

OMAHA SOARING CLUB INC
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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the association shall be the Omaha Soaring Club Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as OSCI or Club.

ARTICLE II: LOCATION

The principal office of the OSCI shall be located in the State of Nebraska as designated by the Board of Directors. The home or office of the Treasurer shall be the designated location unless the Board designates an alternate location.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

The purpose of the OSCI is to foster and promote all phases of gliding and soaring as directed by the Board of Directors. The OSCI shall provide facilities and equipment, and engage in soaring activities, as necessary to meet this purpose. The Club may buy and sell, rent or lease, aircraft, storage facilities, and ground equipment. The Club may provide flight instruction for members and introductory flights for the public. The OSCI may conduct all transactions necessary and incidental to the foregoing, but not for profit.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

The OSCI is incorporated under the Nebraska Law NRS 21-1901 Et Seq. as a non-stock, perpetual existence, non-profit institution. As a corporation, the OSCI is a legal entity, distinct from the individuals who compose it. As a corporation, it may acquire and transfer property, and, in general, it possesses the rights of an individual within certain limits defined by law. The individual members cannot be held responsible for the acts of the corporation, nor for any debts the corporation may incur, except as the statutes expressly provide.

ARTICLE V: AFFILIATIONS

The OSCI is a chapter member of the Soaring Society of America (SSA). As such all members of the OSCI must hold some grade of SSA membership. The OSCI will collect the annual SSA fee from each member and forward the fees to the SSA.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

Section I: General

- 1.1 Anyone interested in participating in the sport of soaring may apply for membership in the OSCI regardless of sex, race, color, creed, or age, except that a person under the statutory age 19 must have written consent from a parent or guardian. Previous flight experience shall not be required for membership.
- 1.2 All initial memberships in the OSCI incur a 90-day probationary getting acquainted period wherein by two thirds vote of the Board of Directors the membership may be terminated. Any initial fee paid by the terminated member will be refunded less any outstanding financial obligation to the OSCI.
- 1.3 The OSCI has these types of membership: Full, Family, Inactive, Associate, Temporary, Student, Civil Air Patrol Cadet, and SSA FAST.
- 1.4 A moratorium on acceptance of new members requiring flight instruction may be imposed by the OSCI Flight Officer if there is a shortage of available Flight Instructors to perform the required training.

Section 2: Full Memberships:

- 2.1 Application for Full Membership shall be made to the Treasurer, along with the initial fee, SSA fee (if not already an SSA member), and one month's dues (at the currently approved rate) . When the Treasurer finds the application complete and the applicant meets the General Qualifications, the Treasurer may accept the application for the Club.
- 2.2 Each full member shall be a member of the SSA, the annual fee collected by the OSCI

Section 3: Family Membership

- 3.1 A family membership shall be available to the spouse and children of a full member provided he or she is a member of the full member's household, is dependent (by IRS definition) upon the full member for support and meets the general qualifications for membership.
- 3.2 Each family member shall have all the privileges of a full member with the exceptions of holding office and voting.
- 3.3 Each family member shall be a full, family or youth member of the SSA, the annual fee collected by the OSCI.
- 3.4 Application should be made to the Treasurer with one month's family member dues and the appropriate SSA membership fee (Full, Family, Youth). The Treasurer may approve the application for OSCI. Note that as per Section 1, anyone under 19 years old must have written consent from a parent or guardian.

Section 4: Inactive Membership

- 4.1 An inactive membership may be available to a full member who must leave the Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa area due to a job transfer, school transfer, school graduation, etc. If the member expects to resume full status at some future date and does not wish to sever all ties with the OSCI, the member may apply for inactive status. All financial obligations to the OSCI must be paid before leaving the area.
- 4.2 Each inactive member shall be accorded no privileges of the OSCI except that he may attend OSCI meetings in a non-voting status and may participate in the ground portion of flight activities.
- 4.3 A full member may become an inactive member upon submitting a written request to the OSCI Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward the request to the Board of Directors and include a statement of the financial obligation status of the member. Upon acceptance of this request by the affirmative vote of the board of directors, the member gains inactive status.
- 4.4 An inactive member may request to become a full member by renewing SSA membership (if lapsed), paying the current month's dues, and submitting a written request to the OSCI Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward the request to the Board of Directors and include a statement of the financial obligation status of the member. Upon acceptance of this request by the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors, the inactive member regains full status without again paying the initial membership fee. However, if during the period of inactivity the initial membership fee has increased, the amount of the increase will have to be paid before achieving active status.

- 4.6 No inactive member shall be reinstated as a full member unless all financial obligations to the OSCI incurred during the previous period of active membership have been paid.

Section 5: Associate Membership

- 5.1 Associate memberships may be available on an as needed basis to tow pilots or glider instructors who wish to tow or instruct for the OSCI but do not want full membership status. Application (with SSA fees if not a SSA member) for associate membership should be made to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will forward the application to the Board of Directors. Provided that the flight Officer is present for the vote, an affirmative vote by the board confirms the associate membership. If the Flight Officer is not present, the vote will be tabled until such time as the Flight Officer can participate.
- 5.2 Each associate member may participate in all OSCI activities including attending meetings and social functions. However, they may neither hold office nor vote in OSCI meetings.
- 5.3 Each associate member shall be a member in the SSA, the annual fee paid to OSCI by the associate member, unless the associate member is already a SSA member.
- 5.4 Instructor pilot associates and tow plane pilot associates must meet the same qualifications and abide by all the same rules and regulations as active member glider flight instructors and tow plane pilots.
- 5.5 Associate members may fly OSCI aircraft as required to instruct or tow OSCI members. Associate members who hold Commercial Glider ratings may on an as needed basis fly OSCI gliders while conducting introductory flights.
- 5.6 Associate members may fly OSCI aircraft as necessary for FAA and Club recent experience requirements. The costs of such flights will be paid by the associate member at regular Club rates.
- 5.7 Associate members may not fly OSCI aircraft for personal pleasure.

