

Constitution of Inliners International, Inc.

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ARTICLE ONE: NAME, PURPOSE AND EMBLEM

Section I

The name of this Club shall be "Inliners International, Inc."

Section II

The purpose of this Club shall be the preservation and enjoyment of all makes of modified 4, 6, or 8 cylinder inline engines, as well as the encouragement and publication of studies and research pertaining to their history, modification, restoration and maintenance.

Section III

The Club shall be represented by any of the following emblems:

- A side view of a 12 port 6 cylinder engine within two concentric circles with the inscription "Inliners International" around the circumference at the top of the outer circle and with "GMC CHEV BUICK CHRYSLER HUDSON" inside the inner circle at the top; "FOURS, SIXES & STRAIGHT EIGHTS" printed below the engine; and "Founded 1981" inscribed at the bottom of the outer circle.



- A side view of a Horning GMC 12 port engine with the inscriptions "INLINERS INTERNATIONAL" printed above, and "EST 1981" printed below.



- A side view of a 12 port 6 cylinder engine with the inscriptions "Inliners International" and "Devoted To All Inline Engines" printed to the side:



- Chapters may design variations of the above emblems representing their individual chapters. The final design must have consensus of their local membership and final approval by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERS AND DUES

### Section I

Any person shall become a member of this Club upon payment of the appropriate dues.

### Section II

The dues for all members shall be an amount fixed by the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as "the Board") of the Club.

### Section III

All privileges of a member shall automatically terminate if a member's dues remain unpaid within thirty (30) days of expiration of "active" status.

### Section IV

Only the Board shall have the right to grant or revoke life memberships at its discretion. Life memberships shall be granted only to an individual, not to a family, and are subject to all other sections of the bylaws under the following circumstances:

- Induction into the Club's Hall of Fame
- Prior service as President

Lifetime memberships not covered by the above in effect prior to January 2007 shall retain status.

### Section V

The Board may, by majority vote, grant honorary memberships to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Inliners International or the promotion/development of modified inline engines. Honorary members will pay no dues, will have voting privileges, and may hold office. The Board may also revoke, by majority vote, such honorary memberships.

## ARTICLE THREE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section I

The Club shall be governed by a national Board of Directors consisting of the following:

#### Officers

*President*  
*Vice President/Chapter Coordinator*  
*Membership Chairperson*  
*"The 12 Port News" Editor*  
*Treasurer*  
*Merchandise Coordinator*  
*Advertising Coordinator*  
*Racing Director*  
*12 Port Historian*  
*Webmaster*

#### Chapter Heads

## Section II

The Officers shall be charged with the day-to-day operation of Inliners International and publication of "The 12 Port News." Officers may, in consultation with the President and at least two other Officers, appoint committees to determine the Club policy or direction.

## Section III

During their terms of office, Board members shall not be required to pay dues.

## Section IV

- Terms for Officers shall be four (4) years, normally with an effective date of July 1 (there is no term limitation for Chapter Heads – see Article Five, Section III).
- To assure continuity, the process for (re)appointment of different positions shall be on a staggered schedule, beginning in 1988 with the President, Advertising Coordinator and Treasurer positions, with consideration of the remaining positions occurring in subsequent years.
- (Re)appointments shall be preceded by a call to all "active" members for nominations and/or volunteers, to be published in "The 12 Port News."
- A majority vote of the Board is required to appoint any Officer. Each Board member shall have one vote, including Officers eligible for reappointment. Voting shall be by secret ballot, with votes submitted in writing (electronic mail shall be considered acceptable) to an Officer not eligible for reappointment, for counting.
- The process may be implemented at any time for any position by majority vote of the Board.
- Should there be no nominations or volunteers for an Officer position, the incumbent may remain in office.
- Any member in good standing is eligible to serve as an Officer, or on the committees of the Club.

## Section V

Vacancies arising within the Board shall be filled within thirty (30) days, whenever possible. Should a vacancy occur prior to completion of a full-term by any Officer for any reason (i.e., resignation, death, dismissal, etc.), a replacement shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board to fulfill the term of office. Any Officer or Chapter Head shall have the right to nominate any member in good standing to serve as a successor Officer. To be seated, the nominee must be approved by a majority of the remaining Officers. Dismissal of an Officer shall require a unanimous vote of all other Officers.

## Section VI

Any Officer, Chapter Head, or member in good standing may present any issue for consideration and/or vote by the Board. Votes shall require majority approval to pass. Any election or other issue requiring a vote by the Board shall be decided by a majority of actual votes cast. In the case of a Board member not casting a vote, that vote shall be considered an abstention and will not be counted. Issues must be presented in written form, either via mail (letter) or electronic media (e-mail). Results of all votes and elections shall be published in "The 12 Port News."

