

BY-LAWS
OF THE
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(AOS-USA)

ARTICLE I

Membership Dues

1. Payment

Dues are to be remitted to the Treasurer by the first day of the Fiscal Year. **The Fiscal Year of AOS-USA is January 1 to December 31.** The dues are determined by the budget produced by the Treasurer based on the needs of the organization and approved by vote of the membership.

2. Structure

a. Pastoral Members	\$60.00	
b. Associate Members	\$60.00	
b. Cruise Ship Priest Members	\$100.00	
c. Mariner Members		
i. Mariner Members	\$60.00	
ii. Student Mariner Members	\$ 5.00	
d. Recreational Boater/Yachtsman Members		\$60.00
e. Stella Maris/Star of the Sea Entity Members	\$100	
f. Corporate Members	\$1,000	
g. Affiliate Members	\$35.00	
h. Honorary Members	No dues required	

All Members shall receive some form of membership **identification and subscription to the AOS-USA Maritime News Updates.**

Voting Members shall receive all official minutes and proceedings of the organization

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via electronic mail.

ARTICLE II

Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Organization and the Vice President is responsible for seeing that this is done.
- b. AOS-USA authorizes the Treasurer and President to sign checks on its behalf.
- c. Any board member or committee member who faces an over budget expense must get the approval of the President and Vice-President, who will then inform the Treasurer.

ARTICLE III

Secretary

- a. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending dues notices and issuing membership cards. The dues notices shall be sent no later than November first (1st) of the previous year. The Secretary shall maintain an annual membership list.
- b. The Secretary shall publish annually, a report of membership numbers according to their class of membership.
- c. The Secretary shall notify the Treasurer of new members and dues received.

ARTICLE IV

Secretary General

AOS-USA will employ a full time worker to staff its National Office, and ensure that all legal and financial responsibilities of and for the employee are provided. The Secretary General will be under the supervision of the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE V

Voting

- a. In order for a member to vote, dues to AOS-USA must be paid at the time of the payment of the conference fee.
- b. The AOS-USA electorate will be certified by the Secretary prior to the beginning of the Annual Meeting.

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ARTICLE VI

Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of the Administrative Board will be five (5).

ARTICLE VII

Sexual Harassment Awareness

All members of AOS-USA are expected to have attended classes, seminars or workshops on sexual abuse and harassment awareness.

ARTICLE VIII

Dismissal

Any Elected Officer or Board Member will be dismissed for two (2) unexcused absences. In addition, the Administrative Board may dismiss any elected officer or board member for serious malfeasance by a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE IX

Limitations

The President and or Vice-President may speak officially for the organization. They may also designate a person to speak for the organization on a designated subject. No other Member or Officer of the Organization may speak officially for the Organization without the approval of the Administrative Board.

ARTICLE X

Prayer

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All Members of the AOS-USA are called to show concern for each other through prayer; prayers for the welfare of seafarers in general, and for the salvation of all members in particular, by praying the original AOS prayer daily: “Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on all seafarers: Our Lady, Star of the Sea, St. Peter, St. Andrew, pray for us. Lord, save us or we perish.” (Mt_8:25), or other suitable prayer.