Section 6: Temporary Membership

- 6.1 Any member of SSA not currently residing in the Western Iowa/Eastern Nebraska area and would like to utilize club resources on a temporary basis (less than one month) may apply to become a temporary member of OSCI and pay one month's dues. Application should be made to the Treasurer who will forward the application to the Board of Directors. Provided that the Flight Officer is present for the vote, an affirmative vote by the board confirms the temporary membership. If the Flight Officer is not present, the vote will be tabled until such time as the Flight Officer can participate.
- 6.2 A temporary member is afforded flying privileges as a Full Member, including flying at Club rates, but can not vote. All normal Club checkout requirements must be met before flying club aircraft solo.
- 6.3 Temporary members shall pay each day's flight costs prior to leaving the field.

Section 7: Student Membership

- 7.1 A student membership is available to any student (grade school, jr. high, high school, college) who is less than 23 years of age. The student member must pay the appropriate fees.

- 7.2 A student member will not be allowed to vote or hold office in OSCI.
- 7.3 A student member can suspend the payment of dues to OSCI if school, or school vacation, takes the student out of the Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa area for a period longer than 3 months. All financial obligations to the OSCI incurred during his membership must be paid before leaving the area.
- 7.4 The student will provide documentation to the Treasurer in support of his/her inactive status. The student member is responsible for notifying the Treasurer when leaving the area for school, and when returning and wishing to fly on vacation, break, etc.
- 7.5 The student member must pay student member dues for any month during which the student flew at the OSCI. Also, dues will be charged for each subsequent month until the student notifies the Treasurer that the student has again left the area for school.
- 7.6 The name “student” in the student membership refers to the member’s status in high school or college, not to the level of pilot certificate.
- 7.7 Application for student membership should be made to the Treasurer with the student member initial fee, the appropriate SSA fee (Full, Family or Youth), and at least one month’s student member dues. When the application is complete, the Treasurer may approve it for the OSCI. Note that as per Section 1, anyone under 19 years old must have written consent from a parent or guardian.
- 7.8 A student member in good standing may convert to full member by notifying the Treasurer and paying the current full member initial fee less the original student initial fee.

Section 8: SSA FAST (Fly A Sailplane Today) Members

- 8.1 These members fly as outlined in Soaring Society of America’s FAST Program.
- 8.2. Individuals that submit or purchase SSA FAST vouchers (kits) or submit previously purchased vouchers and redeem them for flights with OSCI are considered OSCI club members for those flights – only. A basic membership form can be completed and signed prior to the flight as required.

Section 9: Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Member

- 9.1 The Cadet shall be an active member of the Civil Air Patrol, North Central Region (NCR), Nebraska Wing (NEWG), or another NCR Wing.
- 9.2. The CAP Cadet shall be enrolled in the SSA Cadet Introductory Membership Program.
- 9.3 The CAP cadet/legal guardian must complete and sign an abbreviated OSCI Membership application prior to the cadet orientation flight and submit membership fees – if any.
- 9.4 The cadet orientation flight(s) will be flown by an OSCI Member who is also qualified and current CAP orientation or instructor pilot.
- 9.5 The CAP cadet member will have non-voting membership status.

Section 10: Resignation

- 10.1 All requests for resignation from the OSCI must be in writing and submitted to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall approve the resignation for the OSCI provided the resigning member has no outstanding obligations to the OSCI.

Section 11: Suspension

- 11.1 A member in any membership category who indulges in conduct detrimental to the good name of the OSCI may be suspended from some or all OSCI privileges and activities, the nature of the suspension to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 11.2 A member in any membership category may be immediately suspended from flight operations for a definite period by the Flight Officer or acting Supervisor of Flying on evidence of deliberate or malicious violation of any established flight rule or procedure. The member may appeal such suspension to the Board of Directors.

Section 12: Expulsion

- 12.1 A member in any membership category who becomes excessively indebted to the OSCI or who indulges in conduct detrimental to the OSCI may be expelled from the OSCI.
- 12.2 The Board of Directors will give the offending member one 15 day prior written notice indicating a possible expulsion vote by the membership. If the member's conduct continues to meet the Section 12.1 criteria for expulsion, the membership may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership.
- 12.3 Members in violation of ARTICLE VII, para 11.4 shall have membership terminated.

Section 13: Participation

- 13.1 All club members, including officers, instructors, and towplane pilots, are expected to donate their time to support the OSCI.
- 13.2 During flying operations, club members are expected ,as reasonably possible, to arrive in time to help with the getting started work and/or stay to help with the finishing work.

ARTICLE VII: FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1: Full members

- 1.1 There is a \$500 initial fee for a Full Member. (See ARTICLE VII, 11.5 for exceptions). 50% of the fee will be deposited to the new member's flying account for use by the member for flights in club aircraft. 50% of the fee will be deposited in the Club Treasury for use at the discretion of the Board of Directors for support of club activities.
- 1.2 The Full member monthly dues are \$45.
- 1.3 The Full member pays flight fees at current club rates.

