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ARTICLE I: Name

The official name of this organization shall be Amateur Publishing Association of 1945, or APA45.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Section 1: The main purpose of APA45 shall be to improve, among its Membership, the quality of their respective publications.

Section 2: The second purpose of APA45 shall be to improve, in all ways, the reputation of the Member Fanzine Editors.

Section 3: The third purpose of APA45 shall be to promote a better understanding between the organization's Members through correspondence between said Members, as well as personal meetings, whenever possible.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1: Active Membership in APA45 shall be limited to 20 Members.

Section 2: Active Membership shall be open to any person born during, or after 1945 A.D., subject to limitations which may appear elsewhere in these By-Laws.

Section 3: Application of any person fulfilling requirements of ART. III, Sec. 2 should be sent to the Official Editor of APA45.

Section 4: Upon application, the OE shall notify said person, directing him to send to him (the OE) the required number of identical copies of a recent publication of said applicant.

Section 5: Having fulfilled aforementioned requirements, the applicant's name and publication shall be placed before the Active Membership by inclusion of that publication in the next quarterly Mailing after application is made. Included shall be a ballot supplied by the OE, which shall be returned by Members to the OE promptly after the receipt of the Mailing. The acceptance for Membership of the applicant depends entirely upon these ballots.

Section 6: Having followed perscribed procedure, applicant shall be notified by the OE as to acceptance or rejection by at least 2/3rds of the Active Membership.

Section 7: Along with said notification to applicant as to his (or her) post-ballot status in APA45, the OE shall arrange, with said Member (should he have been accepted), the date of his initial appearance in a regular APA45 Mailing as an Active Member.

Section 8: The Membership of any Member or Waiting Lister may be revoked by a declaration of one-half of the Active Membership. At any time, any Active Member may, in writing, protest the Membership of any other Member or Waiting Lister to the OE. This protest shall then be published in the next issue of the O-O, namely XLV. At such a time as one-half of the Active Membership have protested to this person's Membership, the OE shall inform said person that he is no longer a Member of APA45.

Section 9: Material from outside of the Active Membership of APA45 may be "franked in" by any Active Member, subject to the approval of the OE. Any Waiting Lister unable to get his material franked in by an Active Member may send same to OE, who may "frank" it in, if it is acceptable to the standards that he has set up in his mind governing such material. Any Non-Member wishing to run material thru APA45, and who cannot have it "franked in" by a Member may run same, if approved by the OE, at a rate of 25¢ per page.

Section 10: When the Active Membership reaches a total of 20, a Waiting List shall be formed. Name of subsequent applicants, having been approved by the Membership, shall be placed on the WL in order of acceptance, and as vacancies occur in the Active Membership, the highest person on the WL shall be invited to join.

Section 11: Each person on the WL shall receive a copy of the 0-0 (XLV) every three months, and shall acknowledge receipt of same within one month, or be dropped from the WL.

Section 12: Husbands or wives of married Members may place such material in Mailings as they may desire, as if they were Active Members, without payment of Non-Participating Fees. However, they will not receive separate Mailings, and only one may vote or hold office in APA45 unless they both are Active Members of APA45, and pay separate dues, and meet separate requirements; unless in the case of joint publications, which also applies to Co-Editors of APA45 fanzines, whether gen- or apa-zines.

Section 13: The status of Active Membership shall be enjoyed by each Registered Member of APA45, as long as he (or she) is active in the apa's Mailings. Only Active Members may vote in apa affairs.

ARTICLE IV: Mailing Editor (Official Editor)

Section 1: The preceding Officer of APA45 shall be the Official Editor.

Section 2: The Official Editor (or Mailing Editor) shall be elected by a majority of the Membership to serve a term of one year.

Section 3: The Official Editor shall receive publications from individual Members, and distribute same through quarterly Mailings.

Section 4: The Official Editor shall handle all APA45 funds, and shall not pay out any funds other than those incurred in the normal course of APA45 operations, according to his own discretion..

Section 5: He will publish the Official-Organ (XLV) and report therein all APA45 business.

Section 6: He will in addition exercise general supervision over the proceedings of APA45, interpreting and enforcing all rules of said organization.

ARTICLE V: Dues

Section 1: Annual dues for Active Membership shall be \$1.

Section 2: Annual dues shall be payable in advance of the date a Member joins APA45, and shall fall due on each anniversary of that date.

Section 3: Any Member who fails to pay his dues one month after being notified that they are due will be automatically dropped from the Roster of said organization.

