

**CALIFORNIA STATE RACING PIGEON ORGANIZATION, INC.**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**Adopted 11-6-95**  
**With Amendments as of 02-09-2014**  
**All previous versions are void.**

**ARTICLE I**

The Name of this corporation is the California State Racing Pigeon Organization (CSRPO), incorporated under the laws of the State of California as a non-profit corporation. The date of incorporation is May 21, 1953. The identification number is D-0274591.

**ARTICLE II**

The purposes of this corporation are:

- (A) To solidify and promote all interests of the Racing Pigeon fancy in the State of California.
- (B) To act for, and in the interest of, all members of this corporation in California, in matters that preserve and safeguard the Racing Pigeon and the sport of flying Racing Pigeons.
- (C) To foster and promote the science of breeding, training and racing of homing pigeons.
- (D) To promote social, educational and recreational activities for all members.
- (E) To safeguard the sport of Racing Pigeons against malign or dishonest practices, in order to maintain this sport as a pastime and to promote true sportsmanship.
- (F) To promote a uniform system of rules and procedures for all awards that involve this corporation or its members.
- (G) However, notwithstanding the above stated purposes, it shall not be the purpose of this organization to support, financially or otherwise, and/or become involved in the local problems and disputes of members or their respective clubs. This organization shall support and represent members and their respective clubs ONLY when the matters affect the statewide membership and the sport of flying Racing Pigeons.

The passage of favorable State or local legislation shall be deemed as a primary function affecting the entire Membership and the sport of flying Racing Pigeons.

### ARTICLE III

- a. **MEMBERSHIP.** All members of recognized racing pigeon clubs in California (AU or IF) are eligible for membership in the CSRPO providing they are members in good standing with their clubs and the AU or IF. (Amended 11-09-07)
- b. **DUES.** Members shall pay dues as set by the CSRPO Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board.
- c. **EXPULSION.** An individual, or club, found unworthy of membership may be expelled from the CSRPO by the Board of Directors as outlined in the CSRPO By-Laws.
- d. **RESIGNATIONS.** Any member may resign from the CSRPO at any time, and all rights in the CSRPO cease on the date of the resignation.
- e. **ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.** No member shall have the right to assign or transfer their membership. In the event of the death of a member, the membership shall terminate at the end of the calendar year.
- f. **PROPERTY RIGHTS ON DISSOLUTION.** The members of the CSRPO shall have no property rights involving CSRPO property in the event of dissolution. Upon dissolution all assets and properties shall be distributed to a charitable organization selected by majority vote of the CSRPO Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

- a. **STATE SECTIONS.** To facilitate operation of the CSRPO, the State of California is to be divided into three (3) sections, with a Vice President residing in each and representing the section. The boundaries of the sections are specified in the CSRPO By-Laws.
- b. **DELEGATES.** Each club in the CSRPO is entitled to one (1) or more delegates to the annual meeting of the CSRPO, and at special meetings called by the Officers or requested by the membership. The delegate representation formula is specified in the CSRPO By-Laws.
- c. **CONVENTION.** The CSRPO, at its annual convention, will hold a State Race, a State Pigeon Show, and convene the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and Delegates.

## ARTICLE V

- a. **POWERS OF DIRECTORS.** Except as otherwise provided by statute, or by the Articles of Incorporation or CSRPO By-Laws, all corporate powers shall be exercised by, or under the authority of, the Board of Directors. The business affairs and policy of the corporation shall be controlled by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make contracts, maintain legal actions, acquire property both real and personal, including shares of stock, bonds, and securities of other corporations. The Board of Directors may convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust or otherwise dispose of all property, real or personal, borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of this corporation, and cause to be executed and delivered in the corporation's name promissory notes and other evidences of indebtedness on behalf of the corporation.

All of the above powers are to be exercised only for, and on behalf of, the CSRPO.

The Board of Directors shall have the power for such committees as may be deemed advisable, except as hereinafter set forth. Members of any committee may, but need not, be members of the Board of Directors. No committee may incur any indebtedness or make any expenditures without the express authorization of the Board of Directors.