## ARTICLE FOUR: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND CHAPTER HEADS

### Section I

The President shall:

- In collaboration with the Vice President/Chapter Coordinator, provide leadership and direction for the Club.
- Coordinate and call for a vote on issues at hand.
- Provide leadership and direction in promoting the Club.
- Call for, and preside over, all meetings of the Board.
- Prepare a bi-monthly column for publication in "The 12 Port News."
- Actively solicit new memberships.

### Section II

The Vice President/Chapter Coordinator shall:

- In collaboration with the President, provide leadership and direction for the Club.
- Assume office should the President be unable to fulfill his/her term.
- Serve as the primary contact for chapter issues.
- Assist Chapter Heads in the formation of new chapters.
- Assist Chapter Heads with scheduling, promotion of and publicity for regional events.
- In consultation with the Chapter Head, assure that schedules of regional and chapter events are submitted in a timely manner for publication in "The 12 Port News" and on the Club website.
- Assure on-going activity and viability of regional chapters, making recommendations to the Board, as appropriate.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

### Section III

The Membership Chairperson shall:

- Collect and process member dues, providing appropriate documentation to the Treasurer.
- Enroll new members.
- Maintain a current list of all past and current members.
- Resolve routine issues and questions regarding membership and renewal, calling upon the Board as necessary.
- Provide data to "The 12 Port News" Editor for printing of annual Club roster.
- Maintain Club records (e.g., timetable for (re)appointment of Officers, Chapter formation documentation, Club history, etc.)
- Have available the most recent copy of the Constitution of Inliners International.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

### Section IV

The "The 12 Port News" Editor shall:

- Be responsible for all aspects of editorial content, layout, printing and distribution for the publication of the Club newsletter, "The 12 Port News," on an accurate and timely basis.
- Publish only material that is submitted by current members in good standing and is related to inline engines and products.

- Be responsible for printing of the annual Club roster, based on data provided by the Membership Chairperson.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

#### Section V

The Treasurer shall:

- Collect and disburse the funds of the Club at the direction of the Board.
- Render a written financial report to the Board at least annually.
- Propose and administer an annual budget.
- File documents as required by law.
- Maintain legal Club documents (e.g., Articles of Incorporation, Application for Recognition of Exemption from Federal Income Tax, insurance policies, etc.).
- Be bonded at the expense of the Club.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

#### Section VI

The Merchandise Coordinator shall:

- Maintain adequate supplies and fill member requests for Club merchandise.
- Coordinate purchase of Club merchandise and supplies with appropriate vendors.
- Maintain “The 12 Port News” back issue inventory and fill member requests.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

#### Section VII

The Advertising Coordinator shall:

- Solicit advertising for “The 12 Port News” and the Club website and collect revenues from said advertisers.
- Arrange for press notices on Club news and activities in enthusiast publications for the promotion of the Club in general.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

#### Section VIII

The Racing Director shall:

- Represent Club membership in all matters pertaining to racing activities (i.e., land speed racing, drag racing, circle track racing, etc.).
- Submit schedules of regional and chapter racing events for publication in “The 12 Port News” and on the Club website.
- Maintain a register of racing records held by Club members and submit for publication in “The 12 Port News” and on the Club website.
- Maintain the Club Drag Racing Rules and coordinate the process to change those rules.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

#### Section IX

The 12 Port Historian shall:

- Collect, maintain, preserve and disseminate information pertaining to the design, manufacture and use of aftermarket 12 port heads made for the early Chevy and GMC engines.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

## Section X

The Webmaster shall:

- Maintain, operate and moderate all aspects of the Inliners International website with a goal of attracting new members, promoting Club and chapter events, disseminating information and materials related to inline engines and products, and providing an online place for members and non-members to share information about the Club and inline engines.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

## Section XI

The Chapter Head shall:

- Provide leadership and direction in promoting their local chapter, at all times consistent with the purpose and direction of Inliners International.
- Represent chapter membership in all matters pertaining to chapter activities.
- In consultation with the Vice President/Chapter Coordinator, assure that schedules of regional and chapter events are submitted in a timely manner for publication in "The 12 Port News" and on the Club website.
- Conduct events for the enjoyment of chapter members and promotion of the Club.
- Follow-up on lapsed memberships, as appropriate.
- Actively solicit new memberships.

## ARTICLE FIVE: CHAPTERS AND REGIONS

### Section I

Any group of members in good standing may make written application to the Board, via the Vice President/Chapter Coordinator, for a regional chapter. Such petitions for regional status shall include:

- Name of proposed chapter.
- Proposed geographical boundaries of the region (no overlap).
- Name of the proposed "inaugural" Chapter Head.
- Names and signatures of charter members (all charter members must be current members in good standing of Inliners International, verified by the Membership Chairperson at the request of the Vice President/Chapter Coordinator).

### Section II

Chapter boundaries shall be verified by the Vice President/Chapter Coordinator to assure that no overlapping has occurred, then forwarded to the Board for approval by majority vote.

### Section III

Each chapter shall develop its own method of electing or appointing its Chapter Head. Each Chapter Head shall serve at the pleasure of their local chapter until a successor is chosen and installed.

### Section IV

The Board, by majority vote, may revoke the charter of any region at any time, for cause.

## Section V

A chapter may publish a newsletter for its members, a copy of which shall be sent to the President and Vice President/Chapter Coordinator.

## Section VI

The time and place of chapter meetings shall be determined by the membership of the individual regions.

## Section VII

Chapters shall be encouraged to conduct events for the enjoyment of their members and promotion of the Club. Therefore:

- Chapter expense allowances shall be determined annually by the Board and be earmarked in the annual budget. Allowances shall be determined based on membership data provided by the Membership Chairperson. Such expense allowance shall be available to each chapter, upon submission of appropriate documentation to the Vice President/Chapter Coordinator, for assistance in defraying start-up costs, routine expenses and for one annual event per chapter.
- Notice of regional events shall be provided in "The 12 Port News" at no charge to the chapter.
- A Club banner shall be provided to all chapters at no expense to the chapter.
- Mailing lists, address labels, and Club stationery shall be made available to chapters upon request.
- All other responsibility for regional events, including expenses, registration fees, and insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the chapter conducting the event.

## ARTICLE SIX: PUBLICATIONS

### Section I

The official publication of the Inliners International shall be "The 12 Port News," which will be published bi-monthly (6 times a year). In addition, a membership roster shall be printed annually.

## ARTICLE SEVEN: CONVENTIONS

### Section I

- Conventions shall occur at regular intervals to be determined by the Board and shall coincide with the election of the President, whenever possible.
- In years when a convention is not scheduled, a "regional" event (normally coinciding with a major "chapter" event) may be held at the discretion of the Board.
- Convention locations shall be determined by the Board.
- Organization of event shall be coordinated by the appropriate chapter(s) with input and support from the Board and Club members.
- Convention costs, including banquet fees, accommodations, extracurricular activities, etc., shall be covered through collection of funds from participants. The Club shall fund "incidental" expenses such as nametags, plaques, equipment rental, etc., upon submission of appropriate documentation to the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE EIGHT: AWARDS

### Section I

Contributions to the Club shall be recognized through presentation of two awards:

- Hall of Fame Award
- Bill Fisher Award

### Section II

Criteria for the awards shall be as follows:

- Hall of Fame Award: To recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of inline engines, either in design, construction or racing. Selection shall be preceded by a call for nominations from all "active" members of the Club, to include a brief explanation of why individual deserves to be inducted into Inliners International "Hall of Fame." Final selection shall be made by majority vote of the Board.
- Bill Fisher Award: To recognize individuals for service, promotion and devotion to the Club during the prior year. Selection shall be preceded by a call for nominations from the Board, to include a brief explanation of contributions made. Final selection will be made by majority vote of the Board.

### Section III

- Selection of award recipients may occur at any time.
- Presentation of awards shall normally occur at a Club-sanctioned event.
- Except under exceptional circumstances, number of awards presented annually in each category shall be limited to one.

## ARTICLE NINE: AMENDMENTS

### Section I

- Any member in good standing may propose an amendment to this constitution by submitting such proposal in writing to his/her Chapter Head for consideration. If a member is not in a chapter, he/she may submit proposal, in writing, to any Board member.
- The Board member/Chapter Head receiving an amendment proposal must transmit the proposal to the President in a timely manner.
- Each Board member shall be given a reasonable time, but in no case more than 30 days, to submit his/her written comments (electronic mail shall be considered acceptable) to the President before a final vote on an amendment is taken.
- The President, or his/her designee, shall report to each Board member the comments or alternate proposals made by other Board members, prior to a final vote.

### Section II

- To be adopted, amendments shall require a majority vote of the entire Board in favor of the amendment.

- Each Board member's vote must be presented to the President, in writing, by a date set by the President. In the case of a Board member not casting a vote, that vote shall be considered an abstention and shall not be counted. If majority vote is not attained, "non-votes" shall be verified to assure that notification was received.
- Results of all votes on amendments shall be reported in "The 12 Port News."

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