

CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CLASS OF 1966
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

ARTICLE I

NAME.

The name of the Association will be the *Association of the Class of 1966, United States Naval Academy*.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Association is to provide for the organization and administration of the Class of 1966, to encourage participation and dedication by all members in the furtherance of projects undertaken by the Association, and to maintain among the members of the Class that spirit of comradeship which is traditional to Classes of the United States Naval Academy.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP.

All persons who were graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy as members of the Class of 1966 shall be members of this Association.

All persons who entered the U.S. Naval Academy as a part of the Class of 1966, not members under paragraph 1, whose service has not been terminated under other than honorable conditions or have not resigned for the good of the service shall be accepted as members upon application to the Executive Committee.

Widows of deceased members of the Association shall be considered Honorary Members of the Association. As Honorary Members, they shall enjoy all the benefits and privileges of membership, except voting rights and the holding of office.

The Association may expel any member whose conduct endangers its welfare, interest, or character by a majority vote of members responding to a ballot request for such action.

Any member may voluntarily resign from the Association by notifying the Secretary, in writing, of such action.

No dues shall be collected as a membership requirement.

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All members are entitled to one vote in elections, petitions, and referendums before the Association. Voting by proxy is prohibited.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

Association Officers:

President: The office of President of the Association will be filled by a member of the Association. He will be elected by the membership of the Association, and will serve a five-year term commencing in July 1977.

Executive Committee. A Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least eight Committee members, but not more than 10, will be elected by the membership of the Washington Area Chapter of the Association, and collectively will constitute the Executive Committee of the Association. They should be members of the Washington Area Chapter, and shall be elected for terms of five years. The elections will be held in conjunction with the Class President elections.

Washington Area Chapter: The Washington Area Chapter will consist of members of the Association living in proximity of Washington, D.C.

Duties Defined:

President: The President shall act as ombudsman and official representative of the Association. He shall maintain a close liaison with the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall exercise final decision authority over major policies initiated by the Executive Committee within the provisions of this Charter.

Executive Committee: The routine management and administration of the Association shall be vested in, and conducted by, the Executive Committee, made up of three officers (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) and at least six Committee members, but not more than eight members.

Chairman: The Chairman will ensure that the provisions of this Charter are properly carried out. He will:

Direct and assist the President and other Committee members in the performance of their duties.

Coordinate inputs, and give final approval to, the Association's annual report and financial statement to be published in an appropriate issue of Shipmate.

Ensure continuity within the Association by conducting elections on a timely basis, and within the provisions of this Charter.

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Act as the official representative of the Association should the President be unavailable, or designate another Committee Officer, if he is also unavailable.

Succeed the President in the event of his resignation, incapacitation, or death, until the next election cycle or, with agreement of the majority of the Executive Committee, call for a special election to fill the vacated Presidency until the next election cycle.

Secretary: The Secretary will assist the Chairman in the secretarial duties of his office and shall:

Maintain a complete list of members of the Association.

Assume the duties of Chairman should the Chairman become unavailable.

Ensure the Class Shipmate column is provided for each issue.

Maintain minutes and a complete record of the activities of the Executive Committee.

Maintain a permanent address at the Alumni House, c/o the Secretary, Association of the Class of 1966.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for the management of all assets of the Association. He will:

Maintain assets in two funds; an operating fund and investment fund. The division of assets between these funds shall be at the discretion of the Treasurer, with the approval of the Executive Committee. The balance and investment policy should reflect a goal of maximum yield, while maintaining sufficient flexibility to meet operating expenses.

Pay legal debts of the Association. All payments shall be approved by the Chairman, or in his absence, the Secretary, prior to issuance. Further, payments in excess of \$500 will receive the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

Keep accurate records of the status of all funds.

Draft the annual financial statement to be submitted with the annual report of Association activities.

Assume the duties of Chairman should the Chairman and Secretary become unavailable.

Committee Members: The Committee Members shall assist the Association President and the Executive Committee Officers in performing their duties, and in such other matters as the Chairman shall direct.

Executive Committee General Guidelines. The Executive Committee shall develop and maintain a set of guidelines to enact the provisions of this Charter. Changes to these guidelines shall be at

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the discretion of the Executive Committee, but shall not exceed the authority provided by the Charter.

5. Vacancies. Should any elected officer or member of the Executive Committee position become vacant prior to the end of the respective term of office for that position, the Executive Committee, by majority vote, shall determine the course of action to follow regarding the vacant position.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS, PETITIONS, AND REFERENDUMS.

Elections. Elections for all officials shall be supervised by the Executive Committee.

A. President: The President shall be elected for a five-year term by the membership of the Association.

Notification of an election for President shall be made through an appropriate article in Shipmate and by posting on the Class web site.

A deadline for submission of nominations will be established and the election conducted using the current available means; e-mail, posting on Class web site, and the like.

Notification of the election results shall be made through Shipmate and other available means; posting to the Class website, and e-mail, as available.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee Officers and Members shall be elected by the Washington Area Chapter members of the Association. The term of office shall be five years, to run concurrent with that of the President.

a. Notification of the Executive Committee election shall be made by using available means, such as posting to the Class web site, e-mail, and Shipmate.

b. Notification of Executive Committee election results shall be reported using the same means as for notification of election results for President.

Petitions and Referendums.

Any member of the Association may offer a petition or referendum by submitting it to the Executive Committee Secretary. If the proposed petition or referendum is approved by the Executive Committee, it shall be submitted to the Association for a vote. Rejected petitions and referendums shall be reported to the submitting member with a rationale for rejection.

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Unless 30 percent of the Association members signify by email, notice to the Class web site, or otherwise in writing, their disapproval of a petition or referendum, it shall be considered carried and will be adopted by the Executive Committee.

Votes must be received by the deadline cited in the notification of the petition or referendum.

ARTICLE VI

RESTRICTIONS.

No part of the earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Executive Committee shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Charter. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence, legislation. Further, the Association shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of statements. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activity not permitted as a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. The Association shall also not associate with entities or make contributions to such entities that provide deductions under Section 170 (c)(2) of the IRC of 1954, or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION.

The Association shall not have any capital stock and shall be strictly a non-profit, non-political organization. Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions to pay all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association. Disposition shall be exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or educational, scientific, or war veterans purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the U.S. IRC of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law, as determined by the Executive Committee. Any assets not so disposed shall be turned over in toto to the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation in the name of the Class of 1966 Project.

ARTICLE VIII

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AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by petition and approved by referendum as provided in Article V. If approved, an amendment will become effective immediately after determination of voting approval or rejection and reported by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

RATIFICATION.

This Charter shall be considered ratified unless objection is received by 30 percent of the Association as provided in Article V.2.C of this amendment, and not later than July 1, 2004.