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ARTICLE I: THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. NAME

The association shall be known as SAN ANTONIO NTRAK ASSOCIATION.

Section 2. OBJECTIVE

The Association's objective shall be the formation and maintenance of a not-for-profit association for the purpose of promoting and practicing the hobby of N-scale model railroading. The Association will be a 100% National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) organization and all members shall be required to have and maintain current NMRA membership.

Section 3. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the association shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Section 4. AMENDING THE STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES

STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES may be amended by presentation of proposed changes at two consecutive business meetings and a 51% majority vote of eligible members present. The vote will be taken at the second of the two consecutive meetings.

Section 5. DISSOLUTION

The association may be dissolved at any duly called meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of those members eligible to vote. In the event of dissolution, disposition of the Association's assets shall be subject to approval of a 2/3 majority of those members eligible to vote. Such disposition must take into consideration the rights of all members of the Association.

Section 6. ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS TO VOTE

All members-in-good-standing, as defined below, are eligible to vote on the basis of one (1) vote per member. Proxy votes shall not be accepted. A member must be present at a meeting when a vote is taken or affix his/her own signature to a mail-out ballot when they are used.

ARTICLE II: MEETINGS

Section 1. QUORUM

A Quorum shall consist of fifty-one percent (51%) of voting members-in-good-standing being in attendance at a duly called meeting. Any meeting at which a quorum is not present may not transact Association business.

Section 2. ADJOURNMENT

Any meeting of the members, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned by the Superintendent if there is no further new business to discuss. No further business may be transacted following adjournment.

Section 3. CLASSES OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Association shall be classified as follows:

a. ANNUAL MEETINGS shall be held in conjunction with the regular business meeting in the third month (March) of the fiscal year for the purpose of electing a Governing Body.

b. BUSINESS MEETINGS shall be held monthly for the purpose of transacting Association business. The time and place of business meetings may be set or changed from time to time by a majority vote of the membership.

c. SPECIAL MEETINGS shall be held, following timely notification of members, on those occasions deemed necessary by the Governing Body.

d. WORK SESSIONS shall be held as deemed necessary by the Governing Body, or any Regular Member(s), to perform tasks or planning which may become necessary to further accomplish the Association goals and/or activities. No other business may be conducted at such work sessions.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. TRAIN CREW

The Train Crew shall consist of five regular members and shall be responsible for governing the activities and meetings of the Association, according to the Standard Operating Practices and Rules, and subject to the approval of the members-in-good-standing.

Section 2. ELECTIONS

Elections of members of the Train Crew shall occur at the Annual Meeting of the Association or, if a vacancy occurs, at the first Business Meeting following the creation of such vacancy. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor, subject to acceptance of the person nominated, and after nominations have been closed, voted upon by the voting members-in-good-standing present. A majority (51%) of votes is necessary for election. Train Crew members may not be elected without their consent.

Section 3. TITLES AND DUTIES

The following positions shall be selected annually by and from the duly elected Train Crew, following the election of the Train Crew. Members may not be selected without their consent.

a. SUPERINTENDENT

Shall preside at all Annual, Business and Special Meetings, and at all Train Crew Meetings. He/She shall appoint all committees and temporary or special offices, subject to the approval of the membership, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees he/she appoints. He/She shall be responsible for the overall conduct and planning of all Association activities.

b. PAYMASTER

Shall have custody, and keep account of all Association assets. He/She shall present to the Train Crew, at Train Crew meetings, and to the Membership at Business Meetings, a statement and accounting of such funds and properties as may be required. He/She shall preside at any meetings for which the Superintendent is absent. He/She shall be responsible for the collection of dues and fees, the membership list, and shall be responsible for certification of members-in-good-standing for voting purposes and determination of a Quorum.

c. STATIONMASTER

Shall keep accurate minutes of all Association and Train Crew meetings, and shall be responsible for notification of Association members regarding meetings and activities. He/She shall handle Association correspondence, including publicity, and shall be responsible for informing members of any changes to Association Standard Operating Practices and/or Rules. He/She shall preside at any meeting from which the Superintendent and Paymaster are absent.

d. EAST END/WEST END YARDMASTERS

Shall be the titles of the remaining two Train Crew members with special duties from time to time as deemed necessary by the Train Crew.

Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office for the Train Crew members shall be two (2) years, and elections shall be staggered to prevent a complete change of Train Crew members in any one year. Members who have served two consecutive terms may run again in the event that there are not enough members willing to run for the vacant offices.

Section 5. TRAIN CREW MEETINGS

Meetings of the Train Crew shall be held once each quarter, or more often if necessary. The frequency, time and place will be at the convenience of the members of the Train Crew. However, the needs of the Association shall take precedence over convenience. Presence of a majority of the Train Crew members shall constitute a quorum at such meetings, which shall be restricted to the conduct of routine Association business relating to the duties of the Train Crew members. Special meetings may be held upon notification of all members of the Train Crew. Adjournment of Train Crew meetings shall be at the vote of a majority of Train Crew members present or at the withdrawal of sufficient members to leave less than a quorum.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person actively engaged, or desirous of becoming engaged, in the hobby of N-scale model railroading, subject to the limitations of membership classifications cited below. All classes of membership require that the person be a current member of the National

Model Railroad Association and that membership in the NMRA be maintained throughout their association with SANTRAK.

Section 2. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The following classification of Members, with limitations as specified, shall be used. In the event of an extended absence or household movement out of the San Antonio area, a Regular Member may be requested by the Superintendent to voluntarily change his/her status to Associate Member by submitting a written notice to the Paymaster. Upon notification by the member that their absence is over, the member will be automatically reinstated as a Regular Member.

a. REGULAR MEMBER - shall have full membership rights and responsibilities, including voting rights. Regular Members must own one or more compliant NTRAK or TTRAK modules AND make one or more of said module(s) available at the club for use in its layout(s). Failure to maintain these conditions will result in the review of the member's classification by the Train Crew and possible re-designation as an Associate Member.

b. ASSOCIATE MEMBER - shall designate persons that do not own an NTRAK or TTRAK module, have failed to maintain the provisions for Regular membership, or have requested a change of classification as described in Article IV, Section 2. Classification of Members. They shall have all rights and responsibilities of Regular Members except voting.

c. YOUTH MEMBER – shall designate persons that are under eighteen (18) years of age. They must be a member of the NMRA. They shall have all rights and responsibilities of associate members. Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a member parent, member legal guardian, or responsible member adult at all times.

d. PROBATIONARY MEMBER - shall be a temporary designation for new members regardless of module ownership. They shall have all rights and responsibilities of Associate Members. The probationary period will end after six (6) months unless voted otherwise by the voting members-in-good-standing present. If the probationary member is not voted into membership his/her dues will be refunded on a prorated basis.

Section 3. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Members-in-good-standing, including probationary members, subject to limitations of membership classification above, shall enjoy the following rights and privileges:

- a. Voting on Association business on the basis of one (1) vote per member.
- b. Operation of equipment on the Association layouts.
- c. Participation in Association activities.
- d. Attendance at Association meetings and other functions.

Section 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Members of the Association, including probationary members, shall have the following responsibilities, subject to limitations of membership classification:

- a. Maintenance of member-in-good-standing status by paying dues as specified.
- b. Adherence to Association Rules.
- c. Attendance at Association meetings and other functions.
- d. Participation in Association activities.
- e. Promoting Association goals and activities.
- f. Voting on Association business.
- g. Acceptance of the "Majority Rule" concept when counter to one's own desires.
- h. Cooperation with others.
- i. Honesty, integrity and respect for the rights and property of others.
- j. Reasonable opposition or objection to Association activities or policies or goals in a timely manner, instead of after-the-fact complaining.

k. Performance of duties or tasks to which one may be assigned or for which one may volunteer.