Section 2: Family member

- 2.1 The Family membership has no initial fee.

- 2.2 The Family member monthly dues are \$20.
- 2.3 The Family member pays flight fees at current club rates.

Section 3: Inactive member

- 3.1 The initial fee is not applicable to an Inactive member.
- 3.2 The Inactive member pays no monthly dues while inactive.
- 3.3 The Inactive member may not fly Club aircraft.

Section 4: Associate member

- 4.1 The Associate member does not pay an initial fee.
- 4.2 The Associate member does not pay monthly dues.
- 4.3 The Associate member pays flight fees at normal club rates for authorized flights.

Section 5: Temporary member

- 5.1 The Temporary member does not pay an initial fee.
- 5.2 The Temporary member pays one monthly dues of \$35.
- 5.3 The Temporary member pays flight fees at normal Club rates.

Section 6: Student member

- 6.1 **There is a \$250 initial fee for a Student Member.**
50% of the fee will be deposited to the new member's flying account for use by the member for flights in club aircraft. 50% of the fee will be deposited in the Club Treasury for use at the discretion of the Board of Directors for support of club activities.
- 6.2 The Student member monthly dues when active is \$15.
- 6.3 The Student member pays flight fees at normal Club rates.

Section 7: Soaring Society of America fees

- 7.1 See the Soaring Society of America for fee rate schedule.

Section 8: Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Member fees:

- 8.1 The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Member shall pay \$10.00 yearly dues per calendar year of part thereof – in the years orientation flights occur.
- 8.2 The Cadet Member pays flight fees at the normal fee set by OSCI for visitor flights.

Section 9: Participation fees:

- 9.1 The OSCI may charge fees to cover incurred costs of social events, trips, etc. These fees are charged only to the participating members.

Section 10: Assessments

- 10.1 An individual member of any membership status may be assessed for damage to OSCI equipment caused by the member's actions. If the damage is to insured equipment the assessment is limited to the insurance deductible amount. The application and amount of an individual assessment shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.
- 10.2 An assessment may be levied on the entire Full Member membership when there is pressing need and no other viable alternative. The application and amount of this general assessment shall be recommended by the President and requires approval by two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

Section 11: Payment of Assessments, Dues, and Fees

- 11.1 OSCI will operate on a "Pay as You Go" basis. Dues, fees and assessments are due on the 1st of each month and are delinquent if not paid by the end of the same month. Flights are to be paid for on the same day as the flight before leaving the flight line.
- 11.2 A daily flight log will be maintained by the dispatcher depicting detailed information about the entire day's operation. An account sheet will be maintained on each member and a statement will be furnished to each member at the end of each month during periods of activity.
- 11.3 A member becomes a "member NOT in good standing" for failure to pay fees, dues and assessments by the end of the second month and will be suspended from participation in all club flight operations and voting privileges until the account is paid.
- 11.4 A member "Not in good standing" as described above in paragraph 11.3, and who after 90 days in this status has not paid in full their fees, dues and assessments, will have their membership automatically terminated.
- 11.5 Any person who desires to have their membership reinstated after having been terminated under the provisions of paragraph 11.4 above, must reapply in writing in the same manner as any new member candidate. The Board of Directors' majority vote approval is required for these applicants. Such reapplication, if approved, will require immediate repayment in full of any nonpaid monthly dues, flight charges and/or assessments and will also require a \$300.00 nonrefundable reapplication fee.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

Section 1: Titles and numbers of officers required

The officers of the OSCI shall have the position of and be titled: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Flight Officer, and Maintenance Officer. One person may have two titles, except that President and Vice President may not be the same person. Thus the minimum number of officers is three (3) and the maximum is six (6).

Section 2: Qualifications

Any full member of age 19 or more and in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 3: Election and Term of Office

- 3.1 The election of officers for the following year shall be held at the December meeting of the OSCI. The officers shall be elected in the following order: President, Vice-President,

Secretary, Treasurer, Flight Officer, and Maintenance Officer. The officers shall be installed on the first of January of each year to serve a term of one year.

- 3.2 Each full member in good standing of the OSCI shall have the right to cast one vote for each office. A majority vote of those voting members present shall be required to elect an officer.

Section 4: Duties of the President. The President shall:

- 4.1 Preside at all meetings of the OSCI and of the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 Enforce the bylaws and execute the will of the OSCI and of the Board of Directors. The President is the executive head of the OSCI.
- 4.3 Report to the OSCI at the regular meetings on the OSCI's work for the preceding month.
- 4.4 Appoint members subject to Board of Director approval to such committees as the Board of Directors designates.

Section 5: Duties of the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall:

During the absence or disability of the President, exercise all the powers and discharge the duties of the President until the President returns or until the President's successor is duly appointed or elected.

