

# FLYING TIGER LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### DEFINITION

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association (FTLPA).

**Section 2.** The Home Office of the Association shall be that of its Principal Officer, or as may be designated by the Executive Board.

**Section 3.** All previous references to Conventions are now termed Reunions per previous amendment.

### ARTICLE II

#### OBJECT

**Section 1.** The Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association consists of pilots and employees of the Flying Tiger Line, dedicated to preserving the memory of a great airline and those who served in China and in World War II. Its purpose is to maintain and continue the close friendships and associations of the members.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

**Section 1.** Regular Membership shall be extended and limited to all former cockpit crewmembers, including navigators and radio operators. Membership shall not be limited by age.

**Section 2.** In addition to Regular Membership, there shall be three special categories:

1. Associate Membership
  - Associate Membership shall be extended to all former Flying Tiger Line employees.
2. Life Membership
  - Life Members will be the surviving spouses or companions of deceased Regular Members.
  - Life Members are not required to pay dues and may decline continued membership if they so wish.

### 3. Honorary Membership

- Sponsors who nominate a candidate shall be in good standing and must do so in writing to the Association's Secretary.
- There is no limit on the number of Honorary Memberships to be conferred each year.
- For consideration a nominee must be present at the business meeting and have attended at least two reunions within the past five years.
- Prior to each Reunion, the Executive Board shall consider, in order of their dated receipt by the Secretary, candidates for Honorary Membership.
- The names of nominated candidates shall be presented for voting at the business session of each Reunion. A majority vote by those present shall be required for confirmation.
- Honorary Members are required to pay dues in subsequent years to maintain their status as members.

**Section 3.** The annual membership dues shall be \$20.00. Dues are payable upon joining the Association, and thereafter during or prior to each reunion.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** The Executive Board shall have the power to transact the general business of the Association, and shall arrange and control its current affairs. The Executive Board shall incur no indebtedness beyond its existing funds.

**Section 3.** The President shall exercise supervision over all the affairs of the Association, call all meetings of the Executive Board, and shall preside over such meetings. The President shall be the presiding officer at all Reunions.

**Section 4.** The Vice-President shall execute such duties as are assigned to him or her by the President.

**Section 5.** The duties of the Treasurer are to handle the Association's financial affairs and to execute such duties as may be assigned his or her office by the President. The Treasurer's mailing address will be used for collection of membership dues payments as well as receipt of annual reunion registration forms and payments. Relevant data will subsequently be communicated to the Secretary as required to maintain the membership roster and to properly plan for annual reunions.

**Section 6.** Not constituting a part of the Executive Board, the Association shall also have five additional Officers known as the Secretary, the Historian, the Flight Attendant Representative, the Life Member Representative, and the AVG Representative. Ideas and suggestions from these additional officers throughout the year regarding FTLPA business will be encouraged and considered.

The duties of the Secretary are:

- to keep a current roster of association members, their contact information, and their dues status. This information will be made available to the webmaster for periodic updating of the online Membership Roster.
- to maintain appropriate data files as required for planning and attendance at annually planned reunions.
- Updated information required to maintain rosters and data spreadsheets will be made available on periodic basis, or as required, by the Treasurer.

This position of Secretary may be held by either a Regular or an Associate Member in good standing.

The duties of the Historian are to gather and disseminate personal data and lore of the Association's members and can be held by any Regular Member in good standing.

The duties of the Flight Attendant Representative are to act as a liaison for former Flying Tiger Line flight attendants and to assist the Association in the recognition of the contributions this group has made throughout the history of The Flying Tiger Line. This position may be held by either a Regular or an Associate Member in good standing.

The duties of the Life Member Representative are to act as a caring liaison for those listed on the membership roster as Life Members, particularly for those who have recently been widowed. This position may be held by either a Regular or Association Member, or a spouse of either.

Each of the five additional Officers described in this section will be appointed, and can be dismissed, by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** All candidates for office shall be nominated and elected as provided for in this article.

**Section 2.** It is suggested that a presidential nominee select his Vice-President and ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer and offer them as a slate for election. It is very important that these three officers be willing to work together as a team in managing the affairs of the Association and planning for the two forthcoming Reunions during their term.

**Section 3.** Election shall be by hand count, and shall be the last item of business on the final day of the Reunion. A majority vote of those Regular and Associate Members present and voting shall rule.

**Section 4.** Offices of President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be occupied only by former FTL cockpit crewmembers, including disability retired.

**Section 5.** Officers shall hold office until replaced by newly elected officers. Should an officer become unable to serve during his term of office he shall be replaced by vote of the Executive Board, and the replacement shall serve until the next Reunion. An officer may also be removed from office by vote of the two remaining officers.

**Section 6.** The voting body shall consist only of those Regular and Associate Members whose dues are paid.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **REUNIONS**

**Section 1.** The Association shall hold an annual Reunion. The place of future Reunions shall be determined by majority vote of the Executive Board three calendar years in advance at each Reunion.

**Section 2.** Members are welcome and encouraged to bring guests, such as friends and family members, to annual reunions. Such guests must be listed on their host's registration form and must pay the same costs and fees, yearly membership dues excluded.

**Section 3.** All former Flying Tiger Line employees are encouraged to attend reunions for the first time, or periodically, without the requirement to join FTLPA. However, such attendees are still considered guests and must be listed as such on a host's registration form per Section 2 above. Former employment at FTL does not constitute automatic membership within FTLPA, nor the right to attend reunions without being invited by an association member in good standing.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended only at an Annual Reunion and by a majority vote of the Regular and Associate Members present and voting.

**Section 2.** This current version of the FTLPA Bylaws, dated 5/4/2019 represents the revised version of the Bylaws and includes all previous Amendments. It was approved by the current Executive Board and presented to those in attendance at the business meeting in Long Beach, CA on this date where it passed by unanimous vote of those present.

John Dickson- President  
Scott Mergele- Vice-President  
Peter Okicich- Secretary/Treasurer