Section 5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be made by payment of dues and fees as specified in Association Rules. Final acceptance of membership shall be after a probationary period of (6) months following application. An applicant's probationary period will automatically end after six months unless a majority (51%) of the voting members-in-good-standing present vote otherwise.

Section 6. SUSPENSION/DISMISSAL

Members in arrears in payment of dues for three months are subject to automatic suspension. Members in violation of Association Rules or who have not fulfilled responsibilities of membership are subject to suspension or dismissal as determined by a majority (51%) of the voting members-in-good-standing present

Section 7. REINSTATEMENT

Reinstatement of suspended/dismissed members shall be subject to a majority (51%) vote of the Association's voting members-in-good-standing present and must take into account all of the criteria for acceptance of new members. Application for reinstatement must include payment of the lesser dues and fees assessed during the period of absence or new member fees.

ARTICLE V: ASSOCIATION RULES

Section 1. The following Association Rules are hereby adopted and are subject to revision by a vote of a majority (51%) of the voting members-in-good-standing present.

Rule A. SECURITY

The Association premises are to be secured at all times when no member is present. It shall be the responsibility of the "Last Member Out" to ensure that the property is secured. This includes switching off any power or appliances which have been turned on and unplugging all wall plugs and turning off the air conditioning/heating system if applicable.

Rule B. HOUSEKEEPING

Each member shall be responsible for maintaining cleanliness of his immediate area of activity as well as for general cleanliness of the Association premises. If you made the mess, clean it up. The clubhouse shall be vacuumed or mopped and restrooms cleaned at least monthly. Trash cans shall be emptied as needed.

Rule C. KEYS

Where permitted by the landlord, keys to the Association premises shall be issued to each Train Crew Member in-good-standing, if desired. Other members may be issued a key only if approved by a majority (51%) of the Train Crew. Members will pay for cost of duplication when required. Keys shall not be loaned to Associate, Probationary or non-members.

Rule D. DUES

Association dues shall be set on the recommendation of the Train Crew and approval by 51% of the voting members-in-good-standing present. Dues are per fiscal year and are the same for Regular and/or Associate Members. Dues are payable on January 1st of each year and are delinquent on the last day of the month. Dues may be paid in 6 month increments at the rate of 50% of the annual dues rate. Members may not operate on an Association layout unless dues are paid in full. A new member joining after March 1st or September 1st need only pay 10% of the annual dues per month remaining until the next semi-annual dues period.

Rule E. INTOXICANTS

No alcoholic beverage or illegal substance shall be permitted or tolerated on Association premises. This will be cause for immediate and permanent dismissal !!!

Rule F. MODULE SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1: NTRAK Modules

All modules must meet standard NTRAK specifications as to construction and track placement. Modules having non-standard track placement may be accepted and operated as a unit if the owner provides suitable transition to and from standard modules. Modules must include two "C" clamps and three Atlas connecting tracks. This equipment should be clearly marked as to ownership as it remains the property of the owner. Unfinished modules may be placed into a layout for a short period to check for proper wiring and overall operation. However, an effort should be made to complete all modules with scenery of a quality comparable to those at the Association. One demonstration module with partially completed scenery will be allowed in Association layouts. Prolonged storage of unfinished modules is not allowed on Association premises.

In addition to NTRAK specifications, the following club specifications are required:

1. Fuse clips shall be installed to hold leg bolts.
2. Wiring plugs shall be secured in such a manner that they will not dangle during transportation. Positive lock door latches are recommended. Twist ties are not an acceptable method.
3. All show modules shall not exceed 11" in height unless excessive height structures/terrain is removable. The module owner is responsible to provide a means of carrying and protecting these items.
4. All modules shall be equipped with power strips that have at least a 4 foot cord, length shall depend on the length of the module.
5. All structures shall be permanently mounted. If non-permanent structures are necessary, the module owner is responsible to provide a means of carrying and protecting these items. It is strongly suggested that everyone be aware that there are loose structures and how to identify them. The module owner or designated representative is responsible for properly protecting such loose items.
6. Module legs shall be secured in a manner which prevents the legs from dropping down during trailer transportation. Bolt and wing nut is the suggested method.
7. Modules not meeting the above requirements shall be corrected within 6 months of the adoption of these amendments