Section 6: Duties of the Treasurer:

- 6.1 Maintain a current roster of the membership showing at least type of membership and whether in good or bad standing.
- 6.2 Report to the President and to the Board of Directors on the affairs of the office as often and in such manner as either requires or requests.
- 6.3 Under the direction of the Board of Directors, have the custody of all monies belonging to the OSCI and shall deposit all money received in a bank specified by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall issue checks against such deposits for expenditures as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- 6.4 Prepare and present at each regular meeting of the OSCI a report on the financial affairs of the OSCI for the period since the last meeting.
- 6.5 Maintain a detailed account sheet for each member and send a statement out to the membership at the end of each month during periods of activity.
- 6.6 Open the Treasurer's books to inspection by the Finance Committee and to any active member who submits his request to the Board of Directors at a time and place set by the Board of Directors.
- 6.7 Maintain active incorporation status with the Nebraska Secretary of State by filing appropriate forms and fees.
- 6.8 At the end of the Treasurer's term of office, surrender to the Treasurer's successor, or to such other person as the Board of Directors may designate, all monies, records, papers, or other property belonging to OSCI.

- 6.9 Perform all duties and exercise all powers under the direction of the President and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 7: Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- 7.1 Attend all meetings of the OSCI and all meetings of the Board of Directors and keep accurate minutes of all proceedings, and conduct correspondence relating to the office.
- 7.2 Receive and refer to the Board of Directors for its consideration all complaints, requests, or suggestions from the members of the OSCI.
- 7.3 Issue all notices required by the OSCI By-laws.
- 7.4 Report to the President and to the Board of Directors on the affairs of the office as often and in such manner as either requires or requests.
- 7.5 At the end of the Secretaries' term of office, surrender to the Secretaries' successor, or to such other person as the Board of Directors may designate, all records, papers, or other property belonging to OSCI.
- 7.6 Perform all duties and exercise all powers under the direction of the President and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 8: Duties of the Flight Officer. The Flight Officer shall:

- 8.1 Chair the OSCI Flight Rules Committee to develop, maintain and publish the OSCI Flight Rules as approved by the Board of Directors to insure a safe and legal operation.
- 8.2 Be in charge of all OSCI field and flight operations, and insure all OSCI flight operations are conducted in a safe and legal manner.
- 8.3 Have the power to halt all flight operations at any time the Flight Officer deems it necessary, for safety or other reason, and to ground any member the Flight Officer feels is unsafe or is violating any of the OSCI Flight Rules or Federal Aviation Regulations.
- 8.4 Appoint assistants (Supervisor of Flying (SOF)) so that the Flight Officer or SOF is present at the launch site during all club flight operations. The Flight Officer or SOF will normally perform the duties of the dispatcher.
- 8.5 Report to the President and to the Board of Directors relating to the affairs of the office when and in such manner as either requires or requests.
- 8.6 Perform all duties and exercise all powers under the direction of the President and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 8.7 At the end of the Flight Officer's term of office, surrender to the Flight Officer's successor all records or other property in their possession belonging to the OSCI.

Section 9: Duties of the Maintenance Officer. The Maintenance Officer shall:

- 9.1 Insure that the inspections, maintenance and good repair of all OSCI aircraft and equipment is accomplished timely and properly and all records and logs are properly kept.
- 9.2 Report to the President and to the Board of Directors on the affairs of the office as often and in such a manner as either requires or requests.

- 9.3 Perform all duties and exercise all powers under the direction of the President and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 9.4 At the end of the Maintenance Officer's term of office, surrender to the Maintenance Officer's successor all records or other OSCI property in the Maintenance Officer's possession.

Section 10: Removal from Office

- 10.1 Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership.
- 10.2 Due notice of such a proposed vote shall be given in writing to the officer at least 15 days prior to the vote.

Section 11: Vacancy in Office

A vacancy in any office due to death, incapacity, resignation, disqualification, or removal from office of one or more of the officers shall be filled by majority vote of the officers remaining. The Board of Directors' appointee(s) shall hold office until the next annual election of the OSCI officers.

ARTICLE IX: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Governing body

- 1.1 The OSCI shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers of the OSCI. As per ARTICLE VIII, Section 1, the minimum number of directors is three (3), and the maximum is six (6).

Section 2: Authorities and Responsibilities

- 2.1 The Board of Directors shall direct the operation of the OSCI in the pursuit of its purposes and objectives in accordance with the established OSCI By-laws.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors shall be vested with full power to put into effect the laws, resolutions, and decisions of the OSCI; to appoint employees and other agents of the OSCI and to define their duties; to define the duties of OSCI's officers other than as defined herein; and to do all other acts which it may deem to be in the best interest of the OSCI.
- 2.3 The Board of Directors shall have the power to designate such committees as it deems necessary to protect and further the interests and purposes of the OSCI and its members.
- 2.4 The Board of Directors at the beginning of each year shall prepare and publish an annual budget. All expenditures shall be in accordance with the budget, and no expenditures outside the budget shall be made without approval of the Board of Directors.
- 2.5 The Board of Directors shall have the power to recommend to the voting membership expulsion of a member but only after having taken deliberate and thoughtful consideration of all facts involved and after issuing a 15 day prior written notice to the member.
- 2.6 The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt an OSCI seal of such design as it deems appropriate.

- 2.7 The Board of Directors shall have the power to investigate damage to OSCI equipment, determine negligence, and assess liability.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Ad Hoc Committees

- 1.1 Ad hoc committees may be designated by the Board of Directors to accomplish a general purpose or special projects for the OSCI. The President shall name the members of the committee so designated, or may appoint a chairman and delegate to the chairman the authority to select committee members. Appointments made by the President are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Standing Committees

- 2.1 Standing committees as stipulated in this article shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors. Each committee shall consist of one or more members who shall serve until the second Tuesday of the following January, or until successors are appointed. The President shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees.

