



# ILLINI METS CHAPTER OF METROPOLITAN OWNERS CLUB OF NORTH AMERICA INC. CONSTITUTION

(Amended March 30, 2001)  
(Re-Amended November 8, 2015)

## PREAMBLE

We, the organizing members of the **ILLINI METS** Chapter of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America, Inc., desiring to foster the preservation and restoration of the Metropolitan Automobile, do hereby adopt this constitution to govern us in our endeavors.

## ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE.

### Section A. Name

The name of this organization shall be the ILLINI METS Chapter of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America, Inc.

### Section B. Purpose

A social organization for the recognition, preservation, and enjoyment of the Metropolitan Automobile.

## ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

### Section A. Qualifications

1. Persons eligible for membership shall be those currently owning a Metropolitan, or a person in accord with the Metropolitan Owners Club objectives, and who are currently members of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America, Inc.
2. The period of membership shall be one year from receipt of dues by the chapter treasurer.
3. The chapter reserves the right to refuse membership and to expel members, based on activities detrimental to the chapter and its members, per Section E.

### Section B. Classes of Members

1. Active Member: One who is also an active member of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America, and who supports the chapter and whose dues are paid to date. An active member is entitled to one vote in all matters.
2. Honorary Member: May be conferred upon an individual by an unanimous vote of the chapter officers for, meritorious service to the chapter. Honorary members, as such are not entitled to vote.

## **Section C. Voting Members**

All paid members have the right to vote.

## **Section D. Duties of Members**

1. Each member has the duty of keeping his dues paid up-to-date.
2. Members must always conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably on the Metropolitan Owners Club and this chapter.
3. Any member attending a meeting or event while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or who uses indecent or profane language, or who persistently disturbs the meeting or event and refuses to obey the orders of the presiding officer, shall immediately be expelled from the area.
4. No officer or member of this chapter shall use the name or property of this chapter for any purpose other than designated by the constitution and any other by-laws that may be established. Any violation shall be cause for expulsion from the chapter. Legal action may be taken as determined by the chapter's officers.

## **Section E. Removal of Members**

1. It shall require a 3/4's vote of the total eligible membership present to remove a member from the chapter. The vote shall be by secret ballot; however, no such vote shall be taken until the member has two weeks written notice and days verbal notice in advance of the vote and the reasons therefore. Every member shall have the right to present oral or written testimony to the officers and members before the vote. If expelled, all rights and privileges as a member of the chapter shall cease.
2. Any member who has been expelled from the chapter must wait for a period of 90 days before applying for reinstatement. A majority secret vote of the eligible membership is required.

## **ARTICLE III. DUES.**

### **Section A. Membership Dues**

1. The chapter members eligible to vote shall establish the chapter dues by majority vote, after considering the chapter's financial state.
2. The dues may be changed at any time by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters, after ten days notification of members.
3. Dues are to be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

## **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.**

### **Section A. ,Chapter Officers and Duties**

The elected board of directors consists of:

1. President: Shall act as the official representative and legal agent of the chapter, preside over all meetings and social functions, and shall assist the Vice President in planning social functions. Shall conduct meetings in a business-like manner. Has the power to appoint temporary officers until election can be held, and shall appoint committee chairman. Shall make an annual report to the membership at the last meeting of the year.
2. Vice-President: Shall serve in place of the President in the absence of or inability of the President to perform his duties. Shall be responsible for planning the social functions of the chapter. Shall assist  
in the administration of the chapter's business and perform such other duties as requested by the President.

3. Treasurer: Shall be responsible for and have custody of chapter funds and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. Shall be responsible for a financial report at each meeting or upon request by another officer and shall present a complete financial report at the last meeting of the year. All debts and obligations to be paid shall be approved by the President or Vice President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer must receive a receipt or invoice for each payment made. Shall notify all members' 30 days prior to expiration of chapter membership.
4. Secretary: Shall record the minutes of all meetings. Shall be responsible for all correspondence. Shall maintain a list of all members and their status. Shall be responsible for all official voting ballots. Shall record member attendance at meetings and have guests sign the register.

### **Section B. Qualifications of Officers**

1. Chapter member in good standing for six months. All members are eligible for election on the chapter's first ballot.
2. Have a record of regular attendance at chapter meetings.
3. Have a willing spirit and the desire to serve.

