

Bylaws for Mantua Township Missile Agency

NAR Section #606

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Mantua Township Missile Agency (MTMA)** Section of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR).

Article 2: Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this Section to

- a. Promote the aims and purposes of the NAR locally,
- b. Operate and maintain a rocket range in accordance with NAR standards, applicable regulations, and the NAR Safety Codes,
- c. Hold meetings for the purpose of aiding, training, educating, and encouraging all those interested in rocketry, and
- d. Engage in other scientific, educational, or related activities as the NAR, the Section, or the Section Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing.

Article 3: Membership

Membership shall be open to all who share our purpose.

Article 4: Dues

Annual dues shall be payable in advance. The amount of these dues shall be established by a majority vote of the members voting at any meeting of the Section. The Section dues are separate and distinct from national dues paid to the NAR. All dues monies shall be kept in a General Fund by the Treasurer and shall be paid out by him only on order of the Section Board of Directors. Special assessments may be levied by a majority vote of the members voting at any meeting of the Section.

Article 5: Meetings

Meetings of the Section shall be held at least once per year at the time and place designated by the Section Board of Directors. Notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be made to the membership of the Section at least five days in advance of each meeting. A section meeting may be held in conjunction with a scheduled launch preferably before or after the launch or during a break in the activities when the officers are not addressing or performing other launch functions. Meetings shall be conducted and governed by the most senior ranking of the officers present.

Article 6: Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this Section shall include all elected officers of the Section.

Article 7: Officers

The officers of this Section shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, an Advisor, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the **Mantua Township Missile Agency** Section. The President and the Advisor shall be members of the NAR. The duties of these five officer positions may be combined in such a manner that there are fewer than five actual officers if there is no one else willing or able to serve. No person shall hold more than two of these positions.

Article 8: Elections

Elections of officers and members of the Board of Directors shall take place at the first meeting of the calendar year. All officers and members of the Board shall serve a term of one year. Vacancies in office and on the Board shall be filled by nomination and election of a Section member to fill the unexpired term of office and shall take place at the Section meeting at which the vacancy is announced. Nominations for all elections shall be made from the floor, via written statement to the membership of the Section five days in advance of the elections, or via cell phone to an existing officer at the elections. The candidate having a majority of the votes shall be elected.

Article 9: Voting

Votes cast in the elections of officers or any other business of the Section requiring a vote may only be cast by members of the Section, and may be cast via written proxy or via cell phone. In the event of a tie in a matter requiring only a majority vote, the outcome shall be decided by a coin toss.

Article 10: Committees

There shall be three Standing Committees of the Section, plus such additional committees as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or desirable. The Standing Committees are as follows:

- a. Operations Committee shall be in charge of the Section's rocket range, shall monitor the experimental technical activities of the Section members, and shall act as Safety Inspectors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be a Senior member of the NAR in good standing, and shall act as Chief Range Safety Officer (RSO) under the NAR standards, regulations, and Safety Codes.
- b. Contests and Records Committee shall be in charge of making all arrangements for contests, and shall monitor all national record attempts by Section members.
- c. Activities Committee shall be in charge of making all arrangements for Section meetings, for conducting membership campaigns, and for carrying out public relations activities.

The President shall appoint a Chairman for each of the committees. The chairman of each committee shall choose committee members. The Section President and Advisor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

