

Stilyagi Bylaws
(as amended 1/31/1990)

Article I – Name

Section 1. Name This organization will be called the Stilyagi Air Corps. The name is from a book by Robert A. Heinlein, The Moon is a Harsh Mistress.

Article II – Purpose

The Stilyagi Air Corps is a not-for-profit literary organization devoted to the advancement of science fiction as a literary form. It shall pursue this promotion in a number of ways:

Section 1. Local meetings Local meetings shall be held, open to all members, for the general discussion of science fiction. The form and frequency of meetings is discussed below.

Note: Hereafter, a local meeting refers to either a business meeting or a bar meeting that follows a business meeting unless otherwise stated.

Section 2. Regional meetings The Stilyagi Air Corps may hold annual regional meeting(s) of authors and readers of science fiction. This meeting will be open to the general public. An attendance charge will be waived for quests and professional authors in the field of science fiction.

Article III – Membership Qualifications

Section 1. General membership To be a member of the Stilyagi Air Corps, one must attend one (1) meeting in one's lifetime.

Section 2. Voting membership

- A. Voting Anyone who has attended a business meeting and has attended at least one Stilyagi event of any kind in the last three months is considered a voting member.
- B. Age Voting members must be at least six (6) calendar years of age, unless an exception is granted.

Section 3. Removal of members Membership may be revoked only by a vote to remove by 90% of all voting members, not simply those present for the meeting. Emergency status may not be applied to removal of members.

Section 4. Resignation A voting member of the Stilyagi Air Corps may resign from voting membership without resigning from general membership.

Article IV – Voting Rules

Section 1. Qualifications One must be a voting member as specified in Article III.

Section 2. Quorum A quorum will be either 15 members present or 25% of the voting members, whichever is less. A quorum must be present in order to begin a business meeting.

Section 3. Notification of issue Any non-emergency issue must be brought up at least two (2) weeks prior to a vote being taken. Emergency issues may be voted on immediately after being brought up. Emergency status is determined by a 2/3 vote of voting members attending the meeting.

Section 4. Proxies Proxies will be accepted from those voting members unable to attend the business meeting where the vote is to take place. Proxies may be phoned in to the Social Director(s) of the club or to another member(s) designated by the club as a recipient for proxy votes, or they may be hand carried by another voting member designated in writing with the signature of the voting member unable to attend. Proxies may only be used for the vote and may not be substituted for attendance.

Article V – Officers

Section 1. Elections Elections will be held by the first regular meeting in October. Any voting member is eligible to be nominated by any other voting member. A simple majority of voting members shall be sufficient to elect a member to a position, providing quorum is met. If no single candidate has a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is dropped and a new vote is taken. This procedure will be repeated until a candidate receives a majority.

Section 2. Term of Office The term of office will be for a period of one year. There is no restriction on holding consecutive terms of office.

Section 3. Removal of elected officers An elected officer may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the members [present] providing a quorum is met. Emergency status cannot be applied to the removal of officers. Removal of an officer has no effect on membership status.

Section 4. Resignation of officers An elected officer may resign at any time. Resignation has no effect on membership status.

Section 5. Type and duty of officers

- A. President(s) The President(s) will oversee the activities of the other officers and of the Air Corps. In the event that some other officer is unable to fulfill the duties of the office, the President(s) will assume these duties until a replacement is found.
- B. Chief Financial Officer(s) The Chief Financial Officer will be responsible for all financial record keeping and for the physical distribution of the funds held by the club as directed by the membership.
- C. Secretary(s) The Secretary(s) will be responsible for all non-financial record keeping. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining the organizational status, keeping minutes, and acting as corresponding secretary.
- D. Social Director(s) The Social Director(s) is responsible for officiating at business meetings, and if the President is unable, will assume the duties of other officers if this is necessary. The Social Director(s) may or may not be one of the preceding officers. The Social Director(s) will act as parliamentarian at meetings.

Article VI – Other Official Positions

There will be other official positions. These positions will be filled from the membership as a whole. An officer of the organization may also hold one of these positions.

- A. Convention Chairperson There will be a Convention Chairperson responsible for the planning and execution of the convention. The actions of the Chairperson are not subject to the approval of the officers of the organization, but a 75% majority of voting members may remove the Chairperson from office. In this event, the President of the organization will sit as Chairperson until a replacement is found. The Chairperson will assemble a convention committee in whatever form s/he desires. Selection of the Chairperson will be made according to the above voting rules.
- B. Any other committees or official positions may be created if the club desires to create them.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1. Meetings Meetings will be held weekly during the fall and winter terms of the University of Michigan school year, on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Section 2. Unscheduled Business Meetings All reasonable efforts should be taken to notify all voting members should an unscheduled business meeting be deemed necessary.

Article VIII – Bylaw Amendments

These bylaws may be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed and new by-laws may be adopted by a 2/3 majority of members, following the voting rules.

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