

**By Laws of the Naval Academy Class of 1970  
As Amended  
15 June 2007**

**1. Objectives**

The objectives of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 are to serve and support the United States Naval Service and the United States Naval Academy by:

- a. Perpetuating the friendships and associations formed by the members through their common experience and their interest in the Naval Academy and the Naval Service.
- b. Influencing public opinion in the best interest of the Naval Service.
- c. Identifying, informing, encouraging and assisting outstanding if young men and women to pursue careers as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps through enrollment at the Naval Academy; and
- d. Initiating and sponsoring activities which will perpetuate the history, traditions, memories and growth of the Naval Academy and bind the members of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 together in support of the highest ideals of leadership, citizenship and government.

**2. Membership**

Active and honorary members of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 shall include:

- a. Any member who was sworn in as a Midshipman in June, 1966 as a member of the Class of 1970 at the Naval Academy, and any other Midshipman from a senior class that joined the Class of 1970, shall be a qualified active member of the Naval Academy Class of 1970.
- b. Any spouse of a regular member who has been predeceased by her husband shall remain an honorary member of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 and be afforded all the privileges assigned to an active member.

**3. Officers and Trustees**

3.1 The officers of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 shall consist of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be nominated and elected as herein provided. The President, Vice President, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve for a period of five years, with a maximum of two terms. Trustees shall serve for a period of up to ten years. All serve without compensation. Officers and trustees shall be active members of the Naval Academy Class of 1970.

3.2 The term of office for Class Officers shall normally begin on January 1 of the year following a five-year reunion and end at homecoming the next five-year cycle. Trustees will serve in the same manner and be appointed by the new class officers. Class officer elections will be held in 2001, 2005, 2010, etc. Trustees will be appointed or re-appointed at the first Class Officer meeting held in 2002, 2006, 2011, etc.

3.3 Succession of Officers - Should any officer be unable to complete his full term, the remaining officers shall appoint an interim officer (one of the existing elected officers) to that position until a special election is held per Article VI to fill the remaining term of that officer.

#### **4. Duties of the Class Officers**

##### **4.1 President**

The office of the Class President shall be a five-year position, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. This position may be transferred by request of the incumbent or by majority vote of the quorum at an annual business meeting. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties usual to that office. He shall ensure that class officer meetings are held at least twice a year and that communication is maintained for decisions with the Board of Trustees. The President is empowered to sign all instruments necessary or expedient to the management of the class and conduct such business transactions as may arise between annual meetings. He may be called upon to serve on committees of the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association or assign other class members to serve. All committees assigned by the President will report to him upon completion of duties (e.g. reunions, gift committees, etc.)

##### **4.2 Vice President**

The office of the Class Vice President shall be a five-year position, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. This position may be transferred by request of the incumbent or by majority vote of the quorum at an annual business meeting. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or in the event he is unable to serve his full term of office. The Vice President shall represent the class President at any meetings or functions that the President is unable to attend and will keep the class President informed of the matters of importance. He may use whatever class funds necessary to conclude class business, such as mailings, flowers for widows, etc. Any expenditure exceeding \$250.00 must be approved by the class President. The Vice President shall organize the annual class business meeting.

##### **4.3 Corresponding Secretary**

The office of the Class Corresponding Secretary shall be a continuing position. This position may be transferred by request of the incumbent or by majority vote of the quorum at an annual business meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall publish a periodic article for publication in *Shipmate* to announce class news regarding all active and honorary members of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 and otherwise assist in all communications with class members. He shall publish the minutes of Class meetings and other Class news as deemed appropriate in *Shipmate*. Furthermore, he will support maintenance of records of major homecoming reunion events that are received from respective reunion committee chairmen.

#### 4.4 Membership Secretary

The office of the Class Membership Secretary shall be a five-year position, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. This position may be transferred by request of the incumbent or by majority vote of the quorum at an annual business meeting. The Membership Secretary shall keep a record, in concert with the USNA Alumni Association, of the names and addresses of all the members of the Naval Academy Class of 1970. He shall keep a record of all meetings of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 and shall submit the minutes of these meeting as deemed appropriate to the Class Corresponding Secretary for publication in *Shipmate*. Furthermore, he will maintain all records of major homecoming reunion events received from respective reunion committee chairmen for the purpose of archives and lessons learned.

