

**BY LAWS OF
WASHINGTON STATE - PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TRAP
SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this association shall be WASHINGTON STATE – PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TRAP SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERS**

Any person interested in the objectives of this Association shall be eligible to apply for membership.

To apply for membership in the WSPITA, Inc., one must become a member of the PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TRAP SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC., paying lifetime or annual dues.

A current paid up membership of the PITA residing in the State of Washington is a member of the WSPITA, Inc.

**ARTICLE III
MANAGEMENT**

The business of the WSPITA, Inc., shall be managed by a board of nine (9) Directors **consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) at large director positions..** All are voting members. **The positions of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined into one position (Secretary Treasurer) creating a total of six (6) at large positions.**

The **Board** of Directors shall be elected to three (3) year terms. Three (3) Directors will be elected each year at the annual meeting held at the Washington State Trapshooting Championships.

Should a vacancy occur in the term of a Director, the remaining Directors, ~~within two (2) months, will~~ **can** appoint an interim Director until the next Washington State Trapshooting Championships annual meeting. At the annual meeting an election to fill the original term of the vacated position will occur along with the regular election of Directors. The candidate receiving the most appropriate plurality of votes will fill the vacated term.

Within 48 hours after the annual meeting, the Directors shall hold a meeting to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer from within the Board.

Duties of the President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of this Association and to appoint all committees, and perform the duties usually required of the President of a Non-Profit Organization.

Duties of the Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assume all the powers of the President in the absence of the President.

Duties of the Secretary: It will be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes in full of all meetings of the WSPITA, to prepare and send notices of meetings to the members, to maintain necessary contact with Washington State trapshooting clubs for the purposes of securing maximum registered shooting activities in the state, and to carry out all other duties delegated by the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies of the WSPITA and deposit same in a bank or banks as designated by the Board of Directors. Those funds shall only be withdrawn from depository banks for the payment of the obligation of the Association. Checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed, if necessary, by the bank signatory as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

The entry fee for all PITA registered trapshooting programs held in the state of Washington shall include provision for a payment by all contestants of a fee of ~~two~~ **three** cents per target for any and all events entered. That fee shall be collected and remitted to the WSPITA for use as added money, trophies, programs, or for other expenses as required. This fee shall be collected at all Washington State Trapshooting sponsored events and for the Washington State Trapshooting Championship Shoot. ~~The WSPITA board are exempt from paying the state fee at all shoots, such as the "Grand Pacific".~~

ARTICLE V **MEETINGS**

There shall be an annual meeting of this Association held each year on the date of the Washington State Trapshooting Championship. The place and time of such meeting to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

The Program of the Washington State Trapshooting Championships shall contain a notice of the time and place of said annual meeting. The Board of Directors will cause each member to be

supplied with a copy of the program of the Washington State Trapshooting Championship in either a hard copy format, or digitally posted on the WSPITA website. Said program shall constitute the legal notice to the membership of the annual meeting.

The Secretary shall call such other meetings at such time and places as the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or a twenty-five (25) or more members in writing may request. In the event such meeting is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member in writing of the time and place of such meeting. Notification will considered complete if posted on the WSPITA website.

ARTICLE VI

QUORUM

Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum of the members of the WSPITA for the transaction of the business at any meeting of the members. ~~At least five (5)~~ A majority of the elected/appointed directors must be included in the twenty-five (25) to finalize business at any meeting.

Five (5) Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of any business at a meeting of the board.

ARTICLE VII

VOTING

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, providing that said member has paid their dues for the shoot year during which they desire to vote.

A majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present, shall be sufficient for affirmative action unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

When more candidates are nominated for Director for election at the annual meeting than positions to be filled, election of said Directors shall be by ballot. The results shall be determined according to the plurality received by the respective candidates. This includes filling unexpired vacancies (Article III, paragraph 3).

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint committees as necessary for the conduct of the business of this Association. The remaining Board of Directors may stop the President's appointment if six (6) Directors agree to the stoppage.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present, at the annual meeting or at a meeting called for the purpose of amending these By Laws.

All proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be in writing, filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall send a copy of such proposed amendment to each member with the notice of the meeting at which such proposed amendment shall be considered. The notice of the proposed amendment, meeting time and place may be included in the Washington State Trapshooting Championship Program, [or posted on the WSPITA website](#).

All proposed amendments must be considered at the first meeting of the membership following the filing of such proposed amendment with the Secretary.

ARTICLE X
AUTHORITY AND REQUIREMENTS

This is a representative governed Association and in the absence of the necessary rule or By-Law requirements the conduct of this Association will be in accordance with the general order of "Roberts Rules of Order".

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