- 2.2 The OSCI By-laws and Flight Rules Committee shall:

- 2.2.1 In April and May of each year do a complete review of the OSCI By-laws and OSCI Flight Rules, receive recommendations from the Flight Officer and the membership, interpret these changes, and submit their recommendations to the Board of Directors by the first of June.

- 2.2.2 Maintain an accurate and current copy of the OSCI By-laws with all amendments thereto.

- 2.2.3 Assist the Board of Directors with any interpretation of the OSCI By-laws.

- 2.2.4 Publish and distribute copies of the OSCI By-laws to the membership.

- 2.3 The Finance Committee shall:

- 2.3.1 Audit the Treasurer's records during the month of December of each year prior to the general meeting, and submit a written report to the Board of Directors with its findings.

- 2.3.2 Compile estimated expenses, develop estimated income and organize this information into a recommended budget which shall be presented to the Board of Directors by January of each year.

- 2.3.3 The Finance Committee shall make comparison of budgeted with actual expenses and make recommendations for or against proposed acquisitions or changes in fees.

- 2.4 The Safety Committee shall:

- 2.4.1 Review safety practices at least annually and provide a summary report to the Flight Officer to include recommendations for improved safety practices if warranted.

Section 3 Removal from Committee

- 3.1 The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to remove any committee chairman or member for cause.

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Membership Meetings

- 1.1 Regular meetings of the membership will be held a minimum of four times a year during the months of March, June, September, and December at such place and time as the Board of Directors shall designate. The December meeting shall be the annual meeting. The Secretary shall notify each member of such meetings in writing at least two weeks prior to the meetings, stating the time and place of the meeting, unless such notice is waived in writing by the majority of the membership.
- 1.2 Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the President or by order of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify each member of such meeting in writing at least one week prior to the meeting, stating the time and place of the meeting, unless such notice is waived in writing by the majority of the membership.
- 1.3 A quorum is required to conduct a meeting of the membership. A quorum at membership meetings of the OSCI shall be twenty percent (20%) of all the Full members in good standing. For the purpose of establishing a quorum, membership presence may be either in person or by written proxy. The President, Vice President, or other Officer appointed by the President to preside, must be present in person to conduct the meeting. If a quorum is not present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting to a later time.
- 1.4 Only Full members in good standing may vote at OSCI membership meetings. Each Full member shall have one vote. All members have floor privileges at OSCI membership meetings.
- 1.5 Except as otherwise provided by law or in the OSCI by-laws, affirmative vote at a membership meeting shall be by a majority of those Full members present either in person or by proxy.

Section 3: Board Meetings

- 3.1 The Board of Directors shall hold Board meetings as it deems necessary. The Secretary shall notify each officer of such meetings one week prior to the meeting, stating the time and place of the meeting. Such notice may be dispensed with if the attendance of all officers can be secured or if waiver of notice is obtained from officers not present at the meeting.
- 3.2 A quorum at Board of Directors meetings shall consist of two-thirds of the Officers. Combined positions are counted as one officer. Officers may be present in person or by written, subject specific, proxy. If a quorum is not present, the meeting shall not be convened.
- 3.3 Except as otherwise provided by law or in the OSCI by-laws, action by the Board of Directors in meeting assembled shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the officers present. Combined positions such as Secretary/Treasurer have one vote. Ties return the motion to committee for discussion.

Section 4: Committee Meetings

Committee meetings shall be held upon notification by the committee chairman. The chairman shall designate the time and place of the meeting.

ARTICLE XII: LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITIES

Section 1: Condition of Liability

A member operating OSCI equipment will be held responsible for such equipment, including damages, until the equipment is used by another member or returned in operable condition to its normal place of storage.

Section 2: Extent of Liability

A member is liable for any damages to OSCI equipment while under his responsibility, to the extent not covered by OSCI insurance, except in those cases in which such liability is waived in whole or in part by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Exemptions from Liability

A member operating OSCI equipment in support of OSCI operations or on OSCI business authorized by the Maintenance Officer, the Flight Operations Officer or by the Board of Directors will not be liable for damage unless due to personal negligence.

ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the OSCI in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the OSCI By-laws.

Section 2: Interpretation of OSCI By-laws

Upon all questions of the construction of the OSCI By-laws, the decision of the Board of Directors shall stand.

Section 3: Non-conflict with Other Authorities

All flight operations under the OSCI's management or with OSCI equipment shall be conducted in accordance with the established Federal Aviation Regulations, wherever applicable.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amending the By-laws Articles

Any Full member may offer a proposal at a regular OSCI meeting to alter, amend, repeal, or suspend the OSCI By-laws. The presiding officer will have this proposal referred to the OSCI By-laws Committee which shall compose the proposed amendment. The proposal shall then be published and distributed to the membership for a reasonable period of time before being voted upon. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire Full membership in good standing is required for a proposal to be adopted. The vote may be taken at a regular membership meeting if there has been adequate notification of the proposed amendment, or at a special membership

meeting called for the specific purpose of considering the amendment. Votes may be in person or by written proxy.

Section 2: Amending the Flight Operations Annex

- 2.1 The Flight Rules Committee may at any time propose changes of the Flight Operations Annex to the Board of Directors. Such changes shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Directors.
- 2.2 Any member may propose changes to the Flight Operations Annex at a regular meeting of the membership. President will refer the proposed change to the Flight Rules Committee.

