



## **Pittsburgh Space Command**

### **Bylaws**

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### **Section #473 of the National Association of Rocketry**

<http://www.psc473.org>

## **Article 1: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the **Pittsburgh Space Command**, (hereinafter referred to as "PSC" or the "Club"), Section #473 of the National Association of Rocketry.

## **Article 2: Purpose**

It shall be the purpose of this Section to:

- a. Have fun with model rocketry.
- b. Operate and maintain rockets and launch range activities in accordance with the NAR Safety Code(s), NAR standards and regulations, and any other applicable regulations as may be specified and imposed by other applicable governing bodies.
- c. Hold meetings for the purpose of aiding and encouraging all those interested in rocketry
- d. Engage in scientific, educational, or other related activities related to the foregoing, and as the Section membership may from time to time deem necessary.

## **Article 3: Membership**

3.1 Club membership shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

3.2 Membership in PSC shall be open to people of all ages, but it shall not be limited to members of the NAR or any other model rocketry organization. However, only Club members will receive Club mailings, including the Club Newsletter, and are eligible to compete in Club contests.

3.3 Rocketeers who wish to fly rockets at Club launches weighing over one pound lift off weight or using motors of "E" impulse or larger, must be members of the Club. Rocketeers who wish to fly rockets weighing less than one pound lift off weight or using motors of "D" impulse or less are not required to be Club members.

## **Article 4: Dues**

4.1 Annual Dues are published on the Club website. Dues for new members may be paid during the year at the point at which they choose to join the Club. Dues for renewing members should be paid early in the New Year. These Section dues are separate and distinct from national dues paid to the NAR.

4.2 All dues monies shall be kept in a General Fund by the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be paid out only on order of the Club President. Special assessments may be levied, and dues may be changed, by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Section provided notice of such intent is given in writing to each member at least five days preceding such a meeting.

## **Article 5: Meetings**

- 5.1 Meetings of the Section shall be held at least 4 times per year at times and places designated by the Club Officers. Operation of the rocket range shall not be considered a meeting, although membership meetings can take place at a scheduled rocket launch.
- 5.2 Club decisions shall require a quorum present at the meeting. A quorum shall consist of two Club Officers and at least three other members in good standing.
- 5.3 The calendar of meetings for the following year shall be set at the Annual Business Meeting, and in the event that special meetings are needed during the course of the year, then meeting notice will be provided to the membership at least 5 days in advance.
- 5.4 The calendar of Club launches shall be set at the Annual Business Meeting, there being at least one launch planned for every calendar month. It shall be possible to schedule additional or special launches with the agreement of the Club Officers, as circumstances may warrant. Rules and procedures for the management and operation of the launch range shall follow the NAR Safety Code for Model Rocketry and the PSC Launch Operations Manual. The PSC Launch Operations Manual will be published on the Club website.

## **Article 6: Officers**

- 6.1 The officers of this Section shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing of **Pittsburgh Space Command** and of the NAR.
- 6.2 All Officers shall serve a term of, but not limited to, one year.

## **Article 7: Elections**

- 7.1 Election of officers for the coming calendar year shall take place at the annual business meeting of the present calendar year. Vacancies in office 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, and the candidate having the largest number of votes shall be elected. Voting is restricted to Club members in good standing.
- 7.2 In the event that the unexpired term of office cannot be filled by election, the Club can take the decision to leave the office vacant, or accept a volunteer replacement, until such time as the office can be filled by election at the next annual business meeting.

## **Article 8: Volunteer Positions**

There are at least four official volunteer positions of the Section, as follows:

- a) Newsletter Editor
- b) Web Master

- c) Equipment Manager
- d) Section Advisor

The Club can decide to create additional official volunteer positions as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable, by discussion and vote at a regularly scheduled Club Meeting.

**Article 9: Amendments**

Notice of a proposed amendment to these bylaws must be presented to Club members a minimum of seven calendar days before a scheduled Club meeting. The notice and a copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall be made available in writing, via e-mail or on the Club website. Approval of the amended bylaws will require a two-thirds vote of those Club members in good standing present at the next meeting of the Club.

Adopted (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

PSC President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

PSC Vice President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

PSC Secretary-Treasurer