

BY-LAW NO. 1

A by-law relating generally to the transaction of the business and affairs of

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY MODELLERS

(an Association hereafter described as "CARM")

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ARTICLE 7

CHAPTERS AND OTHER SUB-GROUPS OF MEMBERS

- 7.1 **Establishment of Chapters and other sub-groups of Members** – The Board may from time to time approve the formation of Chapters or other such sub-groups of members which shall be a grouping of members with similar geographic or other links to further the aims of the Association and the particular sub-group. Hereafter the term “Chapter” shall be used to describe the activities of Chapters and other such sub-groups whether or not their name incorporates the word “chapter”.
- 7.2 **Chapters Operation** - Chapters will operate within the guidelines established by the Board with their own appointed officers and organizational structure to ensure good governance.
- 7.3 **Chapters Financial Authority** – Chapters may raise and spend funds in support of their stated objectives subject to the Board having overall approval of the funding policy and funds management established by the Chapter.
- 7.4 **Chapters Governance**– Subject to the Chapter Rules established by the Board, Chapters will establish policies and procedures for operations and definitions of their geographic areas and/or other determining criteria for membership and provide copies of same to the Board. Reports of activities will be provided to the Board at least once yearly and preferably once each calendar quarter.
- 7.5 **Chapters Membership** – Any member of CARM has the right to join or leave any Chapter or Chapters regardless of geographic or any other restrictions. In respect of geographically defined Chapters any member within that Chapter area is by default a member of that chapter, unless they request to be removed from its membership.
- 7.6 **Chapter Dissolution** – In the event of dissolution of a Chapter either by formal notice to the Board or by non-reporting of activities for a period 6 months beyond that defined in Section 7.4, the Board may take over the balance of any financial assets of the Chapter.

CONFIRMED by the Board of Directors of the Association.
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