board of Directors, a Committee Chair, or a member of any committee, a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors is required.

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: Membership Committee, Newsletter Committee, Annual Convention Committee, Awards Committee, Merchandise/Sales Committee, Highpointer Records Committee, Highpoint Liaison Committee, Website Committee, Board Election Committee, and Convention Liaison Committee.

B. Special Committees

Special committees are those that are required at various times. 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 Standing Committees

A. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee, of which the Treasurer shall be a member, shall assist in recruiting new members, and in welcoming and encouraging them to participate in Highpointers Club activities. The Membership Committee shall assist potential members in interpreting membership requirements. The Membership Committee shall receive, review and, upon verifying that all requirements are met, approve all applications for membership. The Membership Committee shall also receive, review and, upon verifying that all requirements are met, submit to the Awards Chair for final action, all applications for achievement recognition. The Membership Committee shall maintain a current address list of active and inactive members and provide a current mailing list to the Newsletter Editor prior to the mailing of each Newsletter.

B. Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee shall publish and mail the Newsletter. Publication dates and subscription prices shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

C. Annual Convention Committees

Two Annual Convention Committees may be active at the same time; one committee for each of the next two Conventions. The Annual Convention Committee shall plan the annual Convention including the banquet and coordinate special activities. The Annual Convention Committee may call upon the Convention Liaison Committee for assistance as required.

D. Awards Committee

The Awards Committee shall determine candidates for awards to be granted to active members and non-members; shall submit award candidates to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval; shall submit recommendations for award structure changes for approval by the Board of Directors; and determine prices for the various awards.

E. Merchandise/Sales Committee

The Merchandise/Sales Committee shall be responsible for identifying items to be sold by the Highpointers Club. The Merchandise/Sales Committee shall acquire such items for inventory and offer them for sale in the Newsletter and on the Official Highpointers Club website. The Committee shall arrange to have available Highpointers Club merchandise for sale at each annual Convention.

F. Highpointer Records Committee

The Highpointer Records Committee shall maintain the official Highpoint List. Only the Board of Directors may make changes in the Highpoint List. The Highpointer Records Committee shall also maintain a list of forty-eight (48) and fifty (50) highpoints completion status and other records as the committee, President, or Board of Directors so specify.

G. Highpoint Liaison Committee

The Highpoint Liaison Committee shall assist the Highpoint Liaison Chair in the execution of their duties.

H. Website Committee

The Website Committee shall assist the Webmaster in the maintenance and modification of the official Club website.

I. Board Election Committee

The Board Election Committee is responsible for conducting the annual Board of Directors election. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting the Board Election Committee Chair in the execution of the Chair's duties, screening the nominees to ensure that they meet the requirements of Article 2.9 B. of these Bylaws, tallying the ballots, and ensuring that the election is conducted properly.

J. Convention Liaison Committee

The Convention Liaison Committee shall assist the Convention Liaison Committee Chair in the Chair's duties.

4.4 Committee Requirements

Meetings of standing and special committees shall be at the call of their respective Chairs and shall be scheduled so as 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 supplies, equipment, refreshments, prizes, or other expenses provided such expenditures are consistent with the policies of the Highpointers Club. The Highpointers Club may assess reasonable fees, to be established from time to time by the Board of Directors, for the Newsletter and for other items such as pins, patches and other insignia, available for sale.

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 Funding for Outings

Outings shall be conducted on an independent financial basis, except insofar as they are net fund-raising activities authorized by the Board of Directors and are consistent with the policies or instructions of the Highpointers Club and Board of Directors. Funds shall not be used for outings, except insofar as they are derived from outings; however, the Board of Directors may authorize the Treasurer to make monetary advances for the purpose of outings.

5.4 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 "Highpointers Club". If necessary to facilitate efficient operation of other Club Committee Chairs, the Treasurer may authorize opening of additional bank 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. Upon a change of officers, new signature cards shall be signed and presented promptly to the appropriate financial institutions before checks can be signed or withdrawals made by the new officers. No signatory shall sign a check made payable to themselves.

5.5 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 Prohibitions

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

5.8 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. Further, members email addresses shall not be used for any purpose outside of regular official Highpointers Club operations directly related to Highpointers Club business. Those persons receiving members email addresses shall keep them strictly confidential. The list of email addresses shall not be provided to any other entity.

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 Newsletter. 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 in the List shall be included in the next Newsletter.

SECTION 7. RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

7.1 Highpointers Patch

Any active member who has climbed any five (5) state highpoints is eligible to wear the official Club patch. Patches may be purchased from the Merchandise/Sales Chair upon submitting the correct remittance and a written list of highpoints climbed including dates of ascent.

7.2 Highpointer Pins

Active members who have climbed any twenty-five (25) state highpoints are entitled to wear the twenty-five (25) state Highpointers Pin. The Board of Directors shall also award Emblem Status to an active member who has climbed thirty (30) highpoints, with at least five (5) in each of four (4) geographical regions of the country. (See Appendix A for geographical region definition.) Members awarded Emblem Status shall be entitled to wear the thirty (30) state Highpointers Pin. A pin with a different design is available to active members who climb any forty (40) state highpoints. Upon completion of the forty-eight (48) contiguous state highpoints, a forty-eight (48) contiguous state pin is available. Upon completion of the fifty (50) state highpoints, the Highpointers Club will award a list completion pin at no charge. Pins may be purchased from the Merchandise/Sales Chair upon submitting the correct remittance and a written list of highpoints climbed including dates of ascent.

7.3 List Completion and 48-Contiguous State Completion Plaques

The Board of Directors shall award List Completion Status to an active member who has climbed all fifty (50) highpoints in the United States and has submitted a written list of highpoints climbed including dates of ascent to the Awards Chair. The Highpointers Club also recognizes an active member who has climbed the forty-eight (48) highpoints in the contiguous United States and has submitted a written list of highpoints climbed including dates of ascent to the Awards Chair. Members who are awarded List Completion Status or have climbed the forty-eight (48) contiguous states are eligible to purchase a plaque from the Merchandise/Sales Chair. A member may choose either the forty-eight (48) state plaque or the fifty (50) state plaque; both plaques will not be awarded to an individual member.

7.4 Criteria for Attainment of a Highpoint and List Completion

In order to claim reaching a state highpoint, one must place some part of their anatomy on the actual highpoint as recognized by the Highpointers Club. In rare cases, reaching an acceptable alternate location, as recognized and approved by the Highpointers Club Board of Directors, constitutes 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.

SECTION 8. ANNUAL AWARDS

8.1 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. The Board of Directors shall maintain criteria for recipients of this award.

8.2 Frank Ashley Award

The Frank Ashley Award is made 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 President. The Awards Committee shall put a call for nominations in the first (1st) quarter Newsletter. Any active member may nominate an active member for the Frank Ashley Award by submitting the nominee's name and a short synopsis of what qualifies the nominee for the award to the Awards Chair. 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 majority vote of the Board of Directors from 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. If warranted, multiple awards are encouraged. The Board of Directors shall maintain criteria for recipients of this award.

8.3 Paul Zumwalt Award

The Paul Zumwalt Award is made in recognition of significant volunteer service by a non-member of the Club to a highpoint or 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 President. The Awards Committee shall put a call for nominations in the first (1st) quarter Newsletter. Any active member may nominate a non-member for the Paul Zumwalt Award. Nominations shall be submitted only to the Awards Chair and shall include a short synopsis of what qualifies the nominee for the award. Recipients of this award shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors from nominees submitted to the Board by the Awards Chair. The Paul Zumwalt Award(s) can 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. If warranted, multiple awards are encouraged. The Board of Directors shall maintain criteria for recipients of this award.

8.4 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. In order 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 and 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.

8.5 Special Awards

The Board of Directors may make special awards. The Awards Committee 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.

9.2 Amendments

Any active member may submit a proposed Bylaw amendment 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.

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 Newsletter.

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