- b. **NUMBER OF/AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS.** The authorized number of directors of the CSRPO shall be ten (10). This number may be changed only by amendment to this Constitution. Nine (9) of the Directors shall be chosen from the regular members of the CSRPO and the tenth shall be the corporate attorney. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum, provided that one or more members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of adjourning any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Directors of the CSRPO shall serve without salary/payment, and must have been a member of the CSRPO for at least three years.

- c. **ELECTION AND TENURE OF DIRECTORS.** The Directors shall consist of the following officers of the CSRPO:

President	Publicity Director
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Auditor
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Finance Chairman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	President Ex-Officio
Secretary/Treasurer	Corporate Attorney

The duties of the officers are the ones usually associated with the titles. These officers shall be elected as provided by the CSRPO Constitution and By-Laws. The officers will serve as both Officers and Directors of the CSRPO, and this will be noted on every election ballot issued by the CSRPO.

The President, Finance Chairman, Auditor, and Publicity Director will be elected at the Annual Convention Meeting in even numbered years. The three Section Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected in odd numbered years at the Annual Convention Meeting. The Annual Convention meeting will determine, by majority vote of delegates and proxies, who will serve as First, Second and Third Vice Presidents.

All officers of the Corporation will serve a two (2) year term.

The President Ex-Officio will automatically serve a two (2) year term, following the term as President.

- d. The Board of Directors, except as noted in the By-Laws, may authorize any officers or agents, to enter into a contract or contracts, or execute any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the corporation. Without this authorization, no contract, instrument, or any other agreement can be in the name of the corporation, and the corporation is not accountable or responsible in any way.
- e. **VACANCIES.** Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in the manner specified in the By-Laws, and each director so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term.
- f. **REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS.** The entire Board of Directors, or any individual Director, may be removed from office for any cause whatsoever by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CSRPO membership, or delegates representing the members, at a duly held meeting of the CSRPO membership.

Any Director may resign, at any time, by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or the Secretary of the CSRPO. The resignation will take effect on receipt of the notice, or at a later time specified in the notification, provided there is no conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws and is acceptable to the Board of Directors. The acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

## **ARTICLE VI**

- a. **RECORDS.** The Corporation shall maintain adequate and correct accounts, books and records of its business and properties. All such books, records and accounts shall be kept at the CSRPO principal place of business in the State of California as fixed by the Board of Directors.

- b. **INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS.** All books and records provided for in Section 3003 of the Corporation Code of California shall be open to inspection of members from time to time and in the manner provided in said Section 3003. Directors shall have the right of inspection of CSRPO records as provided in Section 3004 of the Corporation code of California.
- c. **CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.** The original, or a copy, of the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended or otherwise altered and certified by the Secretary-Treasurer, **SHALL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE MEMBERS.**
- d. **ATTORNEY’S FEES.** On instances requiring the assistance of legal help, the CSRPO treasury will pay the sum required to retain legal assistance. The amount of the retainer and subsequent amounts must be approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

Investigations must be made by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS into the causes of the expenditures. For example, “If any member in good standing with the CSRPO requests assistance with an ordinance problem, we first assure that the flyer has:

1. No CC&R’s restricting the keeping of racing homing pigeons.
2. Conformed to local zoning laws regarding the keeping of racing homing pigeons.
3. Followed building codes and obtained required permits.
4. Complied with licensing requirements regarding the keeping of racing homing pigeons.
5. Kept the racing homing pigeons in a healthy atmosphere.

Then the CSRPO will endeavor to help the fancier to the following extent, provided that the information requested by the Ordinance Chairman has been furnished and that the fancier is in compliance with the aforementioned restrictions.

1. Match local funds raised and paid to a law firm for fighting the ordinance problem. Such matching funds are not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3000) per case unless prior authorization for more money has been obtained from the full Board of Directors. In all cases, the CSRPO will not reimburse the locality more than the portion they have raised and paid as their share of the matching funds.
2. Request ARPU to assist with funding of the ordinance litigation.

