

Bylaws of the Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association, Inc.
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Preamble

The Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association is a non-profit, family oriented club, established for the sharing of ideas and fellowship pertinent to the hobby of restoring, preserving and enjoying military vehicles of all types. Membership is limited only by the interest in military vehicles. Family membership is encouraged, as is the membership of students. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances will not be a part of club activities.

Name

The name of the organization shall be
The Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association, Inc
(Abbreviated as **IMVPA**)

Articles

Article I. Elected Officers & Duties, Board of Directors

- A. President - Shall preside over all meetings, shall serve as ex-officio on all committees and may call an emergency meeting. The President does not vote except in the case of a tie in either committee or chapter meeting.
- B. President-elect - Shall assist President when needed, shall server ex-officio on all committees in the President's stead as needed.
- C. Secretary - Shall record minutes of all stated meetings, shall send correspondence as needed.
- D. Treasurer – Shall be responsible for all money matters and maintaining a membership roster. The Treasurer will also complete any tax-related requirements.
- E. Board Advisor – The immediate past-President of the IMVPA.
- F. Board of Directors – Shall consist of the Elected Officers and the Board Advisor.
- G. Newsletter Editor – Shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Shall be responsible for composing and distributing the newsletters to the IMVPA members and to the National MVPA as directed by the Board of Directors.
- H. Finance Council – Shall consist of 3 members approved by the Board of Directors and the President and the President-elect. They are to approve all expenditure other than mailing and postage.
- I. Transportation Coordinators – Shall be responsible for communications between state officers and members in their region, and forwarding of state dues collected within 30 days. They will be appointed by the Board of Directors for their region (south, central or north).
- J. Webmaster – Shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Shall be responsible for composing and maintaining the online resources of the IMVPA.
- K. Historian – Shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Shall be responsible for maintaining historical documents and media of the IMVPA.

Article II. Terms of Office

- A. The term for all elected officers shall be 2 years, from January 1 until December 31.

1. The President's office shall be filled by the preceding President-elect.
 2. President-elect
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
- B. Appointed positions will remain in effect until member resigns appointed position.

Article III. Election of Officers

- A. Nominations for officers shall be taken from the floor during the September meeting.
1. A person must have attended three statewide meetings in the current calendar year to be eligible for office.
 2. Nominee must be a member of the national MVPA.
- B. Election of officers shall be held at the November meeting.
1. Ballot shall be secret by paper.
 - a. Ballots will be included in the October newsletter.
 - b. Ballots can be mailed in, but must be received by November 1st.
 - c. All ballots must have IMVPA identification number.
 2. Ballots shall be tallied by the secretary, unless he/she is on the ballot, in which case a person designated by the Board of Directors shall tally the votes.
 3. Ballot tally shall be witnessed by a non-interested member designated by the President.
- C. Election results shall be announced at the November meeting.
- D. The officers-elect shall assume their duties at the January meeting following the election.
- E. Only members shall vote.
- F. In the event there is no race for any office, the candidates will be approved at the November meeting by a motion and vote by the membership.

Article IV. Meetings, Quorum

- A. Statewide meetings shall be held on the second Saturday on odd months, unless otherwise noted.
- B. A quorum shall consist of 2 officers and 5 members.
- C. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings. Those attending three meetings shall be expected to join.

Article V. Membership and Dues

- A. Membership is open to all. Race, creed, sex, or religions are not to be factors.
- B. Requirements: No convicted felons except by review and approval of the officers.
- C. Revocation of membership may result from an individual's action that may be deemed questionable to the character of the association. Such actions may be brought to the Board of Directors, resulting in a warning to the individual and/or a recommendation to the membership for dismissal.
- D. Each paid membership shall have one vote.
- E. Dues shall be collected as directed by the Board of Directors.
- F. Members who are one month behind in their dues will receive one notice before newsletter termination. Members will have an additional 90 days to pay before membership termination.

- G. No member will be compensated for their position or for actions other than reimbursement for expenses incurred in IMVPA-sanctioned activities. Activities other than normal operating activities will be approved by the Board of Directors.

Article VI. Officer Impeachment/Vacancies

- A. Members shall report an officer's indiscretion to a member of the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors shall meet to discuss the matter. The "accuser" shall attend said meeting.
- C. The Board of Directors may elect to warn the officer with the stipulation that further indiscretion may result in the loss of office.
- D. The Board of Directors may appoint a member to fill out the term of the impeached officer.
- E. In the event of a vacancy or resignation, the Board of Directors will appoint a member to fill out the term of the empty seat. In the case of the President, the President-elect will assume the duties of President, leaving the President-elect position open for the remainder of the term.

Article VII. Bylaws Amendments

- A. A change or addition to the current bylaws may be proposed by a member.
- B. If said motion receives a second, the Board of Directors shall appoint a committee of five members, one member shall be the petitioner.
- C. Said committee shall meet before the next stated meeting.
- D. The proposal shall be presented to the membership at the next stated meeting.
- E. The vote on the proposal shall be held at said stated meeting.
- F. The vote shall be by paper ballot and will require a 2/3 majority of those present to pass.
- G. The ballots shall be tallied by the appointed committee, and the results reported to the President.
- H. The results shall be announced at the same meeting. The proposal, if passed shall be in effect as soon as feasible.

Article VIII. Liability

- A. Persons operating motor vehicles shall abide by applicable state & federal laws concerning licensing and insurance coverage.
- B. Neither the IMVPA nor its officers shall be liable for the actions of the individual members or the activities of the association.
- C. The association may procure liability insurance in the name of the IMVPA.

Article IX. Media

- A. Media consists of the newsletter and online resources such as websites and social media. The purpose is to provide members and the public transparent, non-censored access to the IMVPA.
- B. All copyrights will be respected in media published by the IMVPA. Anything published should have permission from the originator for newsletter and web publishing.
- C. The IMVPA will publish a newsletter.

1. The newsletter is to be published no less than quarterly. At a minimum, it should contain the following information: names and contacts of the Board of Directors, minutes of last meeting, upcoming events, classifieds section, membership form, and the next meeting location.
 2. Costs of publishing the newsletter will be at cost if done within the membership. If contracted/outsourced, all efforts to keep costs minimal should be exercised.
 3. Digital newsletter publication is desirable to maintain lower costs to the club and every effort should be made to publish in this format. New members will need to provide an email address and digital delivery will be automatic with new membership. Digital publications will be in the Portable Document File (PDF) format when possible.
 4. Members not desiring digital newsletter delivery may opt out in lieu of mailed version.
- D. The IMVPA may elect to maintain a website and/or other online media.
1. The IMVPA will appoint a webmaster responsible for maintaining online content.
 2. At a minimum, the online content should contain the following information: IMVPA mission statement, name and contacts of the Board of Directors, upcoming events, classified section, and the next meeting location. In the public interest, archival information such as member photos, event and meeting photos, newsletters, and associated web links of interest can be posted and should meet Board of Directors approval provided online storage is sufficient.
 3. The webmaster will be responsible for all updates, changes, and renewal of online resources.
 4. The webmaster may email members with information of interest to members. The information may originate from “contact us” inquiries or upcoming events.
- E. Additional media includes but is not limited to supplemental newsletters, emails, or time-sensitive mailings. The Board of Directors will approve additional media when necessary.

Article X. Privacy

The IMVPA Board of Directors and those appointed by the board will take all necessary safeguards to protect the privacy of the membership to include not releasing contact information, electronic or real unless the member authorizes the release.

Article XI. Assets

A. Assets of the IMVPA are to be donated as directed by the Board of Directors when and if the association dissolves.