ARTICLE XV: DISSOLUTION

The club may be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote of all the OSCI Full members. Funds or assets of the OSCI at the time of dissolution shall, after all the OSCI obligations are fulfilled, be dispersed in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statutes 21-1901 Et Seq. and the United States Internal Revenue Code, each as amended from time to time. Upon dissolution, the assets of the club have to be distributed to another IRS qualifying non-profit organization as determined by the Board of Directors and voted upon by the membership.

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Section 1: Prevailing authority

OSCI flight operations will be conducted in accordance to applicable Federal Air Regulations, following guidelines provided by the Soaring Society of America, and in compliance with the OSCI Flight Rules. In event of conflicting interpretations, the Federal Air Regulations are the prevailing authority.

Section 2: Safety Program

2.1: Mission statement

Safety is the paramount consideration of OSCI flight operations. There are risks associated with operating aircraft and safety is dependent on managing these risks. The OSCI Flight Officer is charged with the duty of insuring that all OSCI flight operations are conducted in a safe and legal manner. The daily Supervisor of Flying is the on field representative of the Flight Officer. The Flight Officer shall appoint a Safety Officer to administer the Safety Program for pilots of OSCI aircraft. However, achieving safety is a result of more than meeting established requirements. The individual pilots must combine into a culture which aggressively seeks the goal of safety for themselves and each other. The OSCI Safety Program requires each pilot's conscious participation.

2.2 Annual Safety Requirements

2.21 Annual Safety Seminar

The Safety Officer shall prepare and conduct an Annual Safety Seminar at a convenient time during the first quarter of the calendar year. It is mandatory for OSCI pilots to complete the seminar requirement. The seminar requirement can be most easily met by attending the seminar and completing the Annual Operations Quiz. An alternative method of completing the requirement is by looking at seminar video tape and / or related materials, and completing the Annual Operations Quiz. Any OSCI pilot failing to meet this requirement by June 1 will not be eligible to be PIC of OSCI gliders until this requirement is met.

2.22 Annual Operations Quiz

The Flight Officer with assistance of the Safety Officer shall prepare an Annual Operations Quiz covering timely topics relating to soaring safety. The quiz is normally taken during the Annual Safety Seminar. It must be completed and returned to the Flight Officer to receive credit for completion of the Safety Seminar.

2.23 Annual Safety Flight:

No OSCI pilot may act as PIC of an OSCI glider after June 1 of each calendar year unless the pilot has satisfactorily completed an Annual Safety Flight in a glider with an OSCI CFI. The completion criteria for the Annual Safety Flight is that the OSCI CFI determines that the pilot has demonstrated the ability to fly the glider safely. The CFI may select appropriate maneuvers or tasks for this determination. Satisfactory completion shall be noted in the pilot's log book by the statement "OSCI Annual Safety Flight completed", date, CFI signature. If more than one flight is required for completion, the statement shall be made at the end of the last flight. Any flight not resulting in completion shall be recorded in the pilot's log book as "Dual Received". If after the flight or series of flights, the CFI is unable to make the completion statement over concerns for safety, the CFI and pilot shall confer with the Flight Officer to develop an appropriate plan for completion.

It is the philosophy and the goal of the Omaha Soaring Club that all club members have their annual safety flight as their first flight of the new calendar year. However, it is recognized that, due to the availability of instructors, this may not always be practical. Therefore, all members should have their annual safety flight as early in the new year as possible. Any member not completing an annual safety flight by June 1 will not be eligible to be PIC of OSCI gliders until this requirement is met.

There are a number of substitutes for the Annual Safety Flight. A FAA Flight Review, performed in a glider with an OSCI CFI obviously meets the requirement. Note however that a Flight Review performed in an airplane will not meet the Annual Safety Flight requirement. An initial check out meets the requirement. Obtaining a recommendation from an OSCI CFI for a Glider Practical Test or passing a Glider Practical Test meet the requirement. A student pilot's initial solo and "90 day" endorsements meet the requirement.

Section 3: Flight Training Program

3.1 Instructor qualifications

Only Full and Associate members who hold a current FAA Flight Instructor certificate with a Glider rating may instruct in the OSCI flight training program. Flight Instructors are expected to become qualified and active with the Soaring Society of America badge program.

3.2 Scope of training activities

Consistent with Instructor availability and qualifications, the OSCI will provide training tailored to the needs of the student pilot, transitioning pilot, recurrent training, upgrade training, and initial club check out training.

3.3 Standards of training

The FAA Practical Test Standards and, as applicable, the Soaring Society of America badge program standards will be used.

3.4 Training materials and curriculum

Each pilot in training will have a pilot logbook, Glider Flying Handbook FAA-H-8083-13, the applicable FAA Practical Test Standards and Federal Air Regulations, the Aeronautical Information Manual, and other materials as required by the Flight Instructor.

3.5 Initial check out requirements

Prior to acting as PIC of OSCI aircraft, any pertinent FAA requirements must be met (i.e., Student Pilot solo, additional category training, etc.). In addition, the following must have been accomplished.

- 1) Current OSCI operations quiz completed
- 2) Appropriate OSCI aircraft written quiz completed
- 3) Dual flight(s) and ground training as necessary to demonstrate competence in normal and emergency procedures and obtain a log book sign off from an OSCI CFI.