Section 2: TTRAK Modules

All modules must meet standard TTRAK specifications as to construction and track placement, according to instructions as set forth by the "Official Recommended Practices" located at the website <http://ttrak.org/>. Modules having non-standard track placement may be accepted and operated as a unit if the owner provides suitable transition to and from standard modules. Unfinished modules may be placed into a layout for a short period to check for proper wiring and overall operation. However, an effort should be made to complete all modules with scenery of a quality comparable to those at the association. One demonstration module with partially completed scenery will be allowed in association layouts

In addition to TTRAK specifications, the following club specifications are required:

1. The adjustable leg bolts should be a minimum of two inches long.
2. All standard, straight modules should have a front to rear dimension not to exceed 13 3/8 inches to provide for maximum scenery space and still provide space along center of the table for wiring and/or temporary backdrops.
3. Non-standard modules that extend completely across a standard 30 inch table may be accepted for special scenery and/or configuration requirements.
4. Non-standard modules that extend beyond the edge of a standard 30 inch table must have additional adjustable leg bolts that will rest on the table.
5. When building four or more TTRAK modules, at least one module should have power drops from the rails to a proper track power source.
6. All TTRAK power drops must terminate with Kato or Kato compatible connectors.

7. A fixed set of two or more modules with complex track routing must have main line power drops for proper track power. Siding tracks or passing tracks may be controlled by toggle switches, power routing switches or other means.

Rule G. MOVEMENT OF MODULES

Part 1. OWNER'S RIGHTS

a. No person shall set up, take down, move or modify another member's module without that member's specific permission as long as that person is an active member-in-good-standing as specified in Article IV, Section 2.

b. Modules owned by members who have requested a classification change in accordance with Article IV, Section 2, may be utilized by the club as necessary for club displays. A reasonable effort will be made to maintain these modules in good working order for the good of the club as well as the module owner.

Part 2. TRAIN SHOWS

The Train Show Coordinator or Special Event Coordinator will coordinate with the Train Crew and the members whose modules are involved in the event for tear down, transportation and set-up. Following set-up, all carrying cases, boxes and other personal property shall be stored in an out-of-the-way area.

Part 3. CLUB LAYOUT

Modules may be temporarily removed from an association layout for inclusion in a train show or other public display with the module owner's permission. Any member wanting to permanently remove their module from an Association layout should notify the Train Crew. The member should also arrange for a substitute module before removing theirs, as a common courtesy to other members and to keep the layout operational. This can be by installation of a temporary "bridge" or other type of module.

Part 4. RECONFIGURATION OF CLUB LAYOUTS

The Train Crew will arbitrate and resolve any conflicts that may arise from the reconfiguration of an association layout.

Part 5. TRAINING

Each new member shall be given training in the procedures for set-up and breakdown of the layout during travel to and/or from events. It is the Yardmasters responsibility to produce training guidelines and train new members.

Rule H. MODULE STORAGE

Members may store modules within the clubhouse facilities, space permitting, at no charge. Members who are considered delinquent (see Article V, Section 1, Rule D) are not authorized to store modules within the clubhouse. Unless written arrangement is made with the Train Crew, a storage fee of \$25.00 per month will be charged for modules belonging to members considered delinquent. Modules having been stored for 6 months, without the applicable storage fee being paid, shall become the property of the club and will be eligible for auction to the club membership

Rule I. MODULE CONSTRUCTION AND SCENICING

Module construction and scenicing shall be done only in the clubhouse work area except as authorized by the Train Crew. Module construction within the clubhouse is permitted, but shall be limited to the work area. The work area shall be cleaned and all modeling materials put away at the end of each work period. Article V, Section 1, Rule B applies.

These are the San Antonio N-Trak Association's Standard Operating Practices and Rules as modified and approved by the general membership during the general meeting of 10 March, 2012.