## ARTICLE VII

- a. **CORPORATE SEAL.** The Corporate Seal shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the date of the incorporation, and the word "California".

## ARTICLE VIII

- a. **BY-LAWS.** New By-Laws may be adopted, or the existing By-Laws may be repealed or amended, at the Annual Meeting of the members represented by their delegates, or at any other meeting of the members called for that purpose. A majority vote of the members or their authorized delegates, by written assent of the members, is required to adopt or repeal an amendment.
- b. **POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS.** Subject to the right of the members to adopt, amend and repeal the By-Laws as provided in Section 1 of this article, the Board of Directors may adopt, amend or repeal any of the By-Laws other than a By-Law or amendment that deals with changing the number of Directors, or involving any form of reimbursement for the Directors or Officers.
- c. **RECORD OF AMENDMENTS.** Whenever an amendment or new By-Law is adopted, it shall be copied in the Book of By-Laws, with the original By-Law in the appropriate place. The date of each amendment or new By-Law will be copied in also, in order to establish which is current and a history of the change.

If any amendment or By-Law is repealed the same procedure will be followed, thus providing complete and accurate records.

The above information will also be maintained on computer disk, and every year will be downloaded and printed as the official Constitution and By-Laws.

Each year, in the last CSRPO Newsletter, all changes to the Constitution and By-Laws should be printed, or if no change should be so stated, thus giving the membership a method to keep current.

- d. **ADDITIONS OR REPEALS.** All additions or repeals to amendments or By-Laws shall be presented to the Secretary-Treasurer in typewritten form and in TRIPLICATE. The Secretary-Treasurer will forward one copy to the Rules Chairperson, one to the President, and retain one in the files of the CSRPO.

It will be the responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer to maintain a disk and hard copy record of all changes made to the Constitution or By-Laws.

# APPLICATION FOR CSRPO STATE CONVENTION

To the CSRPO Board of Directors:

The undersigned hereby make application for authorization to hold and conduct the \_\_\_\_\_ (year) State Convention for the \_\_\_\_\_ Section.

In support thereof we submit the following information:

City of proposed convention \_\_\_\_\_.

Club/Combine/Concourse hosting the convention \_\_\_\_\_.

Proposed dates of the convention \_\_\_\_\_.

Hotel hosting the convention \_\_\_\_\_.  
(hotel must be able to guarantee 150 rooms)

Names and addresses of officials chosen to conduct the convention:

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_.

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Chairlady \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_.

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_.

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Loft Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_.

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

Show Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_.

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

As part of this application, we pledge ourselves to the following agreements and understandings:

1. **PROGRAM** We agree to abide by the State's Convention Itinerary or, if there are any changes, they will be submitted in writing with this application. Unforeseen changes must be in writing to the Board of Directors. The letter must include the proposed changes and reasons for the changes. No advertising of changes will be permitted until official approval is given by the Board of Directors. Their ruling will be final.
  
2. **COOPERATION WITH THE STATE** We agree to maintain a complete set of records of all monetary transactions and to give the CSRPO a complete written and oral report at the February meeting following the State Convention.

Upon acceptance of this application, the CSRPO agrees to:

1. Provide the host organization with \$1,000 in advance to defray the initial costs of the convention. This advance is to be returned at the February meeting following the State Convention.
  
2. Provide the Ladies' Auxiliary with \$1,000 to help defray their costs at the convention. This money is not an advance, so no return is required.
  
3. Provide \$400 for State Show trophies and \$175 for the State Show buckle. Purchase the Hall of Fame Plaques, Disney plaques, Waterhouse plaque and the semi-annual President's gavel plaque. (Amended 2-4-07)
  
4. Provide for the cost of ten (10) pages of the CSRPO annual yearbook for state business (President's message, Past President's message, etc.).

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ month, \_\_\_\_\_ year.

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President (Club, Combine, Concourse)  
Secretary (Club, Combine, Concourse)

**End of Constitution**