Section 4: a. Any Member who has been dropped from the Rolls for any reason will be ineligible for Membership for a six month period following, after which he may re-apply for Membership.

b. No person who owes back dues or fines may apply for Membership until such back monies are paid to the OE.

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Section 5: a. All monies received from dues of Active Members will be used for APA45 operations.

b. All monies received from any other source, and designated for use in APA45, shall be used only for that purpose.

Section 6: No cancellation or refund of dues will be made.

ARTICLE VI: Mailing Rules

Section 1: a. Active Members must have at least six pages of his (or her) Original Material in each Mailing. Any or all of these pages may be composed of artwork, measuring no less than 3/4ths of said page.

b. Publications shall be submitted in the required number of copies to the Official Editor before the perscribed date of deadline.

c. Members who fail to produce the required six pages each Mailing will be fined the sum of \$1, which must be paid within one month of the time the Member is notified by the Official Editor. An additional 50¢ per month shall be charged as fine for any time over said month, as well as the loss of Active Member status in the Roster.

d. Should the next Mailing arrive, and said fine has not been paid (as well as the making up of the missing material in the coming mailing) Member shall be expelled from the Roster of APA45.

e. The Active Membership shall be required to place in at least one Mailing every six months a minimum of 20 pages of general fanzine edited by him in a real sense. Postmailings shall be considered valid for fulfilling this requirement.

Section 2: The Official Editor shall designate the required number of copies for each Mailing at least six weeks before the date of publication of involved Mailing.

Section 3: The Mailing dates shall be the 15th days of January, April, July, and October.

Section 4: For each Mailing the Official Editor will produce an issue of the O-O, which shall contain a listing of the contents of said mailing, the apa roster, and any other information of importance to the Membership. The O-O shall be paid for from APA45 funds.

Section 5: Material considered objectionable to the postal regulations will not be included in the Mailings.

Section 6: Extra Mailings may be sold to Non-Members for the sum of \$1 for the first 500 pages, and 25¢ for each 100 pages thereafter.

ARTICLE VII: Official Round Robin ("ORR")

Section 1: The Official Round Robin shall be distributed, in 5 quads, to all Active Members of APA45 and to the top person on the Waiting List, and shall be formed around the purpose of providing a better understanding between said Members.

Section 2: The Official Editor of APA45 shall be the Co-Ordinator of the ORR, and shall be responsible for formulating a working Route Sheet, considering status of Members during each round. The Route of the Robin is purely in the hands of the Official Editor.

Section 3: At least one third of each Member's contribution to the ORR shall be concerned with Fannish Activities, so as to keep the common interest of the group as the central factor.

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Section 4: No Member should with-hold the ORR for more than 15 days, and if such does happen, for each day over said time, offender shall be required to place a 5¢ stamp in the round, to be used by the following participants in that Section.

Section 5: There is no limit as to what, or how much material shall be placed in the ORR. Discretion should be exhibited by the Members.

Section 6: Each Member must reply to the receipt of the ORR in some way, with loss of Active Membership should this not be the case.

ARTICLE VIII: Elections

Section 1: a. Each year, with the April Mailing, a ballot listing the names of all eligible candidates for the office of Official Editor shall be distributed. Ballots, to be counted, must be returned to the current Official Editor within six weeks of the date mentioned.

b. The results of the election will be announced in the July Mailing.

c. The Official Editor so elected shall begin his duties with the October Mailing.

Section 2: a. The candidate for the office of Official Editor that gains the second highest number of votes at the annual election shall be declared the Emergency Officer, to take over the duties of the Official Editor in his absense for any reason.

b. If it is felt that the Official Editor has failed to fulfill his duties properly, a petition signed by one half the Membership submitted to the Emergency Officer shall be sufficient for the Emergency Officer to call the question to a vote.

c. A 3/4ths vote will be necessary and sufficient to force the resignation of the Official Editor, at which time the Emergency Officer shall serve in his stead until the election of a new Official Editor in the next regular election.

Section 3: Should the Emergency Officer be unable to fill the position of Official Editor at such time as it falls to him, he shall be entitled to appoint a Member to fill out the remainder of his term in office. The Member that he appoints shall be one in good standing, in all respects, and is responsible to the Membership. A new Official Editor shall take over after the results of the next regular election are announced.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments

Any proposed Amendment to the By-Laws may be submitted by an Active Member to the Official Editor, who will print it in the O-O. A ballot shall be included in the same mailing. An amendment will become part of the By-Laws if approved by a majority of the Membership.