Section 4: Operations crew

4.1 Insofar as practical, a monthly schedule of daily operations crew assignments for SOF, CFI, and tow pilot will be prepared and distributed to the membership.

4.2 A member of the daily operations crew has the responsibility of providing that service on the assigned day, however this does not preclude being relieved by another qualified club member who accepts the task for a period of time.

Section 5: Supervisor of Flying

- 5.1 The SOF shall be an OSCI member who is qualified to fly OSCI gliders and holds at least a Private Pilot certificate with a Glider Rating.
- 5.2 The primary responsibility of the SOF is a safe and orderly flight operation. The SOF has the full authority of the Flight Officer while fulfilling this responsibility. The SOF shall wear the orange vest for easy identification.
- 5.3 Secondary tasks of the SOF include:
 - 1) Placing the morning announcement on the phone system
 - 2) Overseeing glider staging to and from the operating area
 - 3) Acting as ground crew for glider operations
 - 4) Maintaining the daily flight schedule and sending it to the Treasurer
 - 5) Notifying OMA Approach Control of commencing and ceasing operations by phone or verifying it has been done by radio
 - 6) Verifying all aircraft and equipment are properly stored at the end of operations
 - 7) Reviewing the "SOF" notebook in the trailer for pertinent information
- 5.4 During busy operations the SOF may be able to best perform the safety function by remaining in position to monitor the base radio and watch for traffic, while assigning others to the ground crew and schedule keeping tasks.
- 5.5 The SOF may assign any available club members to tasks as necessary for the performance of a safe, orderly, and expeditious flight operation.

Section 6: Weather restrictions to flight operations

Glider flight operations will not be conducted if:

- 1) Wind exceeds 25 knots, or
- 2) Runway crosswind component exceeds 20 knots, or
- 3) Visibility is less than 3 miles, or
- 4) Ceiling is less than 1500 ft. AGL, or
- 5) Field conditions are unsuitable, or
- 6) Weather conditions are considered unsuitable or becoming unsuitable

Section 7: Pilot's individual "preflight"

- 7.1 Each individual pilot is responsible for assessing the pilot's own readiness for safe flight using the IMSAFE acronym or similar methodology, and shall not act as PIC of OSCI aircraft without a positive assessment.
- 7.2 Each individual pilot is responsible for determining the pilot's legality for flight as required by FAA regulations and as required by OSCI Safety Requirements, and shall not act as PIC of OSCI aircraft in violation of any of these requirements.
- 7.3 Each individual pilot is responsible for complying with the FAA recent experience regulations for carrying passengers. Wherein possible, pilot's needing landing currency flights are encouraged to make at least the first such flight with an OSCI CFI.
- 7.4 Each individual pilot is responsible for assessing the flight conditions of the day and shall not act as PIC of OSCI aircraft unless the existing conditions are within the pilot's personal zone of comfort.

Section 8: Aircraft preflight inspection

- 8.1 Prior to the first flight of the day, each OSCI aircraft will be given a complete preflight inspection, including, in the case of gliders, a positive control check.
- 8.2 For subsequent flights, the PIC shall perform such preflight inspection as necessary to determine that the aircraft is in safe condition for flight.
- 8.3 For all flights, the PIC is responsible for determining that the proposed loading is within the weight and balance limitations of the aircraft.

Section 9: Daily flight schedule

- 9.1 The order of flying is normally determined on a first come first served basis.
- 9.2 Introductory flights may be given priority at the discretion of the SOF and if not unduly disruptive of member's flights.
- 9.3 CFI's may keep a trainee in the glider for consecutive flights to facilitate reaching a training goal.
- 9.4 When members are waiting, and another suitable club glider is not available, flights should be limited to one hour take off to landing, except that announced badge attempts may be extended as necessary to meet the off tow time requirement.

Section 10: Introductory flights

- 10.1 Introductory flights may be performed in accordance with the OSCI purpose of promoting gliding.
- 10.2 Introductory flights are intended to provide an enjoyable flight and not necessarily a demonstration of soaring techniques, which may be unpleasant for person not acclimated to such maneuvers.
- 10.3 Only OSCI Commercial Pilots with Glider rating will be PIC on introductory flights.
- 10.4 Introductory flights should not be longer than 30 minutes takeoff to landing unless there is nobody waiting and there is no question of the comfort of the passenger.

Section 11: Local and cross country flight restrictions on OSCI owned gliders

- 11.1 Pilots must remain within an area allowing final glide to a normal pattern entry when:
 - 1) The OSCI pilot holds less than a SSA "C" badge, or
 - 2) There are insufficient members present to perform a timely retrieval, or
 - 3) Suitable trailer, tow vehicle and required equipment are not available, or
 - 4) Good soaring conditions are not present.
- 11.2 Pilots intending to return to the airport may go beyond final glide distance only if:
 - 1) The OSCI pilot holds a SSA "C" badge or better, and
 - 2) There are sufficient members present to perform a timely retrieval, and
 - 3) Suitable trailer, tow vehicle and required equipment are available, and
 - 4) Good soaring conditions are present.
- 11.3 Pilots may take OSCI owned gliders on cross country flights only if:
 - 1) The OSCI pilot holds a SSA Bronze badge or better, and
 - 2) A designated retrieval crew is standing by, and

- 3) The tow vehicle, trailer, and required equipment are ready to go, and
- 4) If the flight is a badge or medal attempt, the declaration, official observer, and barograph requirements have been met.