### **Section C. Terms**

The offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be two-year terms, with a two consecutive term limit

### **Section D. Election of Officers**

1. Nomination ballots for officers shall be prepared and mailed to the membership in the 1st newsletter of an election year. All ballots must be returned by the close of the Spring business meeting.
2. Beginning March 2016, election of officers will be held at our March Membership Meeting.
3. All voting will be conducted by written secret ballot. Ballots shall be prepared and mailed to the membership within one month after said meeting.
4. Ballots are to be e-mailed to club members on February 1<sup>st</sup>. hard copies will be available at the March Membership Meeting.
5. Ballots will be returned within two weeks to the secretary or to a member appointed by the secretary. New officers will be notified before 60 days after the date of the summer meeting. Ballots will be retained by the secretary for six months for record purposes.
6. E-mailed ballots are to be returned to the Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Officers will take office immediately upon notification.

### **Section E. Appointments**

1. The President is authorized to appoint members to special assignments, such as Technical Chairman, Safety Officer, Historian/Librarian, etc., and such other assignments as needed to conduct chapter affairs.
2. Such appointments shall be for such terms as the President shall desire, but shall expire with his term in office or until appointee requests replacement.
3. Such appointments may be renewed by the incoming President.

### **Section F. Removal of Officers, Resignation and Vacancy**

1. It will require a 3/4 vote of the chapter eligible voters to remove an officer from office. Such vote shall be by secret ballot.

2. Any officer may resign by providing written notice to the other officer's 30 days prior to his resignation. Ten days notice will be acceptable provided the remaining officers agree to accept such resignation.
3. The President may appoint a member to a vacancy in office for the remainder of the term, or until an election is held.
4. All officers at the expiration of their terms, resignation, or removal from office, shall relinquish to their successors, all papers, books, funds and any other chapter property within FIVE days.

## **ARTICLE V. QUORUM AND MEETINGS.**

### **Section A. Quorum**

No less than ten (10) eligible voters shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall verify the quorum from the membership list.

### **Section B. Meetings**

At least three regular meetings per year will be field. Location to be determined by the members. Minimum of two weeks notice.

### **Section C. Order of Business at Regular Meetings**

1. Roll call of officers and noting of absentees.
2. New member applications and acceptance.
3. Welcoming of new members and introduction of visitors.
4. Reading of previous meeting's minutes and action on same.
5. Reports from Treasurer including receipts and disbursements since last meeting, and any other officers.
6. Reading of communications and bills and action on same.
7. Reports from committees.
8. "Anything for the good of the Chapter." (Social events or technical matters).
9. Unfinished business.
10. New business.
11. Plans for next meeting.
12. Adjournment.

### **Section D. Special Meetings**

1. The President may call a special meeting whenever the board thinks it necessary.
2. Upon written request of 25% of the eligible voters, the President shall call a Special Meeting.
3. Business at special meetings shall be limited to that stated in the call.

### **Section E. Meeting Notices**

Written notice of all annual and special meetings shall be given at least ten (10) business days prior to such meeting. Such notice shall give the time, date, place and purpose of such meeting. The chapter newsletter may be used for such notice.

## **ARTICIE VI. AMENDMENTS.**

### **Section A.**

All recommendations for amendments to this constitution shall be presented to the President in writing and shall carry the signature of any member eligible to vote.

**Section B.**

The President shall present the recommendation to the chapter officers, who shall consider the proposed amendment, and announce their recommendations to the chapter at the next regular or a special meeting. The members eligible to vote shall then vote on the recommendation of the officers. The members shall retain the right to overrule the officers recommendations.

**Section C.**

All proposed amendments shall be announced in writing and mailed to all members eligible to vote, at least 30 business days in advance of the meeting at which the proposal and officers recommendation will be voted upon. The chapter newsletter may be used for such notices.

**Section D.**

Ratification or rejection of the officers' recommendations on the proposed amendment shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of the eligible members present and voting at the meeting, and the qualified absentee ballots.

**ARTICLE VII. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY**

**Section A.**

All driving members of this chapter must be individually insured. The chapter shall not be responsible for acts of members or members' vehicles nor for the collective acts of members, and no action may be brought against the chapter for any reason.

**Section B.**

The officers of this chapter shall not be liable for damages caused by, or occurring to, any member.

**ARTICLE VIII. FISCAL YEAR**

The chapter fiscal year shall be fixed by resolution of the chapter officers unless otherwise specified by statutes or the National offices.

**ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the chapter, any remaining assets shall be distributed only to such organizations as are exempt under Section 510 (c) 7 of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Voted, Approved, and Accepted this day, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY