

BYLAWS
of
SOUTH MISSOURI CHAPTER
VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION
A MISSOURI STATE NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The South Missouri Chapter of VHPA is an independent entity, completely separate from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association national organization.

CHAPTER 1 – MEMBERS

1. Memberships shall be conferred by the Chapter Council.

CHAPTER 2 – EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of any classification, including elected and appointed officials, may be expelled for cause or conduct which the Chapter Council deems contrary to the best interest of the South Missouri Chapter of VHPA. Expulsion voting shall consist of majority plus one vote of the Chapter Council.
2. All members that are required to pay annual dues, and do not do so, shall be dropped from the active membership roster. These will be referred to as Inactive Members.

CHAPTER 3 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The first scheduled election shall be held in October, 2009.

1. President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority vote of those active members present and voting at the normally scheduled, third quarter meeting of the calendar year.
2. Individuals newly elected to office shall be installed to that office at the close of the election meeting, which is held every two years.
3. The individual holding the office of Vice President shall advance to the Presidency at the close of the election meeting.
4. The election of officers shall be done by ballots. Should there be only one candidate for an office, then the ballot requirement shall be waived, and the election thereof shall be by acclamation.
5. There shall be no restrictions to being re-elected to successive terms as Secretary or Treasurer.
6. Members desiring to run for office must inform the Chapter Council in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the election to allow sufficient time for preparation of ballots.

CHAPTER 4 – EARLY SUCCESSION TO OFFICE

1. Should the President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the Presidency, then the Vice President (President Elect) shall succeed him as President for the remainder of the resigning or incapacitated President's term. At the completion of the resigning or incapacitated President's term, the President shall begin serving the term of the Presidency for which he was initially elected. The position of Vice President shall remain vacant until the next election meeting.
2. If the Vice President resigns, becomes incapacitated, or otherwise unable to fulfill the duties of the Vice Presidency during the first year of his term, the vacancy will be filled by special election. If the vacancy occurs during the second year of the Vice President's term, the position shall remain vacant until the election meeting at which time a President and Vice President shall be newly elected.
3. Should the immediate Past President resign, become incapacitated, or otherwise be unable to fulfill the duties of the immediate Past President, the President or Acting President shall offer the position of immediate Past President to any qualified previous Chapter Council member, to be ratified by the Chapter Council.

CHAPTER 5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside over the Chapter Council and at the business meeting of the Chapter, as well as all general meetings of the membership.
2. The President shall appoint or remove committee chairmen, subject to ratification by the Chapter Council.
3. The duties of the officers shall be those which are customary for such office and such other functions as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter or the Chapter Council.

CHAPTER 6 – TREASURER

The President and Treasurer shall be jointly authorized to co-sign all checks for debts incurred by the Chapter. In the President's absence, the Vice President shall be so authorized.

These By-laws were adopted 10 November 2009.