Section 12: Maintaining a clear operating area

- 12.1 During launch operations, all persons not required for the launch procedure will be moved clear of the operating area before the rope is attached to the glider.
- 12.2 During landing operations, all persons will remain clear of the operating area.

Section 13: Items specific to Blair Municipal Airport

- 13.1 When using “Glider Grass” 13-31 the operating area includes the grass northwest of the taxiway leading to the runway from the “older hangar” area. Persons required to be clear of the operating area will remain by the operations trailer and shade tent.
- 13.2 Per requirement of airport management, only one automotive type vehicle may be kept in the staging area adjacent to the operating area.
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- 13.5 Airplane landing patterns are left turns for the paved runways 13-31.
- 13.6 Glider landing patterns are left turns for glider grass 13 and right turns for glider grass 31. Gliders approaching from the South or West may cross overhead mid-field to enter the downwind. Gliders may approach any runway from any direction if necessary for safety.
- 13.7 Unless required for safety, pilots will avoid landing gliders on the hard surface runways 13-31.
- 13.8 The “Canyon” caused by the run up area for hardtop runway 13 will be marked with cones during glider operations.
- 13.9 Tow pilots shall, as possible consistent with safety, avoid the noise sensitive housing areas East and West of the airport.
- 13.10 Omaha Class C Airspace shall be avoided unless entry requirements have been met.

Section 14: Style of flying and care of aircraft

Pilots should strive for a smooth and precise style of flying which will minimize the occurrence of excess wear or damage to the aircraft. For the same reasons care must be taken during ground handling. Some good practices are listed below.

- 1) Avoid tail wheel first landings in the Blaniks.
- 2) Keep the Blanik’s tail wheel off the ground as possible during takeoff and landing.
- 3) Tow pilots avoid shock cooling the engine. Rapid cycle time is not as important as long engine life.
- 4) Tow pilots avoid swiveling the tail wheel into rough ground.
- 5) Tie elevators in the up position during ground handling.
- 6) Do not leave an unattended canopy hanging open.
- 7) Do not pull the gliders (especially the 1-26) forward by pulling on the wing tips.
- 8) Use extra wing walkers on windy days.

Section 15: Sharing the work

Members are expected to actively participate in the work during flight operations. Clearly all members cannot always come early and stay late, but the work load needs to be shared from the start time until the equipment is all properly stored. Many hands make good flight operations.

Section 16: Aero tow retrievals after a landing away. (Addition 3-03)

- 16.1 A club tow plane may not be used for an aero tow retrieval from an off airport location, i.e. an unprepared area not normally used for airplane landings. If a club glider is landed "off airport", the retrieval will be made utilizing the glider trailer.
- 16.2 A club tow plane may provide an aero tow retrieval if the glider landing away is at an airport. Normal club operations are the priority for the tow plane. The retrieval should be conducted at a time causing minimum impact on club operations, consistent with safety.
- 16.3 The cost of the aero tow retrieval is the responsibility of the glider pilot. The charge will be the cost of the gasoline used plus \$10 per tachometer hour for the engine reserve. If the exact gasoline cost is not known, the cost will be determined using 14 gallons per tachometer hour and the current per gallon gas price.
- 16.4 Out of pocket tow plane expenses (gasoline, oil, etc.) incurred during the retrieval will be reimbursed or credited to the member's account.
- 16.5 Section 16 does not apply to aero tows supporting club operations. Those associated costs are borne by the club. Club visits to air shows, fly-ins, and maintenance flights are examples of operational costs borne by the club.

Section 17: Completing SSA badge requirements. (Addition 3-03)

- 17.1 It is the member's responsibility to provide a record of the required accomplishment(s) for verification by the SSA Instructor. A "Student Progress Record" form which summarizes the requirements for each badge is available from a club SSA Instructor.
- 17.2 The duration flights require a specified time off tow. If the release time is not logged, a club SSA Instructor may accept a calculated release time by assuming a 500 ft. per minute climb rate to the release altitude and adding one minute. For example a release from a 3000 ft. tow could be assumed to have occurred 7 minutes after the take off time.
- 17.3 The required time off tow is specified for a 2000 ft. tow. This time is increased 1.5 minutes for every 100 feet of higher release altitude.
- 17.4 The SSA seems to have assumed that duration flights would be flown solo by student pilots. Since Private or Commercial pilots may also wish to apply for the badges, the club SSA Instructor may accept flights wherein the pilot carried a passenger, if that passenger was not a pilot and could not have provided assistance.
- 17.5 SSA Administrative Procedures require that the application be submitted no later than six months after the qualifying flight. The "A" and "B" badge each have only one required flight which then must have been performed within the stated 6 months. The "C" and "Bronze" badge each have requirements of more than one flight. Each require specific landings, dual or observed solo. Hence a club SSA Instructor may accept records

supporting “C” and “Bronze” applications with some of the requirements having been met more than 6 months previous as long as the final flight qualification, which may be one of the required landings, is done within the stated 6 months.

- 17.6 Any club CFI can give a required dual “no altimeter simulated off field spot landing” and observe the required solo “spot landings”. It is however the pilots responsibility to make sure the CFI makes an entry in the pilots log book clearly stating the accomplishment. A club SSA Instructor may accept such an entry.
- 17.7 The required “spot” landings are to land and stop in a specified area whose length is no more that 500 feet for a Blanik or 400 feet for a 1-26.