#### 4.5 Treasurer

The office of the Class Treasurer shall be a five-year position, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. This position may be transferred by request of the incumbent or by majority vote of the quorum at an annual business meeting. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Naval Academy Class of 1970 and invest these funds or deposit them for safekeeping with the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association as a separate Naval Academy Class of 1970 account. He shall prepare and present for review a statement of all receipts and expenditures on 31 December of each calendar year and present this at the next meeting of Class Officers. Furthermore, he shall have the authority to spend money from this account for all expenditures less than \$500 with concurrence of the Class President. He shall also have the authority to spend money from this account exceeding \$500 with the majority approval of the Class Officers.

#### 4.5 Trustee

The Naval Academy Class of 1970 shall be supported by a Board of Trustees who are appointed by the elected Class Officers. A Trustee shall be member of the Class of 1970. A maximum of 10 trustees will be appointed for a five-year term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Trustees will serve as a clearing house for the Class Officers regarding major decisions that affect the Naval Academy Class of 1970. Trustees will be appointed by the elected Class Officers, based on their active participation in Naval Academy Class of 1970 activities and by virtue of their contributions to the mission of the Naval Academy Class of 1970.

The positions of President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer should be held by a member of the Class of 1970 who is either living in the Annapolis-Baltimore-Washington area or is willing to travel to the Annapolis-Baltimore-Washington area to participate in meeting of the USNA Alumni Association. The offices of Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer may be held by either one individual per class office or more than one class office per person, depending upon the availability of personnel.

### 5. Elections

5.1 Candidates for President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer shall be nominated by a committee from within the Board of Trustees. Trustees in turn will not be elected but rather be appointed and will serve until their term expires unless re-appointed. Trustees will be eligible to run for class office, but must declare their intentions and

exclude themselves from participation in the nominating committee process.

5.2 Elections will be conducted following a nomination process established by a nomination committee from within the Board of Trustees. Each active member of the class will have one vote in class officer elections. Votes will be submitted by e-mail. Voting by proxy is prohibited. The term of office for Class Officers shall normally begin on January 1 of the year following a five-year reunion and end on December 31 in the year of the next five-year reunion. Trustees will serve in the same manner and will be appointed by the new class officers. Class officer elections will be held in 2010, 2015, 2020, etc. Trustees will be appointed or re-appointed at the first Class Officer meeting held in 2011, 2016, 2021, etc. [As amended 15 June 2007.]

5.3 When more than one person is nominated for any one office, the person receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.

5.4 Turnover files will be maintained by all class officers and be available for transition immediately following the new class election in 2001, 2005, etc.

## **6. National Headquarters**

The National Headquarters for the Naval Academy Class of 1970 is established in Annapolis, Maryland, The Vice President will organize the headquarters in any manner he deems necessary to support the class.

## **7. Annual Class Business Meeting**

7.1 There will be a class business meeting every year during homecoming weekend in Annapolis at a specific time and place designated by the Vice President and published in Shipmate. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform the class of the state of affairs, future intention, and conduct business propositions and items to be voted on, (i.e., elections, amendments, projects) shall be submitted to a vote of all the attending class members. Additional class meetings may be held at the discretion of the President or Vice President if a voting quorum can be established.

7.2 A voting quorum shall consist of not less than ten members of the graduating Naval Academy Class of 1970. All issues up for a vote shall be approved by a majority of the quorum. Election to class office must be approved by a majority of the quorum.

## **8. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be used to support the process to govern the Class in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Class may adopt.

## **9. Amendments**

Any amendments to these by-laws may be proposed by any member and presented at any regular or special meeting of the Class Officers. If approved by a majority vote, the amendment will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, who will meet for a vote that will be decided by a two-thirds majority vote. The amendment will then be included in this class charter. The terms “meet” and “meeting” as used herein shall be loosely construed to apply to physical meetings; to videoconferences, webconferences, and teleconferences; and to “virtual” meetings such as conversations held via e-mail. [As amended 15 June 2007.]

## **10. Ratification**

Ratification of this charter shall be made by a majority vote at the next annual business meeting of the Naval Academy Class of 1970.