

**BY-LAWS OF THE**  
**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - USA (AOSUSA)**

**I MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE**

**Membership Dues** shall be as follows:

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| a. Pastoral Members           | \$50.00 |
| b. Cruise Ship Priest Members | \$50.00 |
| c. Mariner Members            |         |
| i. Mariner Members            | \$50.00 |
| ii. Student Mariner Members   | \$ 5.00 |
| d. Associate Members          | \$50.00 |
| e. Affiliate Members          | \$25.00 |

**All Members** shall receive some form of membership identification and a monthly subscription to the *Catholic Maritime News*.

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

**II. TREASURER**

- a. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Organization and is responsible for seeing that this is done.
- b. AOSUSA authorizes the Treasurer, President and National Director 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 the National Director, who will then inform the Treasurer.

**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 (1) of the previous year. The Secretary shall maintain an annual membership list.

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b. The Secretary shall publish annually, an up-to-date list of members according to their different class of membership.

c. The Secretary shall notify the Treasurer of new members and dues received.

#### **IV EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

AOSUSA will take on a full time employee to staff its National Office, and ensure that all legal and financial responsibilities of the employee are provided. The Executive Secretary will be under the supervision of the President and the National Director.

#### **V VOTING**

a. Dues to AOSUSA must be paid at the time of certification of the electorate in order to vote.

b. AOSUSA dues must be paid prior to the beginning of the annual meeting in order to vote.

#### **VI SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS**

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

#### **VII DISMISSAL**

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

#### **VIII LIMITATIONS**

No Member or Officer of the Organization may speak officially for the Organization without the approval of the Administrative Board.

#### **IX PRAYER**

All Members of the AOSUSA are expected 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.

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