

## **Washington Area Collectors/Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trust Constitution and By-Laws**

We the undersigned, being desirous to secure ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in military vehicle preservation and militaria by furthering better co-operation among its members, developing individual proficiency, introducing members to historic technology both new and old, and furthering the interest of military vehicle preservation and militaria in the general community, do hereby constitute ourselves the Washington Area Collectors, Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trust (WAC/B&GMVT) and do enact this Constitution and By-laws as our governing law.

### **Article I**

**Sec. 1** - All persons interested in military vehicle preservation and militaria shall be eligible for membership.

**Sec. 2** - There shall be four (4) classes of membership: Full, Associate, Life, and Honorary. Only Full Members pay dues.

- a. Full Member - A person in good standing who has an interest in supporting the activities of the WAC/B&G MVT. Full members have voting privileges.
- b. Associate Member - Any person having an interest in military vehicle preservation and militaria and activities of the WAC/B&G MVT. Associate membership is limited to the families of full members. Associate members shall not have voting privileges.
- c. Life Member - A person specifically selected and approved by the membership, whose affiliation with the club will be of such benefit as to warrant this honor. Life Members shall have voting privileges and their membership shall be effective for life, unless rescinded.
- d. Honorary Member - A person specifically selected and approved by the membership, whose affiliation with the club will be of such benefit as to warrant this honor. Honorary members shall not have voting privileges and their membership shall be effective for life, unless rescinded.

**Sec.3** - Persons wishing to affiliate with the WAC/B&G MVT shall make application in writing and pay current dues.

**Sec. 4** - Members in good standing may automatically renew their annual membership by payment of dues as prescribed in ARTICLE VI of this Constitution and By-laws.

**Sec. 5** - A member, whose affiliation with the club is undesirable because of serious circumstances, may be terminated from membership by recommendation of a majority of the Officers and members of the Board of Directors and with approval of the membership during a regular meeting by a secret ballot process.

### **Article II**

**Sec. 1** - The officers of WAC/B&G MVT shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers must also be members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. There shall also be a Board of Directors comprised of these officers, two members at large from the current full membership, and the immediate past president of the club. In the event the immediate past president shall elect not to serve on the Board of Directors, one member at large shall be elected from the eligible membership to serve on the Board of Directors.

**Sec. 2** - Election of club officers and board members shall be held during a meeting scheduled in the fall every two (2) years. Elections shall be by vote of those members attending. Absentee ballots will be allowed. Those newly elected shall assume office immediately.

**Sec. 3** - Elections for replacement of officers and board members whose office is vacated for any reason will be held as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs. The President shall appoint an individual to temporarily take the place of an officer or board member who cannot fulfill his term.

**Sec. 4** - Only members having full membership privileges shall be eligible for the office President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or members of the Board of Directors.

**Sec. 5** - The term of all officers including member of the Board of Directors shall be two years. This shall not be construed to preclude election in subsequent years.

### **Article III**

**Sec. 1** - The Board of Directors shall guide the affairs and business of the club.

**Sec. 2** - The President shall preside at all meetings of this club and shall act as Chairman of its Board of Directors; he/she shall enforce the intent of these Articles of Incorporation and By-laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other; and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office President. He/She may appoint members to act as Coordinators of committees and other assistants to aid him in other specific branches of activity.

**Sec. 3** - The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

**Sec. 4** - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll and attendance of members, carry on all correspondence and read communications at each meeting.

**Sec. 5** - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club, he/she shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He/She shall pay no unusual bills without proper authorization by the club or its Board of Directors. Expenditures between \$500 and \$1000 of organization funds will normally be presented to the membership for discussion and vote approval except for time-sensitive cases, which can be authorized by the President in consultation with the Board of Directors. At the end of February and July of each year, he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursement and receipts. He/she shall at the expiration of his/her term turn over all club records in his possession to his/her successor. Special events will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Bills over \$1000 will be authorized by a quorum of the Board of Directors. An annual audit of accounts will be conducted under the direction of the Board of Directors.

### **Article IV**

**Sec. 1** -The club shall meet about six (6) times a year. The President as may be necessary for the good of the club shall call special meetings. A quorum shall consist of those full members

present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings at all meeting.

### **Article V**

**Sec. 1** - The club shall encourage a program of training to assist interested persons and to introduce members to historic technology new and old.

### **Article VI**

**Sec. 1** - Dues or assessments levied will become due and payable in January of each year. Members not paying dues by 1 April will be terminated from the club roster.

**Sec. 2** - In accordance with these provisions, the current yearly dues are to be paid by each member (except Honorary Members, Associate Members and Life Members). Dues will be set by committee and voted on by the full membership.

### **Article VII**

**Sec. 1** - Pursuant to the meeting of the club on September 23, 2006: A Donation Committee will be established, at the meeting prior to the annual September meeting members present will vote on how much is going to be donated for that particular year. The Donation Committee will meet (prior to the annual September meeting) and inform the members present to whom donations are to be presented to and how much is going to be donated. This will be entered into the minutes of the September meeting.

### **Article VIII**

**Sec. 1** - This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by two third (2/3) majority vote of the club members present at a meeting, provided all members have been notified in writing of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-laws at a specified meